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**WELCOME  
FROM THE OFFICE OF DEAN CHARLES CANTÚ**

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 Dr. Charles Cotrell, President of St. Mary's University, and from David Courreges, 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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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST FACULTY MEMBER

Please welcome our new professor, **Chad Pomeroy**, Assistant Professor of Law. Professor Pomeroy graduated in 2001 from J. Ruben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University. He practiced law in Salt Lake City in the areas of real estate, corporations and civil litigation. This year Professor Pomeroy will teach first year Property and Business Associations.

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## OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs (OASA) will offer an "**Introduction to Law School**" workshop on **Wednesday, August 24, from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in LC102**. Students will develop study schedules and learn techniques to help speed up their reading and case briefing. This workshop is open to all students but is highly recommended for 1Ls.

The OASA assists students with academic and other student-related matters. If you have questions or concerns about the law school experience, contact us by stopping in Raba 106, emailing [academicsupport@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmarytx.edu), or calling (210) 431-4340.

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Wednesday, August 24, 2011

Noon to 12:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

This program will go over some last minute information for resume collection deadlines that may still be pending, logistics for On-Campus Interviews that begin the week of August 29th and interviewing options to look for during the spring of 2012. This program is for Classes of 2012 and 2013.

### **Department of Justice Honors Program Information Session**

Thursday, September 1, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Tracy Greer, United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division attorney will speak about opportunities for summer and post graduate positions through the honors program with agencies in Texas and throughout the country. Lunch will be served. This program is for Classes of 2012 and 2013.

### **Attorney Opportunities with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Information Session**

Thursday, September 8, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Attention Class of 2012: Interested in working as a Federal attorney? HUD's Legal Honors Program is the Department's recruitment program for entry-level attorneys. Approximately 10-20 legal honor positions are available annually in Headquarters and Field offices. The work ranges from various types of litigation, to policy development, to real estate transactional work. Interns (this is what they call their entry-level attorneys) are paid at the GS-11 level and enjoy full federal benefits. Come to this presentation to learn more. Brian Surratt, JD who works in the HUD San Antonio Field Office and is the current Legal Honors Intern for that office will be here to discuss the application process and the position. Lunch will be served.

### **Public Interest Fellowship Information Session**

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Interested in learning about Post-Graduate Public Interest Fellowships? Marisa Bono, Esq. of Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) will be here to discuss these great opportunities. She is a former Skadden Fellow. Celina Moreno, Esq., a current Equal Justice Works Fellow with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid will be here to answer questions as well. For a comprehensive listing of Post-Graduate Public Interest Fellowships and deadlines please visit [www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org). Lunch will be served. This program is for Classes of 2012 and 2013.

## **HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT**

St. Mary's University **requires all students living on campus and all F1 international**

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

**Deadline to waive** the Student Health Insurance is **September 2, 2011**. 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 2, 2011 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.

## 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.



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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

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

Call For Student Papers – **Terasem Movement** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Colloquium on the Law of Futuristic Persons. Chosen participants will receive a \$1,000 honorarium. For more information, please email [lori@terasemcentral.org](mailto:lori@terasemcentral.org) or visit [www.terasemcentral.org](http://www.terasemcentral.org). Deadline to apply is **September 9, 2011**.

The J.L. Turner Legal Association Foundation has awarded scholarships to minority law students that are from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, or attending law school in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Funds raised from the Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet are used to fund the scholarships. For eligibility criteria or for the 2011 Scholarship application [http://www.jltla.org/jltla/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=59](http://www.jltla.org/jltla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=59) Deadline to apply is **September 15, 2011**.

The University of Leicester presents the 2011 **Victoria Fisher Memorial Prize Essay** contest. Essay should be no more than 10,000 words relating to Women & The Law. Prize is £250. For more information, email: [lh55@le.ac.uk](mailto:lh55@le.ac.uk) or visit [www.le.ac.uk/law](http://www.le.ac.uk/law). Deadline to enter is **September 30, 2011**.

The Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association 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) or for an application, go to <https://piaba.org/system/files/pdfs/Beckley%20Writing%20Competition%20Announcement.pdf> Submission deadline is **October 3, 2011**.

The **Texas Young Lawyers Association** (TYLA) is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority law student at each of the ABA-accredited law schools in Texas. Applications are available at <http://www.tyla.org/index.cfm/resources/law-students/scholarships/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 14, 2011**.

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announced that it is sponsoring an electronic discovery (eDiscovery) legal research and writing competition aimed at encouraging U.S. law students to develop a more thorough understanding of the evolution and practice of discovery in civil litigation. The 2011 competition will ask students to

address the topic: “Are further amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure necessary to help litigants address the complexities, costs and burdens associated with electronic discovery?” 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.dishnetworkediscovery.com](http://www.dishnetworkediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 15, 2011**.

**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**  
**MARVIN M. KARPATKIN FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-06/45]**  
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**Racial Justice Program, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation** (ACLU), founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with more than 500,000 members and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **Racial Justice Program** (RJP) of the ACLU National office in New York City invites applications for the **Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in September 2012.

<http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-marvin-m-karpatkin-fellowship-acluf-racial-justice-program-ny>

**FALL 2012 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**  
**William J. Brennan First Amendment Fellowship**  
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<http://www.aclu.org/job/william-j-brennan-first-amendment-fellowship-speech-privacy-and-technology-project-ny>

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## 1L MEET AND GREET SECTION LUNCHESES

Come join us for the **1L Meet and Greet section lunches**. Meet your fellow classmates; learn about service, ministry, and other opportunities. Students and faculty are invited. Lunch for Sections A, B, and C will be held in the Ernest Raba (faculty building) first floor. Dinner for Section D will be held in the Law Classroom building. This event is sponsored by **Law Ministry**.

Section B	Tuesday, August 30	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Section A	Wednesday, August 31	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Section D	Wednesday, August 31	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Section C	Thursday, September 1	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

## FEDERALIST SOCIETY MEETING

The [Federalist Society](#) is a group of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be. The Society seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities. Sign up on our TWEN site or our [Facebook page](#).

Our **first meeting** of the semester will be **Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita East Kenedy Law Library. Our own Professor Jeffrey Addicott will be the guest speaker, and his presentation will be "The 10th Anniversary of 9/11: Legal and Policy Issues in the War on Terror." All students, faculty, and administration are welcome, and lunch will be provided.

Professor Jeffrey F. Addicott is a Distinguished Professor of Law and the Director of the [Center for Terrorism Law](#) at St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas. An active duty Army officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for 20 years (he retired in 2000 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel), Professor Addicott spent a quarter of his career as a senior legal advisor to the United States Army's Special Forces. As an internationally recognized authority on national security law, terrorism law and human rights law, Professor Addicott not only lectures and participates in professional and academic organizations both in the United States and abroad, but he is also a frequent contributor to national and international news shows to include FOX News Channel and MSNBC. Professor Addicott is a prolific author, publishing over 20 books, articles, and monographs on a variety of legal topics.

Among his many contributions to the field, Professor Addicott pioneered the teaching of law of war and human rights courses to the militaries of numerous nascent democracies in Eastern Europe and Latin America. For these efforts he was awarded the Legion of Merit, named the "Army Judge Advocate of the Year," and honored as a co-recipient of the American Bar Association's Hodson Award. Addicott has served in senior legal positions in Germany, Korea,



Panama, and throughout the United States. Professor Addicott holds a Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) and Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the University of Virginia School of Law. He also received a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the Army Judge Advocate General's School and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the University of Alabama School of Law. Apart from teaching a variety of courses at the law school, Dr. Addicott served as the Associate Dean for Administration at St. Mary's University School of Law (2006-2007). Dr. Addicott was the 2007 recipient of "St. Mary's University School of Law Distinguished Faculty Award."

## **OUTLaw FIRST INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**OUTLaw, St. Mary's LGBT law student organization**, will hold their first meeting of the year on **Wednesday, August 31, 2011 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in LC 104**. Please join us as we provide information on our goals and programming for the year, and if for no other reason, than the free food! We will ask for feedback on what you want to see from us as an organization and discuss our upcoming events; so come with ideas and questions. All are welcome to attend no matter what your orientation. Don't forget to find us on TWEN!

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**Wednesday, September 7, 2011**  
**5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**

At least one representative from each student organization needs to be present at this meeting to receive funding from the SBA. Risk Management will be covered as well as funding allocations and other financial procedures. Dinner will be provided.

### UPCOMING ELECTIONS/CANDIDATE MEETINGS

**Candidate meetings** for 1L section representatives, the Executive Treasurer position, and more will be held **September 5 through September 9, 2011**. Times and dates for the meetings

will be announced in next week's *Witan*, as well as a detailed list of openings. **Elections** will be held **September 13 through September 15**, and campaigning will not be allowed until that week. Any campaigning before that date will automatically disqualify you, as per the election code. For a detailed list of policies from the code, as well as for a list of rules and requirements for candidates, check out the SBA Bylaws online or in the SBA office in Raba. If you would like more information on elections, the election code, or the SBA Bylaws, contact Matthew Howard at [MBryantHoward@gmail.com](mailto:MBryantHoward@gmail.com), or come by the SBA office.

## AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAW STUDENT DIVISION

Join the American Bar Association Law Student Division today to start building your professional network and increasing your chances to land a job after graduation.

There are two easy ways to join:

- Visit [www.abaforlawstudents.org](http://www.abaforlawstudents.org)
- Call 800-285-2221

Dues are just \$25 for one year or \$60 for three years. The ABA is the largest professional voluntary association in the world. More than 38,000 law students enjoy:

- **Resume-building opportunities:** Competitions, internships, public service projects
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- **Savings:** Discounts on Westlaw study guides, Kaplan bar review courses, Office Depot merchandise

Your membership also includes:

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Should you have any questions, or if we can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to contact our office at (210) 431-4340 or at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

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**Deadline to waive** the Student Health Insurance is **September 2, 2011**. 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

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## 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:
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Call For Student Papers – **Terasem Movement** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Colloquium on the Law of Futuristic Persons. Chosen participants will receive a \$1,000 honorarium. For more information, please email [lori@terasemcentral.org](mailto:lori@terasemcentral.org) or visit [www.terasemcentral.org](http://www.terasemcentral.org). Deadline to apply is **September 9, 2011**.

**NEW** – The Dallas Asian-American Bar Association (DAABA) will award a scholarship of up to **\$5,000** to a law student enrolled at the time of the application and scholarship award in an ABA-accredited law school. Any Asian-American law student who intends to practice law in the Dallas-Fort Worth area is eligible to apply. Selection criteria of the scholarship include: scholastic performance, financial need, and community service to the Asian American community. Consideration is also given to extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school. Deadline to apply is **September 15, 2011**.

The J.L. Turner Legal Association Foundation has awarded scholarships to minority law students that are from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, or attending law school in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Funds raised from the Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet are used to fund the scholarships. For eligibility criteria or for the 2011 Scholarship application [http://www.jltla.org/jltla/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=59](http://www.jltla.org/jltla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=59) Deadline to apply is **September 15, 2011**.

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The University of Leicester presents the 2011 **Victoria Fisher Memorial Prize Essay** contest. Essay should be no more than 10,000 words relating to Women & The Law. Prize is £250. For more information, email: [lh55@le.ac.uk](mailto:lh55@le.ac.uk) or visit [www.le.ac.uk/law](http://www.le.ac.uk/law). Deadline to enter is **September 30, 2011**.

The Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association 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) or for an application, go to <https://piaba.org/system/files/pdfs/Beckley%20Writing%20Competition%20Announcement.pdf> Submission deadline is **October 3, 2011**.

The **Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA)** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority law student at each of the ABA-accredited law schools in Texas. Applications are available at <http://www.tyla.org/index.cfm/resources/law-students/scholarships/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 14, 2011**.

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announced that it is sponsoring an electronic discovery (eDiscovery) legal research and writing competition aimed at encouraging U.S. law students to develop a more thorough understanding of the evolution and practice of discovery in civil litigation. The 2011 competition will ask students to address the topic: “Are further amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure necessary to help litigants address the complexities, costs and burdens associated with electronic discovery?” 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.dishnetworkediscovery.com](http://www.dishnetworkediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 15, 2011**.

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**MARVIN M. KARPATKIN FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-06/45]**  
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<http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-marvin-m-karpatkin-fellowship-acluf-racial-justice-program-ny>

**FALL 2012 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**  
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All first-year students, both day and evening, are required to attend the information meeting with the **Board of Law Examiners (BLE)**, scheduled for **Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in LC101-102-103**. Ms. Lori S. Adelman, Director, Character and Fitness, will conduct the meeting and impart crucial information for filing the Declaration of Intention to Study Law, as well as answer student questions about the process. Individual sessions will be held in LC103 following this general meeting.

**RESEARCH FELLOWS WANTED**

[The Center for Terrorism Law](#) at St. Mary's University School of Law is **seeking to hire 2L students as Research Fellows** for the current academic year. The goal of the Center is to examine current and potential legal issues related to terrorism in light of the challenge of achieving and maintaining a proper balance between global security and civil justice. This goal is pursued through professional exchanges such as symposia and consultations; writing, commenting on, and publishing written materials; and ensuring access to extensive information resources regarding terrorism. Research is conducted in a variety of associated areas and relates to defining terrorism, war powers, civil liberty concerns, cyber terrorism, Congressional powers, Executive powers, cooperative law enforcement, military support to law enforcement, Department of Defense responsibilities, Department of Homeland Security, and criminal prosecutions of terrorists.

If you are interested in becoming a Research Fellow with the Center, come by our office located in the back of the Raba Building to fill out an application. A resume and short writing sample addressing a national security topic will also be requested. For more information, email [terrorismlaw@stmarytx.edu](mailto:terrorismlaw@stmarytx.edu) or see Senior Research Fellows Katie Harmon or Bill Fix.

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## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

SBA is hosting "**President's Council**"  
**Wednesday, September 7, 2011**  
**5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Alumni Room**

At least one representative from each student organization needs to be present at this meeting to receive funding from the SBA. Risk Management will be covered as well as funding allocations and other financial procedures. Dinner will be provided.

### UPCOMING ELECTIONS/CANDIDATE MEETINGS

**Candidate meetings** for 1L section representatives, the Executive Treasurer position, and more will be held **September 5 through September 9, 2011**. Times and dates for the meetings will be announced in next week's *Witan*, as well as a detailed list of openings. **Elections** will be held **September 13 through September 15**, and campaigning will not be allowed until that week. Any campaigning before that date will automatically disqualify you, as per the election code. For a detailed list of policies from the code, as well as for a list of rules and requirements for candidates, check out the SBA Bylaws online or in the SBA office in Raba. If you would like more information on elections, the election code, or the SBA Bylaws, contact Matthew Howard at [MBryantHoward@gmail.com](mailto:MBryantHoward@gmail.com), or come by the SBA office.

### **FEDERALIST SOCIETY MEETING**

The next meeting of the [Federalist Society](#) will be **Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. **Former Texas Supreme Court Justice Scott Brister** will be our honored guest, and his presentation will be "Twenty Years as a Texas Judge: The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly." All students, faculty, and administration are welcome, and lunch will be provided.

Before serving six years on our state's supreme court, Judge Brister spent 11 years as Judge of the 234<sup>th</sup> District Court and three years as Justice and Chief Justice of the First and Fourteenth Courts of Appeals respectively. During those years, he presided over 670 trials to verdict and authored more than 600 appellate opinions, including 122 opinions of the Texas Supreme Court. Today, Judge Brister is a partner at the Andrews Kurth law firm in Austin and is head of its appellate section. He was profiled as one of Texas' leading appellate lawyers in last year's *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*.

### **TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 CONFERENCE LEGAL AND POLICY ISSUES IN THE WAR ON TERROR**

On **September 8, 2011** the **Center for Terrorism Law** is hosting its *Tenth Anniversary*

*of 9/11 Conference: Legal and Policy Issues in the War on Terror.* This one-day event will run from **7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the University Center, Conference Room A** (above the student bookstore). It is free and open to students, but seats are limited. To attend, please contact the Center at (210) 431-2219 or email your intent to attend to [terrorismlaw@stmarytx.edu](mailto:terrorismlaw@stmarytx.edu).

With the tenth anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, much has changed—both in law and policy. With the destruction of the al-Qa’eda terror bases in Afghanistan and the removal of the brutal regimes of the Taliban in Afghanistan and Saddam Hussein in Iraq, the United States and the world have faced a plethora of legal and policy challenges. Indeed, the central challenge that the United States is facing, as is the rest of the civilized world, is to realistically fight and win the War on Terror under a democratically based rule of law. Clearly, the protection of human rights and civil liberties is a greater obligation in times of increased security than in times of peace. Leading subject matter experts will present and debate the full realm of legal and policy issues that have emerged in the ten years of America’s War on Terror to include: definitions of terms related to terrorism, unlawful enemy combatants, interrogation issues, civil litigation, domestic terrorism, the views of all three branches of government, cyber security, assassination, use of force, military commissions, bioterrorism, weapons of mass destruction, humanitarian intervention, indefinite detention, and the role of religion in terror.

### **LARRY G. HYDEN MOCK TRIAL CALL FOR COMPETITORS AND VOLUNTEERS**

The **Board of Advocates** is hosting the **Larry G. Hyden Mock Trial Competition** on campus beginning Monday, September 12, 2011. Only one EAP mock trial team member can compete on each team, and the competition is open to **any and all 2L's and 3L's**. Monetary prizes will be awarded. Sign-ups are on campus, as the BOA is tabling in the Law Classroom building all week; **deadline to sign-up is Friday, September 9**. 1L students interested in helping can sign-up as a witness or bailiff. For more information or to sign-up please contact Lauren Kennedy at [LaurenMKennedy@gmail.com](mailto:LaurenMKennedy@gmail.com).

### **DOCKET CALL**

Calling all Organizations, Programs, and Services! **Docket Call** will be held **Thursday, September 15, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**, in **Pecan Grove** near the Law School on campus. This annual event showcases all our student activities in one place for all students, new and established. It is a great way to gain members and inform people about what you do! If you are interested in a table, please sign up on the **Student Bar Association’s TWEN** site. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact John Craig [J.DeanCraig@yahoo.com](mailto:J.DeanCraig@yahoo.com).

### **STUDENT ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND SEPTEMBER EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SALDF is pleased to announce their 2011-2012 officers.

Melissa Lesniak, President  
Colleen Lisowski, Vice President  
Megan Scott, Secretary

### **Docket Call**

Come visit St.MU School of Law SALDF's table at **Docket Call** on **September 15, 2011**. Pet Calendars will be available for a \$5.00 donation to For Paws, the cat rescue league located on St. Mary's Campus.

Information about the organization and its upcoming events will be available as well as the opportunity to register to be a member of St. Mary's University School of Law Student Animal Legal Defense Fund.

### **Texas Humane Society Legal Network Annual Conference**

**Location:** Hotel Derek 2525 West Loop South, Houston, Texas, 77027

**Date & Time:** Friday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. through Saturday, September 24, 10:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$29 for Saturday workshops and lunch only and \$89 for the full conference.

**Registration:** For more information about venue, workshops and networking events, please visit the THLN 2011 Annual Conference website: <http://thln2011conference.thln.org>

### **SNIPSA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Race for the Rescues**

This event will benefit the homeless and abandoned animals in our community needing specialized medical care as well as spay and neuter services.

**Location:** Alamo Heights City Swimming Pool, 250 Viesca, San Antonio, TX, 78209

**Date & Time:** Saturday, September 24, 8:00 a.m. - 5K Individual Run without Dogs  
Runners with Dogs and Walkers will follow 2 minutes later.

**Registration:** Online at [www.snipsa.org](http://www.snipsa.org) & iaapweb.com, or in person:  
Register at Fleet Feet Sports, Run Gear Run, and Roger Soler's Sports

### **OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

#### **Sign up for your Academic Scholars TWEN Site!**

All 1Ls should have received an e-mail providing the name of their Academic Scholar. Be sure to sign up for your Academic Scholar's TWEN site immediately as they are already e-mailing you important information including helpful handouts and materials and the place and time they will hold their weekly 50-minute skills sessions. You can also find your assigned Academic Scholar's name by looking on the Academic Scholar Assignment List posted outside of the Office of Academic & Student Affairs. The first skills lecture will be presented by your Academic Scholar the week of **September 5<sup>th</sup>**.

## **BARBRI Presents: How to Succeed on Final Exams**

All 1Ls should be sure to attend this 30-minute lecture presented by Professor David Epstein that will help you master the keys to better exam writing. This valuable presentation is free and open to all St. Mary's students, and will be held on **Wednesday, September 14, 2011 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Law Classroom 102.**

Should you have any questions, or if we can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to contact our office at (210) 431-4340 or at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

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## **LAWYERS FOR TEXAS VETERANS**

**Lawyers for Texas Veterans** is a State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need. **The next clinic will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter St., on September 19, 2011.** Law students are needed to serve as witnesses for wills and other tasks for clients. 1Ls are welcome. Volunteers should sign up on the Pro Bono web site "sign up" sheet for CJP Veterans Clinic. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their Pro Bono forms to the clinic to be signed. Questions? Email Ann Marie Matonak at [ammatonak@gmail.com](mailto:ammatonak@gmail.com) or Victoria Bongat at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com). For veterans needing services: call (210) 212-3740 or (210) 212-3718 (appointment needed).

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

**RSVP is required for all Programs:** Please 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 events we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

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*10:10 a.m. Prayer at the Barrett Bell Tower* - in remembrance of all victims of September 11th and for the many men and women who have lost their lives in military service since that day.

**Sunday, September 11th:**

*11:00 a.m./9:00 p.m. Mass* - Special observances during Sunday Eucharistic liturgies will offer a chance for an intentional experience of worship in light of 9/11. The collection from the Sunday Eucharistic liturgies will be donated to a 911 Memorial Fund, if you will not be attending the liturgies and would like to make a donation you can bring it to University Ministry before Wednesday, September 14th.

*3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Interfaith Prayer Service* - the peaceCENTER will be offering a city-wide opportunity to pray for peace. A shuttle will be provided. You may sign up at the University



Center Information Desk to reserve your spot on the shuttle. The shuttle will depart from the front of the Greehey Arena at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Sister Grace Walle, [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) or (210) 436-3063.

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Enjoy snacks but leave no trace. Regarding beverages, all beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling. No food or drinks allowed in the computer lab or at any library computer station. Clean up after yourself and report any spills to the Circulation Desk. As for food, please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Types of foods allowed in the library are pretzels, nuts, granola bars, grapes, raisins, bagels, or cookies. Foods that are not allowed are French fries, pizza, burgers and sandwiches, ice cream, soups and salads, or any type of food requiring the use of utensils. Meals may be enjoyed in the second floor student lounge or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces. Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels. The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons. Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.

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There are two easy ways to join:

- Visit [www.abaforlawstudents.org](http://www.abaforlawstudents.org)
- Call 800-285-2221

Dues are just \$25 for one year or \$60 for three years. The ABA is the largest professional voluntary association in the world. More than 38,000 law students enjoy:

- **Resume-building opportunities:** Competitions, internships, public service projects
- **Networking:** Online discussion groups, regional meetings, national conferences
- **Savings:** Discounts on Westlaw study guides, Kaplan bar review courses, Office Depot merchandise

Your membership also includes:

- **Twenty-one practice specialty groups** where you can explore different fields free of charge
- **Free magazine subscriptions** to the *ABA Journal*, which covers legal news and newsmakers, and *Student Lawyer*, which focuses on law school
- **Free podcasts and webinars** on issues related to law school and the practice of law

Start preparing for your future today!

### **SAVE THE DATE – RATTLER WEEKENDS**

Friday, September 9, 2011 Rattler Athletics Complex Ground Breaking

Sunday, September 11, 2011 September 11<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Ceremony

Friday, September 16, 2011 Dive-In Movie & BBQ @ Outdoor Pool: Jaws

Saturday, September 24, 2011 Rattler Shuttle – Adopt a Beach in Port-Aransas

For more information on these events, please contact Jerome Budomo at (210) 436-3017 or at [jbudomo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jbudomo@stmarytx.edu) or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, (210) 431-4340 or at [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

### **SAN ANTONIO BAR FOUNDATION TOYS-N-‘TINIS: HAPPY HOUR FOR A CAUSE**

Join the San Antonio Bar Foundation and Bar Association at their Toys-n-‘Tinis: **Happy Hour for a Cause** from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, September 8, 2011** at the **Esquire Tavern, 155 East Commerce**. The cost of admission is a toy donation for the Bexar County Children’s Court. Students will receive a wristband that will allow you to purchase happy hour-priced drinks and enjoy free appetizers. This is a good opportunity for law students who plan on practicing in the San Antonio area to meet local attorneys and learn more about the various sections of the San Antonio Bar Association Foundation.

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## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Call For Student Papers – **Terasem Movement** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Colloquium on the Law of Futuristic Persons. Chosen participants will receive a \$1,000 honorarium. For more information, please email [lori@terasemcentral.org](mailto:lori@terasemcentral.org) or visit [www.terasemcentral.org](http://www.terasemcentral.org). Deadline to apply is **September 9, 2011**.

The Dallas Asian-American Bar Association (DAABA) will award a scholarship of up to **\$5,000** to a law student enrolled at the time of the application and scholarship award in an ABA-accredited law school. Any Asian-American law student who intends to practice law in the Dallas-Fort Worth area is eligible to apply. Selection criteria of the scholarship include: scholastic performance, financial need, and community service to the Asian American community. Consideration is also given to extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school. Deadline to apply is **September 15, 2011**.

The J.L. Turner Legal Association Foundation has awarded scholarships to minority law students that are from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, or attending law school in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Funds raised from the Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet are used to fund the scholarships. For eligibility criteria or for the 2011 Scholarship application [http://www.jltla.org/jltla/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=59](http://www.jltla.org/jltla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=59) Deadline to apply is **September 15, 2011**.

The University of Leicester presents the 2011 **Victoria Fisher Memorial Prize Essay** contest. Essay should be no more than 10,000 words relating to Women & The Law. Prize is £250. For more information, email: [lh55@le.ac.uk](mailto:lh55@le.ac.uk) or visit [www.le.ac.uk/law](http://www.le.ac.uk/law). Deadline to enter is **September 30, 2011**.

The Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association 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) or for an application, go to <https://piaba.org/system/files/pdfs/Beckley%20Writing%20Competition%20Announcement.pdf> Submission deadline is **October 3, 2011**.

The **Texas Young Lawyers Association** (TYLA) is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority law student at each of the ABA-accredited law schools in Texas. Applications are available at <http://www.tyla.org/index.cfm/resources/law-students/scholarships/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 14, 2011**.

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announced that it is sponsoring an electronic discovery (eDiscovery) legal research and writing competition aimed at

encouraging U.S. law students to develop a more thorough understanding of the evolution and practice of discovery in civil litigation. The 2011 competition will ask students to address the topic: “Are further amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure necessary to help litigants address the complexities, costs and burdens associated with electronic discovery?” 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.dishnetworkediscovery.com](http://www.dishnetworkediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 15, 2011**.

**NEW** – Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff’s commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted September 5, 2011 through **January 5, 2012**.

**NEW** – **The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012**.

**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**  
**MARVIN M. KARPATKIN FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-06/45]**  
**NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**  
**American Civil Liberties Union Foundation**  
**Racial Justice Program, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU)**, founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with more than 500,000 members and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **Racial Justice Program (RJP)** of the ACLU National office in New York City invites applications for the **Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in September 2012. Application deadline is November 1, 2011.  
<http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-marvin-m-karpatkin-fellowship-acluf-racial-justice-program-ny>

**FALL 2012 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**  
**William J. Brennan First Amendment Fellowship**  
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**American Civil Liberties Union Foundation**  
**Speech, Privacy and Technology Project, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU)**, founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with more than 500,000 members and is dedicated to the

principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **Speech, Privacy and Technology Project** of the National office in New York City invites applications for the **William J. Brennan First Amendment Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in September 2012. Application deadline is November 1, 2011.

<http://www.aclu.org/job/william-j-brennan-first-amendment-fellowship-speech-privacy-and-technology-project-ny>

**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY  
NATIONAL SECURITY FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-52]  
NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES  
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation  
National Security Project, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU)**, founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with more than 500,000 members, and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **National Security Project** of the ACLU's National office in New York City is seeking applicants for the **National Security Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in **September 2012**. Application deadline is November 1, 2011.

<http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-national-security-fellowship-national-security-project-ny>

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**HISPANIC LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Give Thanks**

Early this September twenty members of the **Hispanic Law Students Association** were given the opportunity to attend the Hispanic National Bar Association's (HNBA) Annual Convention and Career Fair in Dallas, Texas. At the convention, the students were able to attend several events during THE September 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> conference including many continuing legal education classes and seminars. Our members were also treated to a pleasant surprise when, through the diligent efforts of Dean Valencia, were able to attend an informal “meet and greet” with Texas Supreme Court Justice **Eva Guzman**, Editor of the Latino Leadership Magazine **Paul Schneider**, and former San Antonio District **Judge Catherine Torres-Stahl**. We were able to speak candidly with these respected legal figures about the practice of law and gain valuable insight into our chosen profession. **A special thank you to Dean Valencia** for giving us this tremendous opportunity to meet with these esteemed professionals. Another reception was held Friday night and many law students would agree this was the highlight of the convention. The reception was held in the newly erected Cowboys Stadium where Texas Senator and St. Mary's alumni, **John Cornyn** made the keynote address. At the end of the convention I believe all of our members had a very memorable experience that will stay with them forever, and have a lasting effect on their legal career path. **We are very grateful** to St. Mary's University School of Law and especially to Dean Valencia and Dean Bracey, without whom this event would not have been possible.

**WELCOME LUNCH AND RECEPTION**  
**FOR VISITING SCHOLAR PROFESSOR QI GAO**  
**AND VISITING STUDENT ROBBIE DONG**

Please join us in welcoming Professor Qi Gao and visiting student Robbie Dong to St. Mary's Law School. Law Ministry will host a luncheon on **Wednesday, September 14, 2011** from **12:00 – 2:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium**, Law Administration Building. A buffet lunch will be provided. Professor Qi Gao is a visiting scholar from the Beihang University Law School in Beijing, China. She has been employed at Beihang University since 2009 and specializes in private international law. Professor Gao will be at St. Mary's for six months to learn about American conflicts of law and to conduct research for an upcoming paper.

**PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SCHOLARSHIP**

The **Association of Administrative Law Judges** (AALJ) is meeting in San Antonio this year and will award a scholarship of \$1500 (possibly more) to a St. Mary's student with an interest in public interest law. The scholarship recipient is to be honored at their luncheon on October 6, 2011. If you would like to apply, **send a resume and a letter of interest** to Associate Dean Victoria Mather, Law Administration building, room 104. Deadline to apply is **September 20, 2011**.

## 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 10-11, 2011 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 **Monday, September 19, 2011**. Details about the conference can be found at [www.tha.org/lawconf](http://www.tha.org/lawconf).

## INTERSESSION PROGRAM

St. Mary's University School of Law will offer a "one time trial" Intersession Program this winter. Classes will be offered during **December 12-23, 2011 and January 1-13, 2012**. The intersession courses will be one credit each and will be skills (practical, practice oriented) courses. These courses will be offered in intensive time increments ranging from 4-10 days. Students may take up to three courses over the intersession period. A schedule will be available later this month for your consideration. Registration will be held in October. Stay tuned for further information about this program.

## PRACTICE CREDIT PLACEMENT (PCP) PROGRAM

You may be able to **receive credit for unpaid legal positions** with courts, government agencies, non-profit organizations or for a position you acquired independently through an organized and approved law school program. An email was sent to all students last week about the PCP Program which included general guidelines, the registration form for the PCP independent study, a student summary of the program and a checklist for the program. Please contact **Ms. Amanda Rivas, Associate Director, PCP Program** for more information or questions. You may contact Ms. Rivas at the Center for Legal and Social Justice, (210) 431-5716 or email at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu). Ms. Rivas and Dean Bracey of the Office of Career Services will soon host a lunch program to introduce you to the program.

## RESEARCH FELLOWS WANTED

**The Center for Terrorism Law** at St. Mary's University School of Law is **seeking to hire 2L students as Research Fellows** for the current academic year. The goal of the Center is to examine current and potential legal issues related to terrorism in light of the challenge of achieving and maintaining a proper balance between global security and civil justice. This goal is pursued through professional exchanges such as symposia and consultations; writing, commenting on, and publishing written materials; and ensuring access to extensive information resources regarding terrorism. Research is conducted in a variety of associated areas and relates

to defining terrorism, war powers, civil liberty concerns, cyber terrorism, Congressional powers, Executive powers, cooperative law enforcement, military support to law enforcement, Department of Defense responsibilities, Department of Homeland Security, and criminal prosecutions of terrorists.

If you are interested in becoming a Research Fellow with the Center, come by our office located in the back of the Raba Building to fill out an application. A resume and short writing sample addressing a national security topic will also be requested. For more information, email [terrorismlaw@stmarytx.edu](mailto:terrorismlaw@stmarytx.edu) or see Senior Research Fellows Katie Harmon or Bill Fix.

### FEDERALIST SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the [Federalist Society](#) will be **Wednesday, September 14, 2011** at **noon** in the **Alumni Room** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. **James Ely, Jr.** (Professor of Law from Vanderbilt University) will be our honored guest, and his presentation will be “Whatever Happened to the Contract Clause?” All students, faculty, and administration are welcome and lunch will be provided.

Prof. Jim Ely is a renowned legal historian and property rights expert whose career accomplishments were recognized with both the Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Prize and the Owner Counsel of American Crystal Eagle Award in 2006. He is the author of several books that have received widespread critical acclaim from legal scholars and historians, including *The Guardian of Every Other Right: A Constitutional History of Property Rights*, *The Fuller Court: Justices, Rulings and Legacy* in which he examines the work of the Supreme Court between 1888 and 1910, and *Railroads and American Law* in which he systematically explores the way that the rise of the railroads shaped American legal culture. He also served as an editor of both the second edition of the *Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court*, and the second edition of the *Oxford Guide to Supreme Court Decisions*. Professor Ely received the Tennessee History Book Award for 2002 for *A History of the Tennessee Supreme Court*. Between 1987 and 1999, he served as an editor of the *American Journal of Legal History*. Since Professor Ely joined the Vanderbilt faculty in 1972, he has been frequently recognized by students as one of the law school's outstanding teachers. He holds a joint appointment in Vanderbilt's history department.

For more information about our Federalist Society chapter, including our calendar of events, join our TWEN page.

### DOCKET CALL

Calling all Organizations, Programs, and Services! **Docket Call** will be held **Thursday, September 15, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**, in **Pecan Grove** near the Law School on campus. This annual event showcases all student activities in one place for all students, new and established. It is a great way to gain members and inform people about what you do. If you are interested in a table, please sign up on the **Student Bar Association's TWEN** site. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact John Craig [J.DeanCraig@yahoo.com](mailto:J.DeanCraig@yahoo.com).

## STUDENT ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Come visit St.MU School of Law SALDF's table at **Docket Call** on **September 15, 2011**. Pet Calendars will be available for a \$5.00 donation to For Paws, the cat rescue league located on St. Mary's Campus.

Information about the organization and its upcoming events will be available as well as the opportunity to register to be a member of St. Mary's University School of Law Student Animal Legal Defense Fund.

### Texas Humane Society Legal Network Annual Conference

**Location:** Hotel Derek 2525 West Loop South, Houston, Texas, 77027

**Date & Time:** Friday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. through Saturday, September 24, 10:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$29 for Saturday workshops and lunch only and \$89 for the full conference.

**Registration:** For more information about venue, workshops and networking events, please visit the THLN 2011 Annual Conference website: <http://thln2011conference.thln.org>

### SNIPSA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Race for the Rescues

This event will benefit the homeless and abandoned animals in our community needing specialized medical care as well as spay and neuter services.

**Location:** Alamo Heights City Swimming Pool, 250 Viesca, San Antonio, TX, 78209

**Date & Time:** Saturday, September 24, 8:00 a.m. - 5K Individual Run without Dogs  
Runners with Dogs and Walkers will follow 2 minutes later.

**Registration:** Online at [www.snipsa.org](http://www.snipsa.org) & [iaapweb.com](http://iaapweb.com), or in person:  
Register at Fleet Feet Sports, Run Gear Run, and Roger Soler's Sports

### **BARBRI PRESENTS HOW TO SUCCEED ON FINAL EXAMS**

All 1Ls should be sure to attend this 30-minute lecture presented by Professor David Epstein that will help you master the keys to better exam writing. This valuable presentation is free and open to all St. Mary's students, and will be held on **Wednesday, September 14, 2011 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Law Classroom 102**. For more information, contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs at (210) 431-4340 or at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

### **HEIN TRAINING**

Are you currently working on a paper for a seminar class? Are you a student in an independent study? Are you a staff writer on the *Scholar* or *Journal*? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the library faculty is here to help you. On **Wednesday, September 21,**

**2011**, the library faculty will offer training from **12:00 – 12:30 p.m. in LL106**. Come in to learn about **HeinOnline**, the world's largest image-based legal research database, and how it can meet your research needs. Light snacks will be provided. To R.S.V.P. please visit: [www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/index.php?site=trainingSignUp](http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/index.php?site=trainingSignUp)

## **PANEL DISCUSSION ON CHINA, LAW AND U.S. ATTORNEYS**

**Thursday, September 22, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room.**  
**Chinese lunch will be provided and all are welcome.**

China's economy is developing rapidly as it becomes a major force in the international community. Attorneys practicing in areas as wide as business, trade, consumer protection, intellectual property, oil/gas, maritime, or international law will undoubtedly deal with a Chinese firm at some time. All students are encouraged to come learn what is happening in the Chinese legal arena and how it affects American lawyers. Come and meet the experts. This event is sponsored by Asian Pacific American Law Student Association and Sarita Kennedy East Law Library.

## **CLASS OF 2012 – 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 2011, May 2012, or August 2012** [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 30**. If you intend to graduate but did not receive a card in your student box, you can pick one up from her office.

If you **ARE NOT GRADUATING** within the next 12 months, please let Ms. Olfers know so she can remove your name from any preliminary lists.

## **LAW LIBRARY TO CLOSE DURING WINTER BREAK**

The carpet in the Law Library will be replaced this coming winter. In addition, the fire alarm system will undergo a total overhaul. These two projects are necessary to keep the building safe and comfortable for students. For the construction, the Library **will be closed** from December 10, 2011 (after final exams) through January 16, 2012. No access to the building will be allowed during this period. Students are encouraged to make alternative plans accordingly. We apologize for inconveniences that this shutdown may cause you. For

questions, please contact Bob Hu, Director of the Law Library.

## **LAWYERS FOR TEXAS VETERANS**

Note Corrected Date

**Lawyers for Texas Veterans** is a State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need. **The next clinic will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter St., on Friday, September 16, 2011.** Law students are needed to serve as witnesses for wills and other tasks for clients. 1Ls are welcome. Volunteers should sign up on the Pro Bono web site “sign up” sheet for CJP Veterans Clinic. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their Pro Bono forms to the clinic to be signed. Questions? Email Ann Marie Matonak at [ammatonak@gmail.com](mailto:ammatonak@gmail.com) or Victoria Bongat at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com). For veterans needing services: call (210) 212-3740 or (210) 212-3718 (appointment needed).

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

Please **RSVP to attend any of the below 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 events we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **Public Interest Fellowship Information Session**

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Interested in learning about Post-Graduate Public Interest Fellowships? Marisa Bono, Esq. of Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) will be here to discuss these great opportunities. She is a former Skadden Fellow. Celina Moreno, Esq., a current Equal Justice Works Fellow with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid will be here to answer questions as well. For a comprehensive listing of Post-Graduate Public Interest Fellowships and deadlines please visit [www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org). Lunch will be served. This program is for Classes of 2012 and 2013.

### **Attorney Opportunities with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Information Session**

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Attention Class of 2012: Interested in working as a Federal attorney? HUD’s Legal Honors Program is the Department’s recruitment program for entry-level attorneys. Approximately 10-20 legal honor positions are available annually in Headquarters and Field offices. The work ranges from various types of litigation, to policy development, to real estate transactional work. Interns (this is what they call their entry-level attorneys) are paid at the GS-11 level and enjoy full federal benefits. Come to this presentation to learn more. Brian Surratt, JD who works in the HUD San Antonio Field Office and is the current Legal Honors Intern for that office will be here

to discuss the application process and the position. Lunch will be served.

## **LAW LIBRARY FOOD & DRINK POLICY**

Enjoy snacks but leave no trace. Regarding beverages, all beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling. No food or drinks allowed in the computer lab or at any library computer station. Please clean up after yourself and report any spills to the Circulation Desk. As for food, please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Types of foods allowed in the library are pretzels, nuts, granola bars, grapes, raisins, bagels, or cookies. Foods that are not allowed are french fries, pizza, burgers and sandwiches, ice cream, soups and salads, or any type of food requiring the use of utensils. Meals may be enjoyed in the second floor student lounge or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces. Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels. The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons. Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.

## **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.

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Join the American Bar Association Law Student Division today to start building your professional network and increasing your chances to land a job after graduation.

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- Visit [www.abaforlawstudents.org](http://www.abaforlawstudents.org)
- Call 800-285-2221

Dues are just \$25 for one year or \$60 for three years. The ABA is the largest professional voluntary association in the world. More than 38,000 law students enjoy:

- **Resume-building opportunities:** Competitions, internships, public service projects
- **Networking:** Online discussion groups, regional meetings, national conferences
- **Savings:** Discounts on Westlaw study guides, Kaplan bar review courses, Office Depot merchandise

Your membership also includes:



- **Twenty-one practice specialty groups** where you can explore different fields free of charge
- **Free magazine subscriptions** to the *ABA Journal*, which covers legal news and newsmakers, and *Student Lawyer*, which focuses on law school
- **Free podcasts and webinars** on issues related to law school and the practice of law

Start preparing for your future today!

### SAVE THE DATE – RATTLER WEEKENDS

Friday, September 16, 2011 Dive-In Movie & BBQ @ Outdoor Pool: Jaws

Saturday, September 24, 2011 Rattler Shuttle – Adopt a Beach in Port-Aransas

For more information on these events, please contact Jerome Budomo at (210) 436-3017 or at [jbudomo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jbudomo@stmarytx.edu) or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, (210) 431-4340 or at [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

### WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

The Dallas Asian-American Bar Association (DAABA) will award a scholarship of up to **\$5,000** to a law student enrolled at the time of the application and scholarship award in an ABA-accredited law school. Any Asian-American law student who intends to practice law in the Dallas-Fort Worth area is eligible to apply. Selection criteria of the scholarship include: scholastic performance, financial need, and community service to the Asian American community. Consideration is also given to extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school. Deadline to apply is **September 15, 2011**.

The J.L. Turner Legal Association Foundation has awarded scholarships to minority law students that are from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, or attending law school in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Funds raised from the Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet are used to fund the scholarships. For eligibility criteria or for the 2011 Scholarship application [http://www.jltla.org/jltla/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=59](http://www.jltla.org/jltla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=59) Deadline to apply is **September 15, 2011**.

The University of Leicester presents the 2011 **Victoria Fisher Memorial Prize Essay** contest. Essay should be no more than 10,000 words relating to Women & The Law. Prize is £250. For more information, email: [lh55@le.ac.uk](mailto:lh55@le.ac.uk) or visit [www.le.ac.uk/law](http://www.le.ac.uk/law). Deadline to enter is **September 30, 2011**.

The Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association 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) or for an application, go to <https://piaba.org/system/files/pdfs/Beckley%20Writing%20Competition%20Announcement.pdf> Submission deadline is **October 3, 2011**.

The **Texas Young Lawyers Association** (TYLA) is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority law student at each of the ABA-accredited law schools in Texas. Applications are available at <http://www.tyla.org/index.cfm/resources/law-students/scholarships/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 14, 2011**.

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announced that it is sponsoring an electronic discovery (eDiscovery) legal research and writing competition aimed at encouraging U.S. law students to develop a more thorough understanding of the evolution and practice of discovery in civil litigation. The 2011 competition will ask students to address the topic: "Are further amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure necessary to help litigants address the complexities, costs and burdens associated with electronic discovery?" 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.dishnetworkediscovery.com](http://www.dishnetworkediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 15, 2011**.

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted September 5, 2011 through **January 5, 2012**.

**The American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012**.

**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**  
**MARVIN M. KARPATKIN FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-06/45]**  
**NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**  
**American Civil Liberties Union Foundation**  
**Racial Justice Program, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation** (ACLU), founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with more than 500,000 members and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **Racial Justice Program** (RJP) of the ACLU National office in New York City invites applications for the

**Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in September 2012. Application deadline is November 1, 2011.

<http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-marvin-m-karpatkin-fellowship-acluf-racial-justice-program-ny>

**FALL 2012 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**  
**William J. Brennan First Amendment Fellowship**  
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**Speech, Privacy and Technology Project, NY**

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<http://www.aclu.org/job/william-j-brennan-first-amendment-fellowship-speech-privacy-and-technology-project-ny>

**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**  
**NATIONAL SECURITY FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-52]**  
**NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**  
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**National Security Project, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU)**, founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with more than 500,000 members, and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **National Security Project** of the ACLU's National office in New York City is seeking applicants for the **National Security Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in **September 2012**. Application deadline is November 1, 2011.

<http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-national-security-fellowship-national-security-project-ny>

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## 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 10-11, 2011 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 today, Monday, September 19, 2011, 5:00 p.m.** Details about the conference can be found at [www.tha.org/lawconf](http://www.tha.org/lawconf).

## PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SCHOLARSHIP

The **Association of Administrative Law Judges (AALJ)** is meeting in San Antonio this year and will award a scholarship of \$1500 (possibly more) to a St. Mary's student with an interest in public interest law. The scholarship recipient is to be honored at their luncheon on October 6, 2011. If you would like to apply, **send a resume and a letter of interest** to Associate Dean Victoria Mather, Law Administration building, room 104. Deadline to apply is **Tuesday, September 20, 2011**.

## OLDER STUDENT LUNCHEON TODAY

Law Ministry and Academic and Student Affairs are hosting a **free lunch for Older Students**. Join us today, **Monday, September 19, 2011** starting at **11:15 a.m.** in **Raba**. Come and meet other students like you who are married or raising children. Open to all law students.

## CATHOLIC LAW STUDENT SOCIETY - LUNCHEON TODAY

Join the **Catholic Law Student Society** for their first general meeting today, **Monday, September 19, 2011, 12:00 p.m.**, in **Raba Classroom 108**. All students are welcome to attend. Come to learn more about Saint Thomas More, patron saint of lawyers and man for all seasons. Also explore the Catholic faith in the context of the practice of law and find ways to better connect with the campus faithful. All students are welcome to attend.

## INTERSESSION PROGRAM

St. Mary's University School of Law will offer a "one time trial" Intersession Program this winter. Classes will be offered during **December 12-23, 2011 and January 1-13, 2012**. The intersession courses will be one credit each and will be skills (practical, practice oriented) courses. These courses will be offered in intensive time increments ranging from 4-10 days. Students may take up to three courses over the intersession period. A schedule will be available

later this month for your consideration. Registration will be held in October. Stay tuned for further information about this program.

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

You may be able to **receive credit for unpaid legal positions** with courts, government agencies, non-profit organizations or for a position you acquired independently through an organized and approved law school program. An email was sent recently to all students about the PCP Program which included general guidelines, the registration form for the PCP independent study, a student summary of the program and a checklist for the program. Please contact **Ms. Amanda Rivas, Associate Director, PCP Program** for more information or questions. You may contact Ms. Rivas at the Center for Legal and Social Justice, (210) 431-5716 or email at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu). Ms. Rivas and Dean Bracey of the Office of Career Services will soon host a lunch program to introduce you to the program.

### **RESEARCH FELLOWS WANTED**

**The Center for Terrorism Law** at St. Mary's University School of Law is **seeking to hire 2L students as Research Fellows** for the current academic year. The goal of the Center is to examine current and potential legal issues related to terrorism in light of the challenge of achieving and maintaining a proper balance between global security and civil justice. This goal is pursued through professional exchanges such as symposia and consultations; writing, commenting on, and publishing written materials; and ensuring access to extensive information resources regarding terrorism. Research is conducted in a variety of associated areas and relates to defining terrorism, war powers, civil liberty concerns, cyber terrorism, Congressional powers, Executive powers, cooperative law enforcement, military support to law enforcement, Department of Defense responsibilities, Department of Homeland Security, and criminal prosecutions of terrorists.

If you are interested in becoming a Research Fellow with the Center, come by our office located in the back of the Raba Building to fill out an application. A resume and short writing sample addressing a national security topic will also be requested. For more information, email [terrorismlaw@stmarytx.edu](mailto:terrorismlaw@stmarytx.edu) or see Senior Research Fellows Katie Harmon or Bill Fix.

### **FEDERALIST SOCIETY MEETING**

The next meeting of the **Federalist Society** will be **Tuesday, September 20, 2011** at **noon** in the **Alumni Room** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. This event will be a discussion panel on THE MODERN FBI featuring **Alicia Hilton** (former FBI Special Agent), **Professor Lee Lytton** (also a former FBI Special Agent), and **Professor Gerald Reamey**. The discussion will cover the work FBI agents do on a daily basis, how that work varies based on assignment, and the FBI's hiring process. All students, faculty, and administration are welcome, and lunch will be provided. Career Services is partnering with the Federalist Society on this event, and students may RSVP through Symplicity.

[Alicia Hilton](#) graduated from the FBI Academy in 1991 and worked as a Special Agent where she was a member of a foreign counterintelligence squad in New York City. She also worked undercover in two long-term criminal cases, posing as a drug dealer with ties to organized crime before resigning from the FBI to attend law school at the University of Chicago. She has also worked as an attorney, professor, and author, including writing a novel, poetry, and multiple law journal articles on criminal law topics.

For more information about our Federalist Society chapter, including our calendar of events, join our TWEN page.

### **HEIN TRAINING**

Are you currently working on a paper for a seminar class? Are you a student in an independent study? Are you a staff writer on the *Scholar* or *Journal*? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the library faculty is here to help you. On **Wednesday, September 21, 2011**, the library faculty will offer training from **12:00 – 12:30 p.m. in LL106**. Come in to learn about **HeinOnline**, the world's largest image-based legal research database, and how it can meet your research needs. Light snacks will be provided. To R.S.V.P. please visit: [www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/index.php?site=trainingSignUp](http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/index.php?site=trainingSignUp)

### **REPUBLICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION DEBATE WATCHING PARTY**

Join RLSA at Lisa's Restaurant this week **Thursday, September 22, 2011** to watch the Republican Presidential candidate debate. Students and their guests are invited to meet for dinner and drinks at 7:30 p.m.; the debate begins at 8:00 p.m. Lisa's Restaurant is located just a short drive from St. Mary's University at 815 Bandera Road, San Antonio, TX 78228. Contact us at [stmaryRLSA@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryRLSA@gmail.com) if you want to learn more about RLSA.

### **APALSA EVENT**

#### **PANEL DISCUSSION ON CHINA, LAW AND US ATTORNEYS**

**Thursday, September 22, 2011, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Alumni Room.**

**Chinese lunch will be provided and all welcome.**

China's economy is developing rapidly as it becomes a major force in the international community. Attorneys practicing in areas as wide as business, trade, consumer protection, intellectual property, oil/gas, maritime, or international law will undoubtedly deal with a Chinese firm at some time. All students are encouraged to come learn what is happening in the Chinese legal arena and how it affects American lawyers. Come and meet the distinguished panelists. This event is sponsored by the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library.

## **DALLAS FT. WORTH ALUMNI STUDENT CHAPTER**

Interested in a wonderful networking opportunity? The **Dallas-Fort Worth Alumni Student Chapter's** (DFWASC) first General Meeting of the 2011-2012 School Year will be held on **September 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room**. DFWASC develops networking opportunities for St. Mary's University School of Law students seeking legal employment in the North Texas market. The DFWASC strives to increase cooperation with alumni working in the North Texas area by coordinating social functions, such as happy hours with the Dallas and Ft. Worth Chapters of the St. Mary's University School of Law Alumni Association. 1L's are you interested in a leadership position? **There are open spots available for board positions.** Elections will be held at the meeting. This is a great way for you to develop your leadership and networking skills. For more information, please contact Patrick Babb via email at [kpbabb@yahoo.com](mailto:kpbabb@yahoo.com). We look forward to seeing you there.

## **LARRY G. HYDEN MOCK TRIAL FINAL ROUND**

The **Board of Advocates** invites the St. Mary's Law School community to attend the Larry G. Hyden Mock Trial finals on Friday, September 23, 2011 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Law School Courtroom/LC102. Two teams will compete for a monetary prize in the criminal trial of State of Lonestar v. Roscoe Herman. A video of the competition will be available on the Board of Advocates' website following the final round. For more information please contact Lauren Kennedy at [LaurenMKennedy@gmail.com](mailto:LaurenMKennedy@gmail.com).

## **STUDENT ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND - SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

### **Texas Humane Society Legal Network Annual Conference**

**Location:** Hotel Derek 2525 West Loop South, Houston, Texas, 77027

**Date & Time:** Friday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. through Saturday, September 24, 10:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$29 for Saturday workshops and lunch only and \$89 for the full conference.

**Registration:** For more information about venue, workshops and networking events, please visit the THLN 2011 Annual Conference website: <http://thln2011conference.thln.org>

### **SNIPSA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Race for the Rescues**

This event will benefit the homeless and abandoned animals in our community needing specialized medical care as well as spay and neuter services.

**Location:** Alamo Heights City Swimming Pool, 250 Viesca, San Antonio, TX, 78209

**Date & Time:** Saturday, September 24, 8:00 a.m. - 5K Individual Run without Dogs

Runners with Dogs and Walkers will follow 2 minutes later.

**Registration:** Online at [www.snipsa.org](http://www.snipsa.org) & [iaapweb.com](http://iaapweb.com), or in person:

Register at Fleet Feet Sports, Run Gear Run, and Roger Soler's Sports



## CLASS OF 2012 – 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 2011, May 2012, or August 2012** [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 30**. If you intend to graduate but did not receive a card in your student box, you can pick one up from her office.

If you **ARE NOT GRADUATING** within the next 12 months, please let Ms. Olfers know so she can remove your name from any preliminary lists.

## LAW LIBRARY TO CLOSE DURING WINTER BREAK

The carpet in the Law Library will be replaced this coming winter. In addition, the fire alarm system will undergo a total overhaul. These two projects are necessary to keep the building safe and comfortable for students. For the construction, the Library **will be closed** from December 10, 2011 (after final exams) through January 16, 2012. No access to the building will be allowed during this period. Students are encouraged to make alternative plans accordingly. We apologize for inconveniences that this shutdown may cause you. For questions, please contact Bob Hu, Director of the Law Library.

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

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 events we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **The Federalist Society presents The Modern FBI**

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

The Federalist Society cordially invites you to attend their Fall speaker series. Former FBI Agent Alicia Hilton will speak on the Modern FBI. This will be a panel style presentation with our very own Professor Lee Lytton and Professor Gerald Reamey. Lunch will be served.

### **Attorney Opportunities with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Information Session**

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library  
Attention Class of 2012: Interested in working as a Federal attorney? HUD's Legal Honors Program is the Department's recruitment program for entry-level attorneys. Approximately 10-20 legal honor positions are available annually in Headquarters and Field offices. The work ranges from various types of litigation, to policy development, to real estate transactional work. Interns (this is what they call their entry-level attorneys) are paid at the GS-11 level and enjoy full federal benefits. Come to this presentation to learn more. Brian Surratt, JD who works in the HUD San Antonio Field Office and is the current Legal Honors Intern for that office will be here to discuss the application process and the position. Lunch will be served.

### **Get Credit for your Unpaid Job**

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Atrium, Law Administration Building

Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of the Practice Credit Program (PCP), 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 new externship program starting in the spring is the right fit for you. Lunch will be served.

### **The Practice of Criminal Law: The Trial of a High Profile Case**

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Carlos Valdez, Corpus Christi City Attorney and Alison Logan, Assistant City Attorney and St. Mary's Alum, will present on the aspects of criminal law and particularly the "Selena" trial that Mr. Valdez prosecuted. This program is a must attend for anyone who would be interested in learning more about criminal law. This program will cover the legal theory of the case which is different than last year's program. \*Note this employer hired St. Mary's students for summer internships in 2011 and will most likely hire again for the summer of 2012. They recruit through the Corpus Christi Legal Job Fair held in early March. This event is co-sponsored by HLSA and the Office of Career Services. Lunch will be served.

### **Construction Law Lunch**

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

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 to find jobs in this area. If you are truly interested in construction law and wish to attend, please log into Symplicity at: <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 14, 2011.** We will forward the resumes to be electronically distributed to section members before the event. This will be a sit down lunch and we suggest you dress in business attire. Last year the events our office had with the section resulted in jobs so please join us for a lunch hour of terrific networking. This program is for Classes of 2012 and 2013.

## **Legal Services for the Poor Luncheon Seminar**

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

The program will incorporate talks from Catherine Nahay of Texas Lawyers Care, a local legal aid attorney, and an Access to Justice Intern recipient. 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. Lunch will be provided.

## **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT TEAM**

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team will hold open tryouts for first-, second-, and third-year law students **Monday, October 3, 2011**. Please email Marion Reilly, [marionmreilly@gmail.com](mailto:marionmreilly@gmail.com), to reserve your spot to try out for the Team.

Now in its 53rd year, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the world's largest moot court competition, with participants from over 500 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 will address the legality of the destruction of a cultural site, who may represent a State after a coup d'état, and State responsibility for a regional operation. Most students must first compete in national and regional 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.

If you would like to have an opportunity to advocate on behalf of St. Mary's in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, please email Marion Reilly ([marionmreilly@gmail.com](mailto:marionmreilly@gmail.com)), bring a resume and be prepared to present a 10-minute oral argument from last year's Jessup Moot Court problem – materials, sample arguments, and briefs will be placed on reserve in the law library and are available if you contact Marion Reilly or Professor Robert Summers. There will be a short interview following your presentation. If you are interested in joining the Team 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.

Candidates will be emailed with the try-out location and any last minute information. All candidates should come to the tryouts in dress appropriate for appellate argument. You may be videotaped.

## **2011 LONE STAR CLASSIC® – CALL FOR BAILIFFS AND MARSHALS**

St. Mary's University School of Law is hosting the 2011 Lone Star Classic® on **October 13th, 14th, and 15th**. The Classic is an annual invitational mock trial tournament. This year, we are hosting teams from **sixteen law schools**. The preliminary rounds will be held on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and Friday afternoon at the **Bexar County Courthouse**. The semi-final rounds will be held in the law classroom building on Saturday morning, October 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. and the final round will be held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the law school's courtroom.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to personally observe excellent advocates from other schools. If you are interested in assisting in serving as a bailiff or marshal for the competition, or helping in any other way, (we need about 50 students) please contact Lauren Alberts or Professor Dave Schlueter. If you have any interest in advocacy or in supporting the school's advocacy programs, you are encouraged to attend the final round of the competition on Saturday afternoon, October 15th.

## **INNSBRUCK FUNDRAISER**

Planning on going to Innsbruck? Join us on **Friday, October 14, 2011** for some **Flint Brewed Beer and BBQ, 6:30 p.m.** at Professor **Flint's house, 108 West Mulberry Avenue**. A \$10 donation at the door gets you food, drink, and a chance at fabulous door prizes. Come and speak to students who have gone to Innsbruck. Learn about scholarship information and find out about the best Austrian hiking trails from Professor Flint. BYO Wine. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry. For more information email Sister Grace, [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## **INTERFAITH PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE DEATH PENALTY**

Representatives from varying faith traditions will gather on **Monday, October 24, 2011** to discuss points of intersection and similarities among faith traditions in an effort to speak out against the death penalty. This is the first public event of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty campaign in Bexar County to bring awareness to the harrowing amount of executions happening in our area. The event will be held at 7:00 p.m., Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University. For more information email Sister Grace, [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## **RESERVE THE DATE – RED MASS**

Reserve the date, **Thursday, October 27, 2011 to celebrate Red Mass, 5:00 p.m.** at San Fernando Cathedral. More information will be forthcoming. Students, faculty and staff of all faiths are invited to attend.

## AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAW STUDENT DIVISION

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Dues are just \$25 for one year or \$60 for three years. The ABA is the largest professional voluntary association in the world. More than 38,000 law students enjoy:

- **Resume-building opportunities:** Competitions, internships, public service projects
- **Networking:** Online discussion groups, regional meetings, national conferences
- **Savings:** Discounts on Westlaw study guides, Kaplan bar review courses, Office Depot merchandise

Your membership also includes:

- **Twenty-one practice specialty groups** where you can explore different fields free of charge
- **Free magazine subscriptions** to the *ABA Journal*, which covers legal news and newsmakers, and *Student Lawyer*, which focuses on law school
- **Free podcasts and webinars** on issues related to law school and the practice of law

Start preparing for your future today!

## CAMPUS RECREATION

The St. Mary's Campus Recreation Department is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Fall semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please go to:

[http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus\\_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf](http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf).

## RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, September 24 – Rattler Shuttle – Adopt a Beach in Port-Aransas

Saturday, October 1 – ISSS World Cup Soccer Competition

Friday, October 7 – Rattler Shuttle – San Antonio First Friday

Friday, October 14 – RHA Halloween Dance

Sunday, October 23 – Rattler Shuttle – Enchanted Rock

Friday, October 28 – Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

Saturday, October 29 – “Dig Pink” Volleyball Game

For more information on these events, please contact Jerome Budomo at (210) 436-3017 or at [jbudomo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jbudomo@stmarytx.edu) or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, (210) 431-4340 or at [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

### **LAW LIBRARY FOOD & DRINK POLICY**

Enjoy snacks but leave no trace. Regarding beverages, all beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling. No food or drinks allowed in the computer lab or at any library computer station. Please clean up after yourself and report any spills to the Circulation Desk. As for food, please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Types of foods allowed in the library are pretzels, nuts, granola bars, grapes, raisins, bagels, or cookies. Foods that are not allowed are french fries, pizza, burgers and sandwiches, ice cream, soups and salads, or any type of food requiring the use of utensils. Meals may be enjoyed in the second floor student lounge or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces. Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels. The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron’s food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons. Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.

### **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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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

The University of Leicester presents the 2011 **Victoria Fisher Memorial Prize Essay** contest. Essay should be no more than 10,000 words relating to Women & The Law. Prize is £250. For more information, email: [lh55@le.ac.uk](mailto:lh55@le.ac.uk) or visit [www.le.ac.uk/law](http://www.le.ac.uk/law). Deadline to enter is **September 30, 2011**.

The Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association 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) or for an application, go to <https://piaba.org/system/files/pdfs/Beckley%20Writing%20Competition%20Announcement.pdf> Submission deadline is **October 3, 2011**.

The **Texas Young Lawyers Association** (TYLA) is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority law student at each of the ABA-accredited law schools in Texas. Applications are available at <http://www.tyla.org/index.cfm/resources/law-students/scholarships/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 14, 2011**.

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announced that it is sponsoring an electronic discovery (eDiscovery) legal research and writing competition aimed at encouraging U.S. law students to develop a more thorough understanding of the evolution and practice of discovery in civil litigation. The 2011 competition will ask students to address the topic: “Are further amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure necessary to help litigants address the complexities, costs and burdens associated with electronic discovery?” 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.dishnetworkediscovery.com](http://www.dishnetworkediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 15, 2011**.

**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. Applications will be accepted through **November 11, 2011**. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information.

**NEW** – The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2011 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 2011, and papers scheduled for publication in 2011 or 2012 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 18, 2011**.

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff’s commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted September 5, 2011 through **January 5, 2012**.

**NEW** – The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition and full and part-time J.D. and LL.M. students 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 6, 2012**.



**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012.**

### **FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**NEW** – The **Pittsburgh Foundation and K&L Gates LLP** are proud to offer the K&L Gates Public Interest Fellowship Program. Established in September 1999 to offer law students the opportunity to assist public service organizations located in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Each summer the program awards up to three successful candidates a fellowship that enables them to spend four weeks of their summer working at one of four designated public interest organizations. Each recipient will be paid a \$1,000/week stipend for his/her public interest service. For more information and application materials, please visit [www.klgates.com](http://www.klgates.com) or contact Jessica L. Gangjee, Regional Recruiting Manager, K&L Gates LLP, K&L Gates Center, 210 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburg, PA 15222-2613, 412.355.6547, [jessica.gangjee@klgates.com](mailto:jessica.gangjee@klgates.com) Deadline to submit application is **October 7, 2011.**

**NEW** – The **Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** has established internship programs at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Railroad Commission of Texas, the Office of the Attorney General (Environmental Protection and Administrative Law Division), the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas General Land Office. The program, implemented by the Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section Law School Committee, provides law students with an interest in environmental law an opportunity to obtain practical experience by funding up to five six-week summer internships, with one intern selected to work at each of the state agencies mentioned above. The deadline for receipt of the application materials is **Monday, October 10, 2011.**

#### **MARVIN M. KARPATKIN FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-06/45]**

#### **NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**

#### **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation Racial Justice Program, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU)**, founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with more than 500,000 members and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **Racial Justice Program (RJP)** of the ACLU National office in New York City invites applications for the **Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in September 2012. Application deadline is November 1, 2011.

<http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-marvin-m-karpatkin-fellowship-acluf-racial-justice-program-ny>



**FALL 2012 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

**William J. Brennan First Amendment Fellowship**

**NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**

American Civil Liberties Union Foundation

Speech, Privacy and Technology Project, NY

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<http://www.aclu.org/job/william-j-brennan-first-amendment-fellowship-speech-privacy-and-technology-project-ny>

**NATIONAL SECURITY FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-52]**

**NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**

American Civil Liberties Union Foundation

National Security Project, NY

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU)**, founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with more than 500,000 members, and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **National Security Project** of the ACLU's National office in New York City is seeking applicants for the **National Security Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in **September 2012**. Application deadline is November 1, 2011.

<http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-national-security-fellowship-national-security-project-ny>

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## RESEARCH ASSISTANT WANTED

Prof. Reamey is interested in hiring one or more research assistants. Work primarily will involve issues of Texas and constitutional criminal procedure, although some comparative procedure work also may be required. Applicants must have completed the course in Constitutional Criminal Procedure. Interested students should forward a resume and contact information to Prof. Reamey at [greamey@stmarytx.edu](mailto:greamey@stmarytx.edu).

## MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION – GET FIT CHALLENGE

Are you still carrying around those freshmen 15? Does being a 1L, 2L, 3L, or 4L mean you have to carry around extra Lbs.? Or are you fit as a fiddle and simply looking for a challenge? The **Military Law Association** (MLA) along with the St. Mary's Campus Recreation Department is sponsoring our inaugural **Get Fit Challenge**. We say inaugural because The MLA Get Fit Challenge will occur on an annual basis every fall semester, but you have to start somewhere. The MLA Get Fit Challenge is open to individuals or groups, and anyone associated with St. Mary's University, and St. Mary's University School of Law can take part in the challenge. That means undergraduates, graduates, law students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni are all invited to take part.

The MLA Get Fit Challenge is a test of your own endurance, dedication, discipline, and determination. If you are interested and would like to know more about the MLA Get Fit Challenge then please contact Mark Poling at [mplastmarys@gmail.com](mailto:mplastmarys@gmail.com) and look for more announcements to come in the *Witan*, the *Rattler*, and elsewhere. We hope all of you take on the challenge.

## EVENING SBA CANDIDATE MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**Candidate meetings** for the newly vacated ESBA Treasurer position and a 3L Senator position will be held **September 27 through September 29, 2011**. Times for the meetings will be **Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**, with some flexibility in those times upon request. **Elections** will be held **October 4 through October 6**, and campaigning will not be allowed until that week. Any campaigning before that date will automatically disqualify you, as per the election code. For a detailed list of policies from the code, as well as for a list of rules and requirements for candidates, check out the SBA Bylaws online or in the SBA office in the Raba Building. If you would like more information on elections, the election code, or the SBA Bylaws, contact Matthew Howard at [MBryantHoward@gmail.com](mailto:MBryantHoward@gmail.com), or come by the SBA office.

## INTERSESSION PROGRAM

St. Mary's University School of Law will offer a "one time trial" Intersession Program this winter. Classes will be offered during **December 12-23, 2011 and January 1-13, 2012**. The intersession courses will be one credit each and will be skills (practical, practice oriented)

courses. These courses will be offered in intensive time increments ranging from 4-10 days. Students may take up to three courses over the intersession period. A schedule will be available later this month for your consideration. Registration will be held in October. Stay tuned for further information about this program.

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

You may be able to **receive credit for unpaid legal positions** with courts, government agencies, non-profit organizations or for a position you acquired independently through an organized and approved law school program. An email was sent recently to all students about the PCP Program which included general guidelines, the registration form for the PCP independent study, a student summary of the program and a checklist for the program. Please contact **Ms. Amanda Rivas, Associate Director, PCP Program** for more information or questions. You may contact Ms. Rivas at the Center for Legal and Social Justice, (210) 431-5716 or email at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu). Ms. Rivas and Dean Bracey of the Office of Career Services will soon host a lunch program to introduce you to the program.

### **CLASS OF 2012 – 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 2011, May 2012, or August 2012** [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 30**. If you intend to graduate but did not receive a card in your student box, you can pick one up from her office.

If you **ARE NOT GRADUATING** within the next 12 months, please let Ms. Olfers know so she can remove your name from any preliminary lists.

### **FREE CHINESE LESSONS**

Professor Qi Gao, a visiting scholar from China, will offer a conversational Chinese class to law students free of charge. The class will be taught weekly on Friday, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Law Library room 106. The first class will begin October 7, 2011 and the last class will be on November 18. To sign up or for more information, please email Professor Qi Gao at [gq945@yahoo.com.cn](mailto:gq945@yahoo.com.cn). The classroom has limited seating. First come, first served.

Professor Gao has been employed by the Beihang University Law School since 2009. She specializes in private international law. She received both of her Master of Law and

Ph.D. degrees from the Institute of Law of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, one of the leading institutions of higher education in China. She is author of several articles published in Chinese academic journals. Beihang University is the partner of our law school where we hold the China summer program.

### **LAW LIBRARY TO CLOSE DURING WINTER BREAK**

The carpet in the Law Library will be replaced this coming winter. In addition, the fire alarm system will undergo a total overhaul. These two projects are necessary to keep the building safe and comfortable for students. For the construction, the Library **will be closed** from December 10, 2011 (after final exams) through January 16, 2012. No access to the building will be allowed during this period. Students are encouraged to make alternative plans accordingly. We apologize for inconveniences that this shutdown may cause you. For questions, please contact Bob Hu, Director of the Law Library.

### **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

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 events we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

#### **Attorney Opportunities with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Information Session**

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Attention Class of 2012: Interested in working as a Federal attorney? HUD’s Legal Honors Program is the Department’s recruitment program for entry-level attorneys. Approximately 10-20 legal honor positions are available annually in Headquarters and Field offices. The work ranges from various types of litigation, to policy development, to real estate transactional work. Interns (this is what they call their entry-level attorneys) are paid at the GS-11 level and enjoy full federal benefits. Come to this presentation to learn more. Brian Surratt, JD who works in the HUD San Antonio Field Office and is the current Legal Honors Intern for that office will be here to discuss the application process and the position. Lunch will be served.

#### **Get Credit for your Unpaid Job**

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Atrium, Law Administration Building

Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of the Practice Credit Program (PCP), 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 new externship program starting in the spring is the right fit for you. Lunch will be served.

#### **The Practice of Criminal Law: The Trial of a High Profile Case**

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Carlos Valdez, Corpus Christi City Attorney and Alison Logan, Assistant City Attorney and St. Mary's Alum, will present on the aspects of criminal law and particularly the "Selena" trial that Mr. Valdez prosecuted. This program is a must attend for anyone who would be interested in learning more about criminal law. This program will cover the legal theory of the case which is different than last year's program. \*Note this employer hired St. Mary's students for summer internships in 2011 and will most likely hire again for the summer of 2012. They recruit through the Corpus Christi Legal Job Fair held in early March. This event is co-sponsored by HLSA and the Office of Career Services. Lunch will be served.

### **Construction Law Lunch**

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

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 to find jobs in this area. If you are truly interested in construction law and wish to attend, please log into Symplicity at: <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 14, 2011.** We will forward the resumes to be electronically distributed to section members before the event. This will be a sit down lunch and we suggest you dress in business attire. Last year the events our office had with the section resulted in jobs so please join us for a lunch hour of terrific networking. This program is for Classes of 2012 and 2013.

### **Legal Services for the Poor Luncheon Seminar**

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

The program will incorporate talks from Catherine Nahay of Texas Lawyers Care, a local legal aid attorney, and an Access to Justice Intern recipient. 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. Lunch will be provided.

## **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT TEAM**

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team will hold open tryouts for first-, second-, and third-year law students **Monday, October 3, 2011**. Please email Marion Reilly, [marionmreilly@gmail.com](mailto:marionmreilly@gmail.com), to reserve your spot to try out for the Team.

Now in its 53rd year, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the world's largest moot court competition, with participants from over 500 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 will address the legality of the destruction of a cultural site, who may represent a State after a coup d'état, and State responsibility for a regional operation. Most students must first compete in national and regional 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.

If you would like to have an opportunity to advocate on behalf of St. Mary's in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, please email Marion Reilly ([marionmreilly@gmail.com](mailto:marionmreilly@gmail.com)), bring a resume and be prepared to present a 10-minute oral argument from last year's Jessup Moot Court problem – materials, sample arguments, and briefs will be placed on reserve in the law library and are available if you contact Marion Reilly or Professor Robert Summers. There will be a short interview following your presentation. If you are interested in joining the Team 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.

Candidates will be emailed with the try-out location and any last minute information. All candidates should come to the tryouts in dress appropriate for appellate argument. You may be videotaped.

## **TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The general meeting of the **Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association** will be held on Monday, **October 3, 2011** from **12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. For those members who have already paid their dues, you may pick up your T-shirts at this meeting. Come and learn about networking opportunities and upcoming speakers. If you are not a member, please join us to sign up. Everyone is invited.

## **OUTLINING WORKSHOP OFFICE OF ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Attention all 1Ls! The Office of Academic & Student Affairs will present an **Outlining Workshop on October 5, 2011 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in LC 102.** This workshop is designed to answer all of your burning questions about outlining. How long should it take to outline? How often should you outline? How should you format your outline? How long should your outline be? What information is important enough to be included in your outline? We will discuss all of these issues and more. Should you have any questions, or if we can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to contact our office at (210) 431-4340 or at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).



## CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Join St. Mary's Law School family and friends for a celebration of the **Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival** on **Saturday, October 8, 2011, 7:30 p.m.**, at the home of David and Susan Kilgore, 110 Sheffield, San Antonio, Texas, 78213. Come and learn more about the China Pioneer Program from students who have attended. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale in Sister Grace's office and through APALSA. Your donation allows you entry, refreshments and the opportunity to bid on auction items. Your donation also provides funds for the China Pioneer Scholarship.

## 2011 LONE STAR CLASSIC® – CALL FOR BAILIFFS AND MARSHALS

St. Mary's University School of Law is hosting the 2011 Lone Star Classic® on **October 13th, 14th, and 15th**. The Classic is an annual invitational mock trial tournament. This year, we are hosting teams from **sixteen law schools**. The preliminary rounds will be held on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and Friday afternoon at the **Bexar County Courthouse**. The semi-final rounds will be held in the law classroom building on Saturday morning, October 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. and the final round will be held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the law school's courtroom.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to personally observe excellent advocates from other schools. If you are interested in assisting in serving as a bailiff or marshal for the competition, or helping in any other way, (we need about 50 students) please contact Lauren Alberts or Professor Dave Schlueter. If you have any interest in advocacy or in supporting the school's advocacy programs, you are encouraged to attend the final round of the competition on Saturday afternoon, October 15th.

## INNSBRUCK FUNDRAISER

Planning on going to Innsbruck? Join us on **Friday, October 14, 2011** for some **Flint Brewed Beer and BBQ, 6:30 p.m.** at Professor **Flint's house, 108 West Mulberry Avenue**. A \$10 donation at the door gets you food, drink, and a chance at fabulous door prizes. Come and speak to students who have gone to Innsbruck. Learn about scholarship information and find out about the best Austrian hiking trails from Professor Flint. BYO Wine. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry. For more information email Sister Grace, [gwall@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwall@stmarytx.edu).

## MEXICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM 2011

Join the **Mexican American Catholic College (MACC)** for their 2011 Immigration Symposium, "Violence on the Border: Consequences and Pastoral Responses." The symposium will be held **October 19-20, 2011**, 3115 W. Ashby, San Antonio, Texas, 78228. To register or for more information please go to [www.maccsa.org](http://www.maccsa.org).

## **LAWYERS FOR TEXAS VETERANS**

**Lawyers for Texas Veterans** is a State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need. The next clinic will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter Street, on **October 21, 2011**. Law students are definitely needed at each clinic to serve as witnesses for wills and other tasks. 1Ls are welcome. Volunteers should sign up on the Pro Bono web site “sign up” sheet for CJP Veterans Clinic. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their Pro Bono forms to the clinic to be signed. Questions? Email Ann Marie Matonak at [ammatonak@gmail.com](mailto:ammatonak@gmail.com) or Victoria Bongat at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com). For veterans needing services: call (210) 212-3740 or (210) 212-3718 (appointment needed).

## **INTERFAITH PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE DEATH PENALTY**

Representatives from varying faith traditions will gather on **Monday, October 24, 2011** to discuss points of intersection and similarities among faith traditions in an effort to speak out against the death penalty. This is the first public event of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty campaign in Bexar County to bring awareness to the harrowing amount of executions happening in our area. The event will be held at 7:00 p.m., Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University. For more information email Sister Grace, [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## **RESERVE THE DATE - RED MASS**

Reserve the date, **Thursday, October 27, 2011 to celebrate Red Mass, 5:00 p.m.** at San Fernando Cathedral. More information will be forthcoming. Students, faculty and staff of all faiths are invited to attend.

## **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAW STUDENT DIVISION**

Join the American Bar Association Law Student Division today to start building your professional network and increasing your chances to land a job after graduation.

There are two easy ways to join:

- Visit [www.abaforlawstudents.org](http://www.abaforlawstudents.org)
- Call 800-285-2221

Dues are just \$25 for one year or \$60 for three years. The ABA is the largest professional voluntary association in the world. More than 38,000 law students enjoy:

- **Resume-building opportunities:** Competitions, internships, public service projects
- **Networking:** Online discussion groups, regional meetings, national conferences

- **Savings:** Discounts on Westlaw study guides, Kaplan bar review courses, Office Depot merchandise

Your membership also includes:

- **Twenty-one practice specialty groups** where you can explore different fields free of charge
- **Free magazine subscriptions** to the *ABA Journal*, which covers legal news and newsmakers, and *Student Lawyer*, which focuses on law school
- **Free podcasts and webinars** on issues related to law school and the practice of law

Start preparing for your future today!

## **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The St. Mary's Campus Recreation Department is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Fall semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please go to:

[http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus\\_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf](http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf).

## **RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATES**

Saturday, October 1 – ISSS World Cup Soccer Competition

Friday, October 7 – Rattler Shuttle – San Antonio First Friday

Friday, October 14 – RHA Halloween Dance

Sunday, October 23 – Rattler Shuttle – Enchanted Rock

Friday, October 28 – Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

Saturday, October 29 – “Dig Pink” Volleyball Game

For more information on these events, please contact Jerome Budomo at (210) 436-3017 or at [jbudomo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jbudomo@stmarytx.edu) or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, (210) 431-4340 or at [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

## **LAW LIBRARY FOOD & DRINK POLICY**

Enjoy snacks but leave no trace. Regarding beverages, all beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling. No food or drinks allowed in the computer lab or at any library computer station. Please clean up after yourself and report any spills to the Circulation Desk. As for food, please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Types of foods allowed in the library are pretzels, nuts, granola bars, grapes, raisins, bagels, or cookies. Foods that are not allowed are french fries, pizza, burgers and sandwiches, ice cream, soups and salads, or any type of food

requiring the use of utensils. Meals may be enjoyed in the second floor student lounge or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces. Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels. The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons. Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.

## **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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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

The University of Leicester presents the 2011 **Victoria Fisher Memorial Prize Essay** contest. Essay should be no more than 10,000 words relating to Women & The Law. Prize is £250. For more information, email: [lh55@le.ac.uk](mailto:lh55@le.ac.uk) or visit [www.le.ac.uk/law](http://www.le.ac.uk/law). Deadline to enter is **September 30, 2011**.

The Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association 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) or for an application, go to <https://piaba.org/system/files/pdfs/Beckley%20Writing%20Competition%20Announcement.pdf> Submission deadline is **October 3, 2011**.

The **Texas Young Lawyers Association** (TYLA) is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority law student at each of the ABA-accredited law schools in Texas. Applications are available at <http://www.tyla.org/index.cfm/resources/law-students/scholarships/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 14, 2011**.

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announced that it is sponsoring an electronic discovery (eDiscovery) legal research and writing competition aimed at encouraging U.S. law students to develop a more thorough understanding of the evolution and practice of discovery in civil litigation. The 2011 competition will ask students to address the topic: "Are further amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure necessary to help litigants address the complexities, costs and burdens associated with electronic discovery?" 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.dishnetworkediscovery.com](http://www.dishnetworkediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 15**,

**2011.**

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. Applications will be accepted through **November 11, 2011**. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2011 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 2011, and papers scheduled for publication in 2011 or 2012 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 18, 2011**.

**NEW** – Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP is pleased to announce their 2012 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/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 21, 2011**.

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted September 5, 2011 through **January 5, 2012**.

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition and full and part-time J.D. and LL.M. students 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 6, 2012**.

**The American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012**.

## **FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

The **Pittsburgh Foundation and K&L Gates LLP** are proud to offer the K&L Gates Public Interest Fellowship Program. Established in September 1999 to offer law students the opportunity to assist public service organizations located in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Each summer the program awards up to three successful candidates a fellowship that enables them to spend four weeks of their summer working at one of four designated public interest organizations. Each recipient will be paid a \$1,000/week stipend for his/her public interest service. For more information and application materials, please visit [www.klgates.com](http://www.klgates.com) or contact Jessica L. Gangjee, Regional Recruiting Manager, K&L Gates LLP, K&L Gates Center, 210 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburg, PA 15222-2613, 412.355.6547, [jessica.gangjee@klgates.com](mailto:jessica.gangjee@klgates.com) Deadline to submit application is **October 7, 2011**.

The **Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** has established internship programs at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Railroad Commission of Texas, the Office of the Attorney General (Environmental Protection and Administrative Law Division), the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas General Land Office. The program, implemented by the Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section Law School Committee, provides law students with an interest in environmental law an opportunity to obtain practical experience by funding up to five six-week summer internships, with one intern selected to work at each of the state agencies mentioned above. The deadline for receipt of the application materials is **Monday, October 10, 2011**.

#### **MARVIN M. KARPATKIN FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-06/45]**

#### **NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**

#### **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation Racial Justice Program, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation** (ACLU), founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with more than 500,000 members and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **Racial Justice Program** (RJP) of the ACLU National office in New York City invites applications for the **Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in September 2012. Application deadline is November 1, 2011.

<http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-marvin-m-karpatkin-fellowship-acluf-racial-justice-program-ny>

#### **FALL 2012 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

#### **William J. Brennan First Amendment Fellowship**

#### **NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**

American Civil Liberties Union Foundation

Speech, Privacy and Technology Project, NY

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<http://www.aclu.org/job/william-j-brennan-first-amendment-fellowship-speech-privacy-and-technology-project-ny>

**NATIONAL SECURITY FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-52]  
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American Civil Liberties Union Foundation  
National Security Project, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU)**, founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with more than 500,000 members, and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **National Security Project** of the ACLU's National office in New York City is seeking applicants for the **National Security Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in **September 2012**. Application deadline is November 1, 2011.

<http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-national-security-fellowship-national-security-project-ny>

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## LARRY G. HYDEN MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION FINALISTS AND WINNERS

The **Board of Advocates** is pleased to announce the winners of the 2011 Larry G. Hyden Mock Trial Competition. They are **Nick Guinn** and **Brandon Strey**. Finalists were **Steven Tays** and **Chris McMillan**. Best speaker was Steven Tays. The final round took place in the Law School Courtroom on Friday, September 23, 2011. Final round judges were the Honorable Ron Rangel, Bexar County 379th District Court Judge, Presiding; Ms. Veronica Legarreta, Legarreta, Belcher & Owen, LLP; and Mr. Tanner Neidhardt, Bexar County Assistant District Attorney. Please join the Board of Advocates in congratulating these distinguished advocates!

## INTER-SESSION REGISTRATION FOR FALL AND SPRING 2012 REGISTRATION

An email to all students was sent last week regarding schedules for Inter-session in the Fall and Spring 2012 registration. First year students will be registered automatically. For second and third year students, please register online. The limit on inter-session courses is three (3) hours total for the intersession. Each course is for one hour of credit. There are no finals. All courses are skills based and grades are assigned on homework, project, and exercises. Courses are graded and no intersession course meets a core requirement.

**3L Registration** – 8:00 a.m., October 17 through midnight October 22, 2011. 3L students may register for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

**2L Registration** – 8:00 a.m., October 24 through October 29, 2011. 2L students may register for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Semester 1L** – 8:00 a.m., October 31 through midnight November 5, 2011. 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester 1L students may register for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

**All year groups** may register beginning at 8:00 a.m., November 7 through midnight November 12, 2011 for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

If there is a hold on your registration, you will be blocked from registering. Please clear any holds on your account with the Business Office. You may visit them in the University Center, First Floor, email [businessoffice@stmarytx.edu](mailto:businessoffice@stmarytx.edu), or telephone at 210.436.3731.

## SPRING REGISTRATION - OFFICE OF ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

Spring 2012 registration is around the corner. The **Office of Academic & Student Affairs** is here to help you with **course advising**. Set up an appointment to discuss graduation requirements, courses tested on the bar, and making a manageable schedule. We are here to answer all of your questions regarding schedules. Contact our office at (210) 431-4340 or at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) to schedule an appointment. We look forward to meeting with you.

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT WANTED

Professor Reamey is interested in hiring one or more research assistants. Work primarily will involve issues of Texas and constitutional criminal procedure, although some comparative procedure work also may be required. Applicants must have completed the course in Constitutional Criminal Procedure. Interested students should forward a resume and contact information to Prof. Reamey at [greamey@stmarytx.edu](mailto:greamey@stmarytx.edu).

### ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW OPEN TRYOUTS – JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT TEAM

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team will hold open tryouts for first, second-, and third-year law students **Monday, October 3, 2011**. Please email Marion Reilly, [marionmreilly@gmail.com](mailto:marionmreilly@gmail.com), to reserve your spot to try out for the Team.

Now in its 53rd year, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the world's largest moot court competition, with participants from over 500 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 will address the legality of the destruction of a cultural site, who may represent a State after a coup d'état, and State responsibility for a regional operation. Most students must first compete in national and regional 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.

If you would like to have an opportunity to advocate on behalf of St. Mary's in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, please email Marion Reilly ([marionmreilly@gmail.com](mailto:marionmreilly@gmail.com)), bring a resume and be prepared to present a 10-minute oral argument from last year's Jessup Moot Court problem – materials, sample arguments, and briefs will be placed on reserve in the law library and are available if you contact Marion Reilly or Professor Robert Summers. There will be a short interview following your presentation. If you are interested in joining the Team 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.

Candidates will be emailed with the try-out location and any last minute information. All candidates should come to the tryouts in dress appropriate for appellate argument. You may be videotaped.

## **TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The general meeting of the **Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association** will be held on Monday, **October 3, 2011** from **12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. For those members who have already paid their dues, you may pick up your T-shirts at this meeting. Come and learn about networking opportunities and upcoming speakers. If you are not a member, please join us to sign up. Everyone is invited.

## **AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY MEETING**

The **American Constitution Society** (ACS) believes that law should be a force to improve the lives of all people. ACS works for positive change by shaping debate on vitally important legal and constitutional issues through development and promotion of high-impact ideas to opinion leaders and the media; by building networks of lawyers, law students, judges and policymakers dedicated to those ideas; and by countering the activist conservative legal movement that has sought to erode our enduring constitutional values. You can find more information on our local chapter on our TWEN site, or on the national organization at [www.acslaw.org/](http://www.acslaw.org/).

ACS will hold their first meeting on **Tuesday, October 4, 2011** from **12:15 to 1:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, recent St. Mary's Law School graduate Jessica Sprague will speak regarding the recent legislative expansion of protective orders and other domestic violence matters. **Additionally, ACS and the Federalist Society** will be presenting a discussion on **Wednesday, October 5, 2011** from **12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room** regarding the topic: "Is Intelligent Design Necessarily a Religious Theory for Purposes of the Establishment Clause?" Everyone is welcome to attend both events, and lunch will be provided.

## **MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION – GET FIT CHALLENGE**

Come to the **MLA Get Fit Challenge** information session in the **Alumni Room** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library on **Wednesday, October 5, 2011** from **4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

What's that I hear you say? Why should you come? I'll tell you why! Are you still carrying around those freshmen 15? Does being a 1L, 2L, 3L, or 4L mean you have to carry around extra Lbs.? Or are you fit as a fiddle and simply looking for a challenge?

The **Military Law Association** along with the **St. Mary's Campus Recreation Department** is sponsoring our inaugural Get Fit Challenge. We say inaugural because The MLA Get Fit Challenge will occur on an annual basis every fall semester, but you have to start somewhere. The MLA Get Fit Challenge is open to individuals or groups, and anyone associated with St. Mary's University, and St. Mary's University School of Law can take part in the challenge. That means undergraduates, graduates, law students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni are all invited to take part.

The MLA Get Fit Challenge is a test of your own endurance, dedication, discipline, and determination. If you are interested and would like to know more about the MLA Get Fit Challenge then please come to the MLA Get Fit Challenge information session in the Alumni Room in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Any questions? Email Mark Poling at [mlastmarys@gmail.com](mailto:mlastmarys@gmail.com).

### **OUTLINING WORKSHOP OFFICE OF ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Attention all 1Ls! The Office of Academic & Student Affairs will present an **Outlining Workshop on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in LC 102**. This workshop is designed to answer all of your burning questions about outlining. How long should it take to outline? How often should you outline? How should you format your outline? How long should your outline be? What information is important enough to be included in your outline? We will discuss all of these issues and more. Should you have any questions, or if we can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to contact our office at (210) 431-4340 or at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

### **EQUALING THE PLAYING FIELD: CREATING MARRIAGE PROTECTIONS FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP**

**OUTLaw**, St. Mary's LGBT law student organization, is presenting “**Equaling the Playing Field: Creating Marriage Protections for Your Partnership**” on **Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. A panel of local attorneys will discuss the legal issues confronting couples who legally cannot marry in Texas and what legal options couples have if they break up. It will be a great opportunity to learn about the practical challenges facing couples and current law applicable to them.

### **FREE CHINESE LESSONS**

Professor Qi Gao, a visiting scholar from China, will offer a conversational **Chinese class** to law students **free of charge**. The class will be taught weekly on Friday, **2:00 – 3:00 p.m.** in Law Library **room 106**. **The first class will begin Friday, October 7, 2011** and the last class will be on November 18. To sign up or for more information, please email Professor Qi Gao at [gq945@yahoo.com.cn](mailto:gq945@yahoo.com.cn). The classroom has limited seating.

Professor Gao has been employed by the Beihang University Law School since 2009. She specializes in private international law. She received both of her Master of Law and Ph.D. degrees from the Institute of Law of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, one of the leading institutions of higher education in China. She is author of several articles published in Chinese academic journals. Beihang University is the partner of our law school where we hold the China summer program.

## **LAW LIBRARY TO CLOSE DURING WINTER BREAK**

The carpet in the Law Library will be replaced this coming winter. In addition, the fire alarm system will undergo a total overhaul. These two projects are necessary to keep the building safe and comfortable for students. For the construction, the Library **will be closed** from December 10, 2011 (after final exams) through January 16, 2012. No access to the building will be allowed during this period. Students are encouraged to make alternative plans accordingly. We apologize for inconveniences that this shutdown may cause you. For questions, please contact Bob Hu, Director of the Law Library.

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

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 events we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **Get Credit for your Unpaid Job**

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Atrium, Law Administration Building

Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of the Practice Credit Program (PCP), 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 new externship program starting in the spring is the right fit for you. Lunch will be served.

### **The Practice of Criminal Law: The Trial of a High Profile Case**

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Carlos Valdez, Corpus Christi City Attorney and Alison Logan, Assistant City Attorney and St. Mary's Alum, will present on the aspects of criminal law and particularly the "Selena" trial that Mr. Valdez prosecuted. This program is a must attend for anyone who would be interested in learning more about criminal law. This program will cover the legal theory of the case which is different than last year's program. \*Note this employer hired St. Mary's students for summer internships in 2011 and will most likely hire again for the summer of 2012. They recruit through the Corpus Christi Legal Job Fair held in early March. This event is co-sponsored by HLSA and the Office of Career Services. Lunch will be served.

### **Construction Law Lunch**

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

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 to find jobs in this area. If you are truly interested in construction law and wish to attend, please log into Symplicity at: <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 14, 2011.** We will forward the resumes to be electronically distributed to section members before the event. This will be a sit down lunch and we suggest you dress in business attire. Last year the events our office had with the section resulted in jobs so please join us for a lunch hour of terrific networking. This program is for Classes of 2012 and 2013.

### **Legal Services for the Poor Luncheon Seminar**

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

The program will incorporate talks from Catherine Nahay of Texas Lawyers Care, a local legal aid attorney, and an Access to Justice Intern recipient. 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. Lunch will be provided.

### **CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL**

Join St. Mary's Law School family and friends for a celebration of the **Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival** on **Saturday, October 8, 2011, 7:30 p.m.**, at the home of David and Susan Kilgore, 110 Sheffield, San Antonio, Texas, 78213. Come and learn more about the China Pioneer Program from students who have attended. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale in Sister Grace's office and through APALSA. Your donation allows you entry, refreshments and the opportunity to bid on auction items. Your donation also provides funds for the China Pioneer Scholarship.

### **INNBRUCK INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

On **Tuesday, October 11, 2011**, at **12:00 noon**, and at **5:00 p.m.**, **Law Classroom 104**, Professors Michael Ariens and Bernard Reams, co-directors of the **2012 Innsbruck Institute on World Legal Problems**, will provide information to students interested in attending the Program. The 2012 Distinguishing Visiting Jurist is the Honorable Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. This will be Justice Scalia's fourth visit to the Innsbruck Program. He will teach a course on separation of powers during the first two weeks of the program.

The meeting will offer information about the program of instruction, housing, transportation and other issues. If you cannot attend, please see Profs. Ariens or Reams at your convenience.

Food will be served for students attending the meeting.

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**2011 LONE STAR CLASSIC® – CALL FOR BAILIFFS AND MARSHALS**

St. Mary’s University School of Law is hosting the 2011 Lone Star Classic® on **October 13th, 14th, and 15th**. The Classic is an annual invitational mock trial tournament. This year, we are hosting teams from **sixteen law schools**. The preliminary rounds will be held on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and Friday afternoon at the **Bexar County Courthouse**. The semi-final rounds will be held in the law classroom building on Saturday morning, October 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. and the final round will be held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the law school’s courtroom.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to personally observe excellent advocates from other schools. If you are interested in assisting in serving as a bailiff or marshal for the competition, or helping in any other way, (we need about 50 students) please contact Lauren Alberts or Professor Dave Schlueter. If you have any interest in advocacy or in supporting the school’s advocacy programs, you are encouraged to attend the final round of the competition on Saturday afternoon, October 15th.

**INNSBRUCK FUNDRAISER**

Planning on going to Innsbruck? Join us on **Friday, October 14, 2011** for some **Flint Brewed Beer and BBQ, 6:30 p.m.** at Professor **Flint’s house, 108 West Mulberry Avenue**. A \$10 donation at the door gets you food, drink, and a chance at fabulous door prizes. Come and



speak to students who have gone to Innsbruck. Learn about scholarship information and find out about the best Austrian hiking trails from Professor Flint. BYO Wine. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry. For more information email Sister Grace, [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## **MEXICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM 2011**

Join the **Mexican American Catholic College (MACC)** for their 2011 Immigration Symposium, "Violence on the Border: Consequences and Pastoral Responses." The symposium will be held **October 19-20, 2011**, 3115 W. Ashby, San Antonio, Texas, 78228. For registration or for more information, go to [www.maccsa.org](http://www.maccsa.org). Scholarships are available for interested law students.

## **LAWYERS FOR TEXAS VETERANS**

**Lawyers for Texas Veterans** is a State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need. The next clinic will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter Street, on **October 21, 2011**. Law students are definitely needed at each clinic to serve as witnesses for wills and other tasks. 1Ls are welcome. Volunteers should sign up on the Pro Bono web site "sign up" sheet for CJP Veterans Clinic. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their Pro Bono forms to the clinic to be signed. Questions? Email Ann Marie Matonak at [ammatonak@gmail.com](mailto:ammatonak@gmail.com) or Victoria Bongat at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com). For veterans needing services: call (210) 212-3740 or (210) 212-3718 (appointment needed).

## **INTERFAITH PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE DEATH PENALTY**

Representatives from varying faith traditions will gather on **Monday, October 24, 2011** to discuss points of intersection and similarities among faith traditions in an effort to speak out against the death penalty. This is the first public event of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty campaign in Bexar County to bring awareness to the harrowing amount of executions happening in our area. The event will be held at 7:00 p.m., Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University. For more information email Sister Grace, [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## **RESERVE THE DATE – RED MASS**

Reserve the date, **Thursday, October 27, 2011 to celebrate Red Mass, 5:00 p.m.** at San Fernando Cathedral. More information will be forthcoming. Students, faculty and staff of all faiths are invited to attend.

## **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAW STUDENT DIVISION**

Join the American Bar Association Law Student Division today to start building your professional network and increasing your chances to land a job after graduation. There are two

easy ways to join. Visit [www.abaforlawstudents.org](http://www.abaforlawstudents.org) or telephone 800-285-2221. Dues are just \$25 for one year or \$60 for three years. The ABA is the largest professional voluntary association in the world.

## **STUDENT ANIMAL LEAGUE DEFENSE FUND - OCTOBER EVENTS**

### **First Annual Boxer Boogie!**

Austin Boxer Rescue Alamo Chapter Presents their 1st Annual Boxer Boogie! **3k/5k Walk Run** with Chip Timing. All proceeds will go to the Alamo Chapter helping Boxers in need.

When: October 9, 2011

Where: McAllister Park, **13102 Jones Maltsberger Road, San Antonio, TX 78247**

Time: Race starts at 8:00 a.m.

Online Registration: [www.boxerboogierun.com](http://www.boxerboogierun.com)

Registration Fees:

5K walk/run - \$35 until Oct 2, 2011 (after Oct 2 = \$40; day of \$45)

3K walk/run - \$30 until Oct, 2011 (after Oct 2 = \$35; day of \$40)

Kids 3K/5K Walk/Run - \$10 until Oct 2 (after Oct 2 = \$15; day of \$20)

Canine Cookout. Food & Drinks!

Free T-Shirt.

Free Pair of Boxers. (First 150 Registered Runners)

Pets welcome! Costume Contest! - Prizes!

### **Paws on the Patio; San Antonio Humane Society**

Is your dog the fanciest, funniest or scariest canine out there? We can't wait to see what costume you come up with for your four-legged friend as the San Antonio Humane Society hosts its annual Paws on the Patio human-and-dog dinner at Canyon Cafe in the Alamo Quarry Market!

This howlin' good time kicks off at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011 and wraps up at 8:00 p.m. All proceeds from the doggie dinner and photo contest benefits SAHS.

When: Monday, October 24, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Canyon Café, Alamo Quarry Market 255 E. Basse, Suite 600

Time: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Open to the Public

### **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Animal Law Conference - Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon**

**SOLD OUT!** However, the Webinar is still available for the event.

When: Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 16

Where: Online

Time: Check times online

Webinar registrants will receive login information the week of the conference, enabling them to view conference panel sessions and the Saturday Keynote Address live from their computers.

Registrants will have the flexibility to jump back and forth between most panel sessions during the entirety of the conference. Please note, webinar registrants must download a free program in advance, which will allow live viewing. For complete details and webinar pricing, [please visit the conference website and click on the "Registration & Pricing" option.](#) \$25.00 for students.

[https://law.lclark.edu/student\\_groups/student\\_animal\\_legal\\_defense\\_fund/animal\\_law\\_conference/current/registration/](https://law.lclark.edu/student_groups/student_animal_legal_defense_fund/animal_law_conference/current/registration/)

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Greyt Greyhound and Friends Pet Fair**

When: Saturday, October 15, 2011

Where: Graff Pavilion in O.P. Schnabel Park, 9606 Bandera Road, San Antonio, Texas

Time: 10:00 a.m.

The 2011 Greyt Greyhounds and Friends Fair, a spectacular collection of events, games, contests, food, and entertainment. Returning favorites, new and updated events, and even a surprise or two will take place throughout the day. Games with prizes, awesome silent auction tables, canine and companion contests and games, raffles, and a shopping area with vendors galore are some of the festivities that await you. Our Fair has received a very enthusiastic “TWO PAWS UP” for the past nine years! There is no charge to attend; however, donations benefit the H.O.T. Hounds of Heart of Texas Greyhound Adoption, Inc. All Proceeds to Benefit the H.O.T. Hounds of Heart of Texas Greyhound Adoption, Inc. [http:// www.heartoftexasgreyhounds.com](http://www.heartoftexasgreyhounds.com) 501(c)3, non-profit, tax exempt organization.

## **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The St. Mary’s Campus Recreation Department is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Fall semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please go to:

[http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus\\_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf](http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf).

## **RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATES**

Friday, October 7 – Rattler Shuttle – San Antonio First Friday

Friday, October 14 – RHA Halloween Dance

Sunday, October 23 – Rattler Shuttle – Enchanted Rock

Friday, October 28 – Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

Saturday, October 29 – “Dig Pink” Volleyball Game

For more information on these events, please contact Jerome Budomo at (210) 436-3017 or at [jbudomo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jbudomo@stmarytx.edu) or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, (210) 431-4340 or at [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

## **LAW LIBRARY FOOD & DRINK POLICY**

Enjoy snacks but leave no trace. Regarding beverages, all beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling. No food or drinks allowed in the computer lab or at any library computer station. Please clean up after yourself and report any spills to the Circulation Desk. As for food, please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid

foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Types of foods allowed in the library are pretzels, nuts, granola bars, grapes, raisins, bagels, or cookies. Foods that are not allowed are french fries, pizza, burgers and sandwiches, ice cream, soups and salads, or any type of food requiring the use of utensils. Meals may be enjoyed in the second floor student lounge or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces. Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels. The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons. Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.

## **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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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

The **Texas Young Lawyers Association** (TYLA) is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority law student at each of the ABA-accredited law schools in Texas. Applications are available at <http://www.tyla.org/index.cfm/resources/law-students/scholarships/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 14, 2011**.

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announced that it is sponsoring an electronic discovery (eDiscovery) legal research and writing competition aimed at encouraging U.S. law students to develop a more thorough understanding of the evolution and practice of discovery in civil litigation. The 2011 competition will ask students to address the topic: "Are further amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure necessary to help litigants address the complexities, costs and burdens associated with electronic discovery?" 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.dishnetworkediscovery.com](http://www.dishnetworkediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 15, 2011**.

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. Applications will be accepted through **November 11, 2011**. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2011 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 2011, and papers scheduled for publication in 2011 or 2012 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 18, 2011**.

Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP is pleased to announce their 2012 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/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 21, 2011**.

**NEW** – The **Animal Law Section** of the **State Bar of Texas** announces its first annual student writing competition. The purpose of the Animal Law Section is to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations and court decisions relating to legal issues involving animals. With this competition, the Section seeks to encourage students at Texas law schools to engage in the study, and enter the practice, of animal law. Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., CST on **December 5, 2011**. For details, go to <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

**NEW** – The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for Fourth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to “The Importance of Toward Liquor Control to Modern Alcohol Policy. Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information, please visit their website at [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 19, 2011**.

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff’s commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted September 5, 2011 through **January 5, 2012**.

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition and full and part-time J.D. and LL.M. students 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 6, 2012**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012**.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The **Pittsburgh Foundation and K&L Gates LLP** are proud to offer the K&L Gates Public Interest Fellowship Program. Established in September 1999 to offer law students the opportunity to assist public service organizations located in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Each summer the program awards up to three successful candidates a fellowship that enables them to spend four weeks of their summer working at one of four designated public interest organizations. Each recipient will be paid a \$1,000/week stipend for his/her public interest service. For more information and application materials, please visit [www.klgates.com](http://www.klgates.com) or contact Jessica L. Gangjee, Regional Recruiting Manager, K&L Gates LLP, K&L Gates Center, 210 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburg, PA 15222-2613, 412.355.6547, [jessica.gangjee@klgates.com](mailto:jessica.gangjee@klgates.com) Deadline to submit application is **October 7, 2011**.

The **Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** has established internship programs at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Railroad Commission of Texas, the Office of the Attorney General (Environmental Protection and Administrative Law Division), the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas General Land Office. The program, implemented by the Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section Law School Committee, provides law students with an interest in environmental law an opportunity to obtain practical experience by funding up to five six-week summer internships, with one intern selected to work at each of the state agencies mentioned above. The deadline for receipt of the application materials is **Monday, October 10, 2011**.

### **MARVIN M. KARPATKIN FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-06/45]**

#### **NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**

##### **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation Racial Justice Program, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation** (ACLU), founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with more than 500,000 members and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **Racial Justice Program** (RJP) of the ACLU National office in New York City invites applications for the **Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in September 2012. Application deadline is November 1, 2011. <http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-marvin-m-karpatkin-fellowship-acluf-racial-justice-program-ny>

### **FALL 2012 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

#### **William J. Brennan First Amendment Fellowship**

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**NATIONAL SECURITY FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-52]**

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## INNBRUCK INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On **Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 12:00 noon**, and at **5:00 p.m.**, **Law Classroom 104**, Professors Michael Ariens and Bernard Reams, co-directors of the **2012 Innsbruck Institute on World Legal Problems**, will provide information to students interested in attending the Program. The 2012 Distinguishing Visiting Jurist is the Honorable Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. This will be Justice Scalia's fourth visit to the Innsbruck Program. He will teach a course on separation of powers during the first two weeks of the program.

The meeting will offer information about the program of instruction, housing, transportation and other issues. If you cannot attend, please see Profs. Ariens or Reams at your convenience.

Food will be served for students attending the meeting.

## INTERSESSION REGISTRATION FOR FALL AND SPRING 2012 REGISTRATION

An email to all students was sent last week regarding schedules for Intersession in the Fall and Spring 2012 registration. First year students will be registered automatically for Spring 2012. Second and third year students, please register online. The limit on intersession courses is three (3) hours total for the intersession. Each course is for one hour of credit. There are no finals. All courses are skills based and grades are assigned on homework, project, and exercises. Courses are graded and no intersession course meets a core requirement.

**3L Registration** – 8:00 a.m., October 17 through midnight October 22, 2011. 3L students may register for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

**2L Registration** – 8:00 a.m., October 24 through October 29, 2011. 2L students may register for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Semester 1L** – 8:00 a.m., October 31 through midnight November 5, 2011. 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester 1L students may register for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

**All year groups** may register beginning at 8:00 a.m., November 7 through midnight November 12, 2011 for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

If there is a hold on your registration, you will be blocked from registering. Please clear any holds on your account with the Business Office. You may visit them in the University Center, First Floor, email [businessoffice@stmarytx.edu](mailto:businessoffice@stmarytx.edu), or telephone at 210.436.3731.

## SPRING REGISTRATION - OFFICE OF ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

Spring 2012 registration is around the corner. The **Office of Academic & Student**

**Affairs** is here to help you with **course advising**. Set up an appointment to discuss graduation requirements, courses tested on the bar, and making a manageable schedule. We are here to answer all of your questions regarding schedules. Contact our office at (210) 431-4340 or at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) to schedule an appointment. We look forward to meeting with you.

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**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE**

The **American Association for Justice**, previously the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, will hold its first meeting on **Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. in the Law Library Foyer**. This will be a basic first meeting to elect officers and speak to potential members. Everyone is welcome to join us. Come hear all about this new organization, networking opportunities and more! For questions or more information please contact Dustin Andreas at [d\\_andreas01@yahoo.com](mailto:d_andreas01@yahoo.com)

**FEDERALIST SOCIETY MEETING**

The next meeting of the [Federalist Society](#) will be **Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium** in the Law Administration building. Local practitioner **Max Goss** will be our honored guest, and his presentation will be “**Constitutional Originalism.**” All students, faculty, and administration are welcome, and food will be provided.

Maxwell Goss pursued graduate study in philosophy at Western Michigan University and Oxford University, and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Texas in 2006. In 2009, Max

received his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame Law School, where he served as Executive Articles Editor of the *Notre Dame Law Review*. At Notre Dame Law School, he served in the Legal Aid Clinic, completed the Trial Advocacy program, and founded the Law and Humanities Forum. Max has taught logic, ethics, and the history of Western thought at Texas, Concordia University, St. Edward's University, and WMU. Max delivers scholarly lectures and popular talks on an array of legal, philosophical, apologetic, and theological topics. Max is an attorney with the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. in San Antonio, Texas, where he practices commercial litigation.

For more information about our Federalist Society chapter, including our calendar of events, join our TWEN page.

**WHITE HOUSE CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE EVENT**  
*Thursday, October 13, 2011 in Raba Foyer - Lunch Provided*

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

*How To Use Your Time At St. Mary's Toward The Common Goal of Public Service:  
Presenting Pro Bono Opportunities*

**1:00-2:30 p.m.**

*Attorney General Eric Holder Calls On Law Students To Step Up Pro Bono Efforts:  
Live-Stream From The White House*

**SBA COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
**SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK WORKDAY & POP TAB COLLECTION**

All law students are invited to participate in the Student Bar Association **Community Service Committee's** semiannual volunteer day at the **San Antonio Food Bank, 5200 Old Highway 90 West, 78227**. The Food Bank relies on volunteers to help feed over 58,000 individuals each week. Please come out and help on **Friday, October 14, 2011** from **1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** We will be working in the warehouse sorting salvaged edible and non-edible food products. Due to safety concerns, all volunteers must wear close-toed shoes (no sandals or flip flops). Participating 1Ls will receive points for their section towards the Cardozo cup. Interested in volunteering? Please RSVP with Chris McMillan at [cdmcmillan@gmail.com](mailto:cdmcmillan@gmail.com) by Wednesday, October 12 to secure a spot.

Also, we have started a **Pop Tab Collection** in the Classroom Building. Please bring in pop tabs from aluminum cans and place them in your section's container (water jug) to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Each month, the section with the most pop tabs, by weight, will receive points towards receiving the Cardozo cup.

## **2011 LONE STAR CLASSIC® – CALL FOR BAILIFFS AND MARSHALS**

St. Mary's University School of Law is hosting the 2011 Lone Star Classic® on **October 13th, 14th, and 15th**. The Classic is an annual invitational mock trial tournament. This year, we are hosting teams from **sixteen law schools**. The preliminary rounds will be held on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and Friday afternoon at the **Bexar County Courthouse**. The semi-final rounds will be held in the law classroom building on Saturday morning, October 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. and the final round will be held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the law school's courtroom.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to personally observe excellent advocates from other schools. If you are interested in assisting in serving as a bailiff or marshal for the competition, or helping in any other way, (we need about 50 students) please contact Lauren Alberts or Professor Dave Schlueter. If you have any interest in advocacy or in supporting the school's advocacy programs, you are encouraged to attend the final round of the competition on Saturday afternoon, October 15th.

## **INNSBRUCK FUNDRAISER**

Planning on going to Innsbruck? Join us on **Friday, October 14, 2011** for some **Flint Brewed Beer and BBQ, 6:30 p.m.** at Professor Flint's house, **108 West Mulberry Avenue**. A \$10 donation at the door gets you food, drink, and a chance at fabulous door prizes. Come and speak to students who have gone to Innsbruck. Learn about scholarship information and find out about the best Austrian hiking trails from Professor Flint. BYO Wine. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry. For more information email Sister Grace, [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## **INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION**

The **International Law Association** will hold its first meeting of the academic year in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library on **Monday, October 17, 2011**, at **12:00 p.m.** Those desiring to join the organization can do so then. The agenda will include a discussion of international studies, including international legal studies at St. Mary's as well as possible State Department internships. Food will be served for those members in attendance.

## **MEXICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM 2011**

Join the **Mexican American Catholic College** (MACC) for their 2011 Immigration Symposium, "Violence on the Border: Consequences and Pastoral Responses." The symposium will be held **October 19-20, 2011**, 3115 W. Ashby, San Antonio, Texas, 78228. For registration or for more information, go to [www.maccsa.org](http://www.maccsa.org). Scholarships are available for interested law students.

## LAWYERS FOR TEXAS VETERANS

**Lawyers for Texas Veterans** is a State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need. The next clinic will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter Street, on **October 21, 2011**. Law students are definitely needed at each clinic to serve as witnesses for wills and other tasks. 1Ls are welcome. Volunteers should sign up on the Pro Bono web site “sign up” sheet for CJP Veterans Clinic. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their Pro Bono forms to the clinic to be signed. Questions? Email Ann Marie Matonak at [ammatonak@gmail.com](mailto:ammatonak@gmail.com) or Victoria Bongat at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com). For veterans needing services: call (210) 212-3740 or (210) 212-3718 (appointment needed).

## FIRST INFORMATION MEETING ON CHINA PROGRAM

Are you **interested in studying in China** next summer? Join us at the initial informational meeting with Professors Bob Hu and Vincent Johnson on **Monday, October 24, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Law Classroom 102**. We’ll tell you all about the program, travels, housing, and internship opportunities in China. Past participants of this program will share their experiences and insights. Lunch will be provided.

## INTERFAITH PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE DEATH PENALTY

Representatives from varying faith traditions will gather on **Monday, October 24, 2011** to discuss points of intersection and similarities among faith traditions in an effort to speak out against the death penalty. This is the first public event of the **Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty** campaign in Bexar County to bring awareness to the harrowing amount of executions happening in our area. The event will be held at **7:00 p.m., Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University**. RSVP for FREE Tickets at <http://tcadp.org/religious-leaders-dialogue-on-the-death-penalty> or call TCADP at 512.441.1808 / email TCADP at [info@tcadp.org](mailto:info@tcadp.org).

## RESERVE THE DATE – RED MASS

Reserve the date, **Thursday, October 27, 2011 to celebrate Red Mass, 5:00 p.m.** at San Fernando Cathedral. More information will be forthcoming. Students, faculty and staff of all faiths are invited to attend.

## 2012 ABA JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

Planning for the **2012 ABA Judicial Clerkship Program** is already well underway. The 2012 program will take place **February 2-4, 2012** at the ABA Midyear Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

Students participate in panel discussions, a research and writing exercise, and informal

social events to develop networking skills and opportunities. The program simulates the clerkship experience, exposes students to what judicial clerks do on a daily basis, broadens their career options, shows how to apply for a judicial clerkship, and demonstrates the benefits of clerking. Students also have the opportunity to be considered for the ABA Business Law Section's Diversity Clerkship Program and for the ABA Litigation Section's Judicial Internship Opportunity Program, two prestigious summer placement opportunities.

**If you are interested please RSVP by October 31, 2011** under the Events tab in Symplicity under Workshops. If there is enough interest we will pursue the option of funding students to attend this event. Space is limited and only those who are serious about attending should RSVP.

### **STUDENT ANIMAL LEAGUE DEFENSE FUND - OCTOBER EVENTS**

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Animal Law Conference - Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon**  
SOLD OUT! However, the Webinar is still available for the event.

When: Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 16

Where: Online

Time: Check times online

Webinar registrants will receive login information the week of the conference, enabling them to view conference panel sessions and the Saturday Keynote Address live from their computers. Registrants will have the flexibility to jump back and forth between most panel sessions during the entirety of the conference. Please note, webinar registrants must download a free program in advance, which will allow live viewing. For complete details and webinar pricing, please visit the conference website and click on the "Registration & Pricing" option. \$25.00 for students.  
[https://law.lclark.edu/student\\_groups/student\\_animal\\_legal\\_defense\\_fund/animal\\_law\\_conference/current/registration/](https://law.lclark.edu/student_groups/student_animal_legal_defense_fund/animal_law_conference/current/registration/)

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Greyt Greyhound and Friends Pet Fair**

When: Saturday, October 15, 2011

Where: Graff Pavilion in O.P. Schnabel Park, 9606 Bandera Road, San Antonio, Texas

Time: 10:00 a.m.

The 2011 Greyt Greyhounds and Friends Fair, a spectacular collection of events, games, contests, food, and entertainment. Returning favorites, new and updated events, and even a surprise or two will take place throughout the day. Games with prizes, awesome silent auction tables, canine and companion contests and games, raffles, and a shopping area with vendors galore are some of the festivities that await you. Our Fair has received a very enthusiastic "TWO PAWS UP" for the past nine years! There is no charge to attend; however, donations benefit the H.O.T. Hounds of Heart of Texas Greyhound Adoption, Inc. All Proceeds to Benefit the H.O.T. Hounds of Heart of Texas Greyhound Adoption, Inc. [http:// www.heartoftexasgreyhounds.com](http://www.heartoftexasgreyhounds.com) 501(c)3, non-profit, tax exempt organization.

**Paws on the Patio; San Antonio Humane Society**

Is your dog the fanciest, funniest or scariest canine out there? We can't wait to see what costume



you come up with for your four-legged friend as the San Antonio Humane Society hosts its annual Paws on the Patio human-and-dog dinner at Canyon Cafe in the Alamo Quarry Market! This howlin' good time kicks off at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011 and wraps up at 8:00 p.m. All proceeds from the doggie dinner and photo contest benefits SAHS.

When: Monday, October 24, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Canyon Café, Alamo Quarry Market 255 E. Basse, Suite 600

Time: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Open to the Public

## DESIGNATED DRIVER INITIATIVE

The **Student Bar Association** (SBA) is offering an opportunity for students to earn community service hours by volunteering to be a **designated driver** at one of the SBA hosted events. The purpose of this **initiative** is to encourage students to car pool with a designated driver to events where alcohol is served. Forms are available online on the SBA TWEN site under the Designated Driver tab or in the mailboxes in front of the SBA office. Forms must be turned in by 5:00 p.m. the day before the event. Students will earn two (2) hours of community service for each event they choose to be a designated driver. Please email [sba@stmarysba.com](mailto:sba@stmarysba.com) if you have any questions. Below is the list of events to sign up and take advantage of this opportunity:

- Octoberfest Innsbruck Flint Scholarship Fundraiser – Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.
- Distinguished Alumni Dinner – Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Marriott Rivercenter
- Hispanic Fest – Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m.
- Halloween Party – Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 p.m.

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

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 events we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **The Practice of Criminal Law: The Trial of a High Profile Case**

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Carlos Valdez, Corpus Christi City Attorney and Alison Logan, Assistant City Attorney and St. Mary's Alum, will present on the aspects of criminal law and particularly the "Selena" trial that Mr. Valdez prosecuted. This program is a must attend for anyone who would be interested in learning more about criminal law. This program will cover the legal theory of the case which is different than last year's program. \*Note this employer hired St. Mary's students for summer internships in 2011 and will most likely hire again for the summer of 2012. They recruit through the Corpus Christi Legal Job Fair held in early March. This event is co-sponsored by HLSA and the Office of Career Services. Lunch will be served.



### **Construction Law Lunch**

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

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 to find jobs in this area. If you are truly interested in construction law and wish to attend, please log into Symplicity at: <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> and upload a resume to the Documents tab, if you do not already have a current resume in there, and RSVP by going to the Events tab and click on Workshops. **Resumes and RSVPs must be in the system no later than Monday, October 17, 2011.** This will be a sit down lunch, and you should dress in business attire. Last year the events our office had with the section resulted in jobs, so please join us for this networking opportunity. This program is for Class of 2012 and 2013, only.

### **Practicing Intellectual Property Law in San Antonio**

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Atrium, Law Administration building

The Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association, along with Career Services, is sponsoring a speaking event regarding practicing Intellectual Property law in San Antonio. The speaker is Derrick Pizarro, an attorney with Cox Smith in San Antonio. Mr. Pizarro has been practicing in the field of Intellectual Property for the last 9 years, and has been involved with a wide variety of clients. He will discuss the practical application of trademark, copyright, patent and business law as it can apply to a diverse base of clientele in San Antonio. Lunch will be provided.

### **Legal Services for the Poor Information Session**

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

The program will incorporate talks from Catherine Ibarra of the State Bar's Legal Services Support Division and a local legal aid attorney. 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. Lunch will be provided.

## **JOIN THE LAW STUDENT DIVISION OF THE ABA**

Join the American Bar Association Law Student Division today to start building your professional network and increasing your chances to land a job after graduation. There are two easy ways to join. Visit [www.abaforlawstudents.org](http://www.abaforlawstudents.org) or telephone 800-285-2221. Dues are just \$25 for one year or \$60 for three years. The ABA is the largest professional voluntary association in the world.

## CAMPUS RECREATION

The St. Mary's Campus Recreation Department is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Fall semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please go to:

[http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus\\_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf](http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf).

### RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATES

Friday, October 14 – Residence Hall Association Halloween Dance

Sunday, October 23 – Rattler Shuttle – Enchanted Rock

Friday, October 28 – Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

Saturday, October 29 – “Dig Pink” Volleyball Game

For more information on these events, please contact Jerome Budomo at (210) 436-3017 or at [jbudomo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jbudomo@stmarytx.edu) or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, (210) 431-4340 or at [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

### ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

### LAW LIBRARY FOOD & DRINK POLICY

Enjoy snacks but leave no trace. Regarding beverages, all beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling. No food or drinks allowed in the computer lab or at any library computer station. Please clean up after yourself and report any spills to the Circulation Desk. As for food, please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Types of foods allowed in the library are pretzels, nuts, granola bars, grapes, raisins, bagels, or cookies. Foods that are not allowed are french fries, pizza, burgers and sandwiches, ice cream, soups and salads, or any type of food requiring the use of utensils. Meals may be enjoyed in the second floor student lounge or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces. Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels. The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons. Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.

## LAW LIBRARY TO CLOSE DURING WINTER BREAK

The carpet in the Law Library will be replaced this coming winter. In addition, the fire alarm system will undergo a total overhaul. These two projects are necessary to keep the building safe and comfortable for students. For the construction, the Library **will be closed** from December 10, 2011 (after final exams) through January 16, 2012. No access to the building will be allowed during this period. Students are encouraged to make alternative plans accordingly. We apologize for inconveniences that this shutdown may cause you. For questions, please contact Bob Hu, Director of the Law Library.

## 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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

The **Texas Young Lawyers Association** (TYLA) is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority law student at each of the ABA-accredited law schools in Texas. Applications are available at <http://www.tyla.org/index.cfm/resources/law-students/scholarships/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 14, 2011**.

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announced that it is sponsoring an electronic discovery (eDiscovery) legal research and writing competition aimed at encouraging U.S. law students to develop a more thorough understanding of the evolution and practice of discovery in civil litigation. The 2011 competition will ask students to address the topic: "Are further amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure necessary to help litigants address the complexities, costs and burdens associated with electronic discovery?" 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.dishnetworkediscovery.com](http://www.dishnetworkediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 15, 2011**.

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. Applications will be accepted through **November 11, 2011**. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2011 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 2011, and papers scheduled for publication in 2011 or 2012 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 18, 2011**.

Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP is pleased to announce their 2012 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/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 21, 2011**.

The **Animal Law Section** of the **State Bar of Texas** announces its first annual student writing competition. The purpose of the Animal Law Section is to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations and court decisions relating to legal issues involving animals. With this competition, the Section seeks to encourage students at Texas law schools to engage in the study, and enter the practice, of animal law. Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., CST on **December 5, 2011**. For details, go to <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for Fourth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to “The Importance of Toward Liquor Control to Modern Alcohol Policy. Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information, please visit their website at [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 19, 2011**.

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff’s commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted September 5, 2011 through **January 5, 2012**.

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition and full and part-time J.D. and LL.M. students 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 6, 2012**.

**The American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place

is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012.**

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The **Pittsburgh Foundation and K&L Gates LLP** are proud to offer the K&L Gates Public Interest Fellowship Program. Established in September 1999 to offer law students the opportunity to assist public service organizations located in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Each summer the program awards up to three successful candidates a fellowship that enables them to spend four weeks of their summer working at one of four designated public interest organizations. Each recipient will be paid a \$1,000/week stipend for his/her public interest service. For more information and application materials, please visit [www.klgates.com](http://www.klgates.com) or contact Jessica L. Gangjee, Regional Recruiting Manager, K&L Gates LLP, K&L Gates Center, 210 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburg, PA 15222-2613, 412.355.6547, [jessica.gangjee@klgates.com](mailto:jessica.gangjee@klgates.com) Deadline to submit application is **October 7, 2011.**

The **Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** has established internship programs at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Railroad Commission of Texas, the Office of the Attorney General (Environmental Protection and Administrative Law Division), the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas General Land Office. The program, implemented by the Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section Law School Committee, provides law students with an interest in environmental law an opportunity to obtain practical experience by funding up to five six-week summer internships, with one intern selected to work at each of the state agencies mentioned above. The deadline for receipt of the application materials is **Monday, October 10, 2011.**

### **MARVIN M. KARPATKIN FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-06/45]**

#### **NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**

#### **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation Racial Justice Program, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU)**, founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with more than 500,000 members and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **Racial Justice Program (RJP)** of the ACLU National office in New York City invites applications for the **Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in September 2012. Application deadline is November 1, 2011. <http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-marvin-m-karpatkin-fellowship-acluf-racial-justice-program-ny>

### **FALL 2012 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

#### **William J. Brennan First Amendment Fellowship**

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Speech, Privacy and Technology Project, NY

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<http://www.aclu.org/job/william-j-brennan-first-amendment-fellowship-speech-privacy-and-technology-project-ny>

**NATIONAL SECURITY FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-52]**

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<http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-national-security-fellowship-national-security-project-ny>

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## **INTERSESSION REGISTRATION FOR FALL AND SPRING 2012 REGISTRATION**

**3L Registration** – 8:00 a.m., October 17 through midnight October 22, 2011. 3L students may register for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

**2L Registration** – 8:00 a.m., October 24 through October 29, 2011. 2L students may register for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Semester 1L** – 8:00 a.m., October 31 through midnight November 5, 2011. 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester 1L students may register for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

**All year groups** may register beginning at 8:00 a.m., November 7 through midnight November 12, 2011 for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

If there is a hold on your registration, you will be blocked from registering. Please clear any holds on your account with the Business Office. You may visit them in the University Center, First Floor, email [businessoffice@stmarytx.edu](mailto:businessoffice@stmarytx.edu), or telephone at 210.436.3731.

## **SPRING REGISTRATION - OFFICE OF ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Spring 2012 registration is here. The **Office of Academic & Student Affairs** can help you with **course advising**. Set up an appointment to discuss graduation requirements, courses tested on the bar, and making a manageable schedule. We are here to answer all of your questions regarding schedules. Contact our office at (210) 431-4340 or at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) to schedule an appointment. We look forward to meeting with you.

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The **International Law Association** will hold its first meeting of the academic year in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library on **Monday, October 17, 2011**, at **12:00 p.m.** Those desiring to join the organization may do so then. The agenda will include a discussion of international studies, including international legal studies at St. Mary's as well as possible State Department internships. Food will be served for those members in attendance.

## **REPUBLICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION CANDIDATE RECEPTION**

The **Republican Law Student Association (RLSA)** is hosting a Republican candidate meet and greet on **Monday, October 17, 2011**. Please join the RLSA in the **Alumni Room** from **5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** to meet and mingle with the candidates. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Friends and family are all invited to attend. Email [JamieMathisTX@gmail.com](mailto:JamieMathisTX@gmail.com) with any questions.

## 1LS MUST SPEAK FOR AT LEAST 10 MINUTES DURING MANDATORY MOOT COURT ROUNDS

**Attention 1Ls.** Come join and be a part of the BETTER SPEAKING CLUB. In the upcoming mandatory **Moot Court rounds in Spring 2012**, ALL 1Ls must speak for at least 10 minutes in order to receive credit for the Legal Writing course. Every 1L MUST speak and respond to the Judge's question during the Moot Court competition.

If you want to get the chaotic butterflies in your stomach flying in formation, or simply want to improve your presentation skills, the BETTER SPEAKING CLUB might be the help you need. The BETTER SPEAKING CLUB is not just for "Nervous Nellie's." It can **help you to improve your speaking skills**, regardless of your level. Speaking skills tarnish without some form of polishing. This is an opportunity for students to polish their speaking skills. Sign up on our TWEN site. You may also post any questions you have on the TWEN site.

The **next meeting** of the BETTER SPEAKING CLUB will be on **Tuesday, October 18, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room**. In an effort to better serve students, membership will be capped at 25 members, at which time a waiting list will be started.

## WANTED – STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR RED MASS

**Law Ministry** is seeking **student volunteers** to help with **Red Mass** on Thursday, October 27, 2011. Volunteers must be law students who will meet and greet local attorneys, judges, and other legal professionals as well as march in the procession. If you are interested in this opportunity, please attend one of two meetings on **Wednesday, October 19** at **12:00 noon** OR at **4:30 p.m. in Raba**. All student volunteers should be able to arrive at Red Mass, San Fernando Cathedral Parish Hall by 5:00 p.m. or earlier if possible. Participants will begin lining up for procession at 5:30 p.m. Volunteer names will be included in the Red Mass worship aid. For more information, please contact Sr. Grace at [gwall@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwall@stmarytx.edu).

## MEXICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM 2011

Join the **Mexican American Catholic College (MACC)** for their 2011 Immigration Symposium, "Violence on the Border: Consequences and Pastoral Responses." The symposium will be held **October 19-20, 2011**, 3115 W. Ashby, San Antonio, Texas, 78228. For registration or for more information, go to [www.maccsa.org](http://www.maccsa.org). Scholarships are available for interested law students.

## FEDERALIST SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the [Federalist Society](#) will be **Thursday, October 20** at **noon** in the **Alumni Room** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. This event will be a discussion panel on **A REAL COP'S TYPICAL DAY ON THE BEAT** featuring **Scott Erickson** (former San Jose police

officer), **Professor Geary Reamey**, and a local criminal defense attorney. The discussion will cover the work police officers do on a daily basis and the criminal procedure decisions they have to make on the spot. All students, faculty, and administration are welcome, and lunch (Chick-fil-A) will be provided.

[Scott Erickson](#) has worked in the field of law enforcement for the last decade and holds a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice Studies from the University of Cincinnati. He is a regular contributor to The Daily Caller, where he writes on a variety of topics ranging from politics to national security and foreign policy issues. His professional focus has centered on the proliferation of homeland security threats and the domestic law enforcement response, public-private partnerships, and community awareness.

For more information about our Federalist Society chapter, including our calendar of events, join our TWEN page.

### **LAWYERS FOR TEXAS VETERANS**

**Lawyers for Texas Veterans** is a State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need. The next clinic will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter Street, on **Friday, October 21, 2011**. Law students are definitely needed at each clinic to serve as witnesses for wills and other tasks. 1Ls are welcome. Volunteers should sign up on the Pro Bono web site “sign up” sheet for CJP Veterans Clinic. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their Pro Bono forms to the clinic to be signed. Questions? Email Ann Marie Matonak at [ammatonak@gmail.com](mailto:ammatonak@gmail.com) or Victoria Bongat at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com). For veterans needing services: call (210) 212-3740 or (210) 212-3718 (appointment needed).

### **LAW STUDENT HABITAT WORK DAY**

**All students** are invited to volunteer and come out for the **Law Student Habitat Work Day** on **Saturday, October 22, 2011** at **10:00 a.m.** Students may volunteer for as long as you can. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Marco Cepeda at [macepeda86@gmail.com](mailto:macepeda86@gmail.com) to sign up or to learn more about the work project.

### **FIRST INFORMATION MEETING ON CHINA PROGRAM**

Are you **interested in studying in China** next summer? Join us at the initial informational meeting with Professors Bob Hu and Vincent Johnson on **Monday, October 24, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Law Classroom 102**. We’ll tell you all about the program, travels, housing, and internship opportunities in China. Past participants of this program will share their experiences and insights. Lunch will be provided.

## INTERFAITH PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE DEATH PENALTY

Representatives from varying faith traditions will gather on **Monday, October 24, 2011** to discuss points of intersection and similarities among faith traditions in an effort to speak out against the death penalty. This is the first public event of the **Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty** campaign in Bexar County to bring awareness to the harrowing amount of executions happening in our area. The event will be held at **7:00 p.m., Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University**. RSVP for FREE Tickets at <http://tcadp.org/religious-leaders-dialogue-on-the-death-penalty> or call TCADP at 512.441.1808 / email TCADP at [info@tcadp.org](mailto:info@tcadp.org).

## AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY

The **American Constitution Society** (ACS) believes that law should be a force to improve the lives of all people. ACS works for positive change by shaping debate on vitally important legal and constitutional issues through development and promotion of high-impact ideas to opinion leaders and the media; by building networks of lawyers, law students, judges and policymakers dedicated to those ideas; and by countering the activist conservative legal movement that has sought to erode our enduring constitutional values. You can find more information on our local chapter on our TWEN site, or on the national organization at [www.acslaw.org/](http://www.acslaw.org/).

ACS will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, October 25, 2011** from **12:15 to 1:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Sam Millsap, an opponent of the death penalty, will speak about his experiences with the Cantu case and his concerns about the fairness and reliability of the criminal justice system. Mr. Millsap served as the District Attorney for Bexar County, Texas from 1982-1987. He approved the death penalty prosecution of Ruben Cantu, a juvenile offender who was executed in 1993 based on the testimony of a single eyewitness who has since changed his story. Mr. Millsap now acknowledges that Cantu may have been innocent. Everyone is welcome to attend, and lunch will be provided.

## RED MASS

The legal community and people of all faiths are invited to attend the **59<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Mass** on **Thursday, October 27, 2011, 6:00 p.m.** at **San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza, 78205**. The tradition of Red Mass dates back to 1245 in Europe when both the bench and bar attended the mass together at the beginning of each judicial session. This tradition was revived in San Antonio by **St. Mary's University School of Law** and the **Catholic Lawyers Guild of San Antonio**. The annual event is organized with representatives from the San Antonio legal organizations, the judiciary and the State Legislature. Red Mass marks the beginning of the judicial year.

## 2012 ABA JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

Planning for the **2012 ABA Judicial Clerkship Program** is already well underway. The

2012 program will take place **February 2 - 4, 2012** at the ABA Midyear Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

Students participate in panel discussions, a research and writing exercise, and informal social events to develop networking skills and opportunities. The program simulates the clerkship experience, exposes students to what judicial clerks do on a daily basis, broadens their career options, shows how to apply for a judicial clerkship, and demonstrates the benefits of clerking. Students also have the opportunity to be considered for the ABA Business Law Section's Diversity Clerkship Program and for the ABA Litigation Section's Judicial Internship Opportunity Program, two prestigious summer placement opportunities.

**If you are interested please RSVP by Monday, October 31, 2011** under the Events tab in Symplicity under Workshops. If there is enough interest we will pursue the option of funding students to attend this event. Space is limited and only those who are serious about attending should RSVP.

### **STUDENT ANIMAL LEAGUE DEFENSE FUND – OCTOBER EVENT**

#### **Paws on the Patio; San Antonio Humane Society**

Is your dog the fanciest, funniest or scariest canine out there? We can't wait to see what costume you come up with for your four-legged friend as the San Antonio Humane Society hosts its annual Paws on the Patio human-and-dog dinner at Canyon Cafe in the Alamo Quarry Market! This howlin' good time kicks off at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011 and wraps up at 8:00 p.m. All proceeds from the doggie dinner and photo contest benefits SAHS.

When: Monday, October 24, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Canyon Café, Alamo Quarry Market 255 E. Basse, Suite 600

Time: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Open to the Public

### **DESIGNATED DRIVER INITIATIVE**

The **Student Bar Association** (SBA) is offering an opportunity for students to earn community service hours by volunteering to be a **designated driver** at one of the SBA hosted events. The purpose of this **initiative** is to encourage students to car pool with a designated driver to events where alcohol is served. Forms are available online on the SBA TWEN site under the Designated Driver tab or in the mailboxes in front of the SBA office. Forms must be turned in by 5:00 p.m. the day before the event. Students will earn two (2) hours of community service for each event they choose to be a designated driver. Please email [sba@stmarysba.com](mailto:sba@stmarysba.com) if you have any questions. Below is the list of events to sign up and take advantage of this opportunity:

- Distinguished Alumni Dinner – Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Marriott Rivercenter
- Hispanic Fest – Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m.
- Halloween Party – Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 p.m.

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

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 events we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **Construction Law Lunch**

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

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 to find jobs in this area. If you are truly interested in construction law and wish to attend, please log into Symplicity at: <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> and upload a resume to the Documents tab, if you do not already have a current resume in there, and RSVP by going to the Events tab and click on Workshops. **Resumes and RSVPs must be in the system no later than Monday, October 17, 2011.** This will be a sit down lunch, and you should dress in business attire. Last year the events our office had with the section resulted in jobs, so please join us for this networking opportunity. This program is for Class of 2012 and 2013, only.

### **Practicing Intellectual Property Law in San Antonio**

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Atrium, Law Administration building

The Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association, along with Career Services, is sponsoring a speaking event regarding practicing Intellectual Property law in San Antonio. The speaker is Derrick Pizarro, an attorney with Cox Smith in San Antonio. Mr. Pizarro has been practicing in the field of Intellectual Property for the last 9 years, and has been involved with a wide variety of clients. He will discuss the practical application of trademark, copyright, patent and business law as it can apply to a diverse base of clientele in San Antonio. Lunch will be provided.

### **Legal Services for the Poor Information Session**

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

The program will incorporate talks from Catherine Ibarra of the State Bar’s Legal Services Support Division and a local legal aid attorney. 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. Lunch will be provided.

The American Association for Justice (previously the American Trial Lawyers Association) Will be hosting Alex Nava on Monday October, 31st. He will be discussing litigation in general and where the practice fits in today's legal field. The event is a must see for any student interesting in litigation and those who want to get an idea of where to start. The event will take place in Classroom 104 around 3:15pm. If you have any questions please contact Dustin Andreas at [d\\_andreas01@yahoo.com](mailto:d_andreas01@yahoo.com) or at (979) 575-8445



## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE

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## AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY

### Presents: America's Interests: Mideast Discussion

Tuesday, November 7, 2011 • Alumni Room • Noon • Free Lunch

Lindsey Harris is a research fellow at the St. Mary's University Center for Terrorism Law. She will graduate in December 2011 with a Juris Doctorate and a Master's degree in International Relations from St. Mary's University. Lindsey also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Texas A&M University. While on a study abroad trip in Jerusalem, Lindsey received the *2010 CALI Excellence for the Future Award* for excellence in achievement in the study of the Arab-Israeli conflict and its resolution. Lindsey has since spent three months in Egypt collecting data about Post-Revolution Egypt and the implications for American foreign policy.

After the January 25 Revolution began in Egypt this year and following the ouster of 30-year President Hosni Mubarak, the country has been going through the difficult yet exciting transition to democracy. As the second largest recipient of US foreign aid behind Israel, The United States has a longtime vested interest in the fate of Egypt and has strong ties with its government officials and military. The fragile 1979 peace treaty between Egypt and Israel is also of great significance to the United States due to the intimate connection America has formed with Israel over the past few decades.

To gather opinion data, Lindsey interviewed Egyptians ranging from public officials in the Housing and Development Authority, a Judge and Cyber security expert, taxi drivers, representatives from the youth movements that carried out the January 25th Revolution, and Egyptian intelligence officials. According to Lindsey, the most striking commonality between the large cross-section of interviewees was their distaste for America's continued and largely uncritical support of the state of Israel despite their numerous violations of international law including the expansion of settlements on occupied Palestinian territory, the indiscriminate killing of civilians (i.e., During Operation Cast Lead) and the multiplicity of humanitarian abuses inflicted on the Palestinians on a regular basis (i.e., Israel's refusal to provide water to refugee populations, house demolitions, and the blockade of Gaza).

America's Global War on Terror has produced mixed results across the board; The United States has not suffered any further large scale terrorist attacks on its soil, Bin Laden is dead, Guantanamo Bay still has prisoners "of war" and American troops are still in Afghanistan

and Iraq. The only certainty is that terrorism begins with an idea, an idea so strong that it can drive a person to kill innocent people and themselves. America's first defense against terrorism and potentially the most efficient is to start fighting the idea. According to Lindsey, America's national security should be top priority for policy makers and the growing anti-American sentiment across the newly liberated Middle East is reason for concern and a re-evaluation of American foreign policy.

Some key questions that need to be addressed are: How are National Security and Foreign policy tied to the U.S. Constitution? Is America's National Security being directly threatened by Israel? Why do Americans fear the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt? What can we do to reconcile with the revolutionary Middle East? If the Terrorists don't hate us because of our freedom and sheer awesomeness, why do they hate us?

Anyone is welcome to participate in the discussion or to attend the lecture. The Alumni Room will be open to the public and lunch will be provided.

### **JOIN THE LAW STUDENT DIVISION OF THE ABA**

Join the American Bar Association Law Student Division today to start building your professional network and increasing your chances to land a job after graduation. There are two easy ways to join. Visit [www.abaforlawstudents.org](http://www.abaforlawstudents.org) or telephone 800-285-2221. Dues are just \$25 for one year or \$60 for three years. The ABA is the largest professional voluntary association in the world.

### **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The St. Mary's Campus Recreation Department is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Fall semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please go to: [http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus\\_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf](http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf).

### **RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATES**

Sunday, October 23 – Rattler Shuttle – Enchanted Rock

Friday, October 28 – Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

Saturday, October 29 – “Dig Pink” Volleyball Game

For more information on these events, please contact Jerome Budomo at (210) 436-3017 or at [jbudomo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jbudomo@stmarytx.edu) or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, (210) 431-4340 or at [academicsupport@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmarytx.edu).



## ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

### LAW LIBRARY FOOD & DRINK POLICY

Enjoy snacks but leave no trace. Regarding beverages, all beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling. No food or drinks allowed in the computer lab or at any library computer station. Please clean up after yourself and report any spills to the Circulation Desk. As for food, please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Types of foods allowed in the library are pretzels, nuts, granola bars, grapes, raisins, bagels, or cookies. Foods that are not allowed are french fries, pizza, burgers and sandwiches, ice cream, soups and salads, or any type of food requiring the use of utensils. Meals may be enjoyed in the second floor student lounge or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces. Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels. The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons. Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.

### LAW LIBRARY TO CLOSE DURING WINTER BREAK

The carpet in the Law Library will be replaced this coming winter. In addition, the fire alarm system will undergo a total overhaul. These two projects are necessary to keep the building safe and comfortable for students. For the construction, the Library **will be closed** from December 10, 2011 (after final exams) through January 16, 2012. No access to the building will be allowed during this period. Students are encouraged to make alternative plans accordingly. We apologize for inconveniences that this shutdown may cause you. For questions, please contact Bob Hu, Director of the Law Library.

### 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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

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. Applications will be accepted through **November 11, 2011**. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2011 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 2011, and papers scheduled for publication in 2011 or 2012 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 18, 2011**.

Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP is pleased to announce their 2012 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/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 21, 2011**.

The **Animal Law Section** of the **State Bar of Texas** announces its first annual student writing competition. The purpose of the Animal Law Section is to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations and court decisions relating to legal issues involving animals. With this competition, the Section seeks to encourage students at Texas law schools to engage in the study, and enter the practice, of animal law. Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., CST on **December 5, 2011**. For details, go to <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for Fourth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to "The Importance of Toward Liquor Control to Modern Alcohol Policy. Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information, please visit their website at [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 19, 2011**.

**NEW** – The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. The GRAMMY Foundation, in concert with some of the most prominent entertainment attorneys, established the Entertainment Law Initiative to promote discussion and debate about the most compelling legal issues facing the music industry today. First place winner receives \$5,000, four second- place winners receive \$1,500. All winners will receive One GRAMMY Awards Show ticket, Round-Trip Ticket to the GRAMMY Awards, Hotel Accommodations, One MusicCares Person of the Year ticket. For additional information and competition rules, please go to the ELI Page on Facebook <http://tinyurl.com/ELIFacebook>. **Deadline January 2, 2012.**

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted September 5, 2011 through **January 5, 2012**.

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition and full and part-time J.D. and LL.M. students 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 6, 2012**.

**The American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012**.

#### **MARVIN M. KARPATKIN FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-06/45]**

#### **NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**

#### **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation Racial Justice Program, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation** (ACLU), founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with more than 500,000 members and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **Racial Justice Program** (RJP) of the ACLU National office in New York City invites applications for the **Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in September 2012. Application deadline is November 1, 2011. <http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-marvin-m-karpatkin-fellowship-acluf-racial-justice-program-ny>

#### **FALL 2012 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

#### **William J. Brennan First Amendment Fellowship**

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<http://www.aclu.org/job/william-j-brennan-first-amendment-fellowship-speech-privacy-and-technology-project-ny>

**NATIONAL SECURITY FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-52]  
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## **RED MASS A LEGACY OF FAITH AND LAW**

Please join us as we celebrate the 59<sup>th</sup> annual **Red Mass** on **Thursday, October 27, 2009, 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 Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio, will be the principal presider and homilist. Reflections will be given by The Honorable Rebecca Simmons, Fourth Courtt of Appeals.

**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 57 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 the State Legislature.

## **BOO BASH**

Join us for **Boo Bash** on **Friday, October 28, 2011, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** in the **Law Plaza**. There will be arts, crafts and games for the children. A puppet show will be held at 5:30 p.m. Come join us for fun and goodie bags filled with prizes. This event is open to everyone and is sponsored by the **Student Bar Association and Law Ministry**.

## **TOWN HALL MEETING**

Dean Cantù and Associate Deans Mather and Valencia will be available to **answer questions and discuss issues of interest** to law students at two meetings on **Monday, October 31, 2011**. You may come and talk with the Deans at **3:30** or **5:15 p.m.** in **Law Classroom 101**. While it is Halloween, costumes are optional.

## **LONE STAR CLASSIC® 2011—THANK YOU**

The 2001 Lone Star Classic was a real success. We received many compliments about the quality of the judges, the bailiffs and the students working on the competition. This year we used about 90 members of the bench and bar as judges for all of the rounds, about 50 law students as bailiffs and marshals, and numerous members of the Board of Advocates. A special thanks is due to Ms.

Sheila Via and Ms. Marcie Trevino, who both served as Associate Directors, and Ms. Lauren Alberts, who served as a committee member in planning the competition. The three of them started meeting with Professor Schlueter in April to plan the event. Special thanks are also in order for Dean Charles Cantù and the law administration in supporting the competition, which is now in its tenth year.

This year's competition featured sixteen law schools, out of the 45 schools that applied for an invitation: Baylor, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Chicago Kent, Faulkner, Florida State, Fordham, Georgia State, Houston, Michigan State, St John's, South Texas, Stetson, Maryland, Texas, and Villanova. A number of those schools are ranked among the top 20 schools in the nation for their mock trial teams. Fordham beat Faulkner in the final round, before Judge Edward Prado, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Mr. Henry Bemporad, Federal Public Defender, and Mr. John Murphy, First Assistant United States Attorney.

### **INTERSESSION REGISTRATION FOR FALL AND SPRING 2012 REGISTRATION**

**2L Registration** – 8:00 a.m., October 24 through October 29, 2011. 2L students may register for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Semester 1L** – 8:00 a.m., October 31 through midnight November 5, 2011. 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester 1L students may register for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

**All year groups** may register beginning at 8:00 a.m., November 7 through midnight November 12, 2011 for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

If there is a hold on your registration, you will be blocked from registering. Please clear any holds on your account with the Business Office. You may visit them in the University Center, First Floor, email [businessoffice@stmarytx.edu](mailto:businessoffice@stmarytx.edu), or telephone at 210.436.3731.

### **SPRING REGISTRATION - OFFICE OF ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Spring 2012 registration is here. The **Office of Academic & Student Affairs** can help you with **course advising**. Set up an appointment to discuss graduation requirements, courses tested on the bar, and making a manageable schedule. We are here to answer all of your questions regarding schedules. Contact our office at (210) 431-4340 or at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) to schedule an appointment. We look forward to meeting with you.

### **FIRST INFORMATION MEETING ON CHINA PROGRAM**

Are you **interested in studying in China** next summer? Join us at the initial informational meeting with Professors Bob Hu and Vincent Johnson on **Monday, October 24,**



**2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Law Classroom 102.** We'll tell you all about the program, travels, housing, and internship opportunities in China. Past participants of this program will share their experiences and insights. Lunch will be provided.

### **INTERFAITH PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE DEATH PENALTY**

Representatives from varying faith traditions will gather on **Monday, October 24, 2011** to discuss points of intersection and similarities among faith traditions in an effort to speak out against the death penalty. This is the first public event of the **Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty** campaign in Bexar County to bring awareness to the harrowing amount of executions happening in our area. The event will be held at **7:00 p.m., Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University**. RSVP for FREE Tickets at <http://tcadp.org/religious-leaders-dialogue-on-the-death-penalty> or call TCADP at 512.441.1808 / email TCADP at [info@tcadp.org](mailto:info@tcadp.org).

### **AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY**

The **American Constitution Society** (ACS) believes that law should be a force to improve the lives of all people. ACS works for positive change by shaping debate on vitally important legal and constitutional issues through development and promotion of high-impact ideas to opinion leaders and the media; by building networks of lawyers, law students, judges and policymakers dedicated to those ideas; and by countering the activist conservative legal movement that has sought to erode our enduring constitutional values. You can find more information on our local chapter on our TWEN site, or on the national organization at [www.acslaw.org/](http://www.acslaw.org/).

ACS will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, October 25, 2011** from **12:15 to 1:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Sam Millsap, an opponent of the death penalty, will speak about his experiences with the Cantu case and his concerns about the fairness and reliability of the criminal justice system. Mr. Millsap served as the District Attorney for Bexar County, Texas from 1982-1987. He approved the death penalty prosecution of Ruben Cantu, a juvenile offender who was executed in 1993 based on the testimony of a single eyewitness who has since changed his story. Mr. Millsap now acknowledges that Cantu may have been innocent. Everyone is welcome to attend, and lunch will be provided.

### **2012 ABA JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP PROGRAM**

Planning for the **2012 ABA Judicial Clerkship Program** is already well underway. The 2012 program will take place **February 2 - 4, 2012** at the ABA Midyear Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

Students participate in panel discussions, a research and writing exercise, and informal social events to develop networking skills and opportunities. The program simulates the clerkship experience, exposes students to what judicial clerks do on a daily basis, broadens their career options, shows how to apply for a judicial clerkship, and demonstrates the benefits of

clerking. Students also have the opportunity to be considered for the ABA Business Law Section's Diversity Clerkship Program and for the ABA Litigation Section's Judicial Internship Opportunity Program, two prestigious summer placement opportunities.

**If you are interested please RSVP by Monday, October 31, 2011** under the Events tab in Symplicity under Workshops. If there is enough interest we will pursue the option of funding students to attend this event. Space is limited and only those who are serious about attending should RSVP.

## **STUDENT ANIMAL LEAGUE DEFENSE FUND – OCTOBER EVENT**

### **Paws on the Patio; San Antonio Humane Society**

Is your dog the fanciest, funniest or scariest canine out there? We can't wait to see what costume you come up with for your four-legged friend as the San Antonio Humane Society hosts its annual Paws on the Patio human-and-dog dinner at Canyon Cafe in the Alamo Quarry Market! This howlin' good time kicks off at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011 and wraps up at 8:00 p.m. All proceeds from the doggie dinner and photo contest benefits SAHS.

When: Monday, October 24, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Canyon Café, Alamo Quarry Market 255 E. Basse, Suite 600

Time: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Open to the Public

## **DESIGNATED DRIVER INITIATIVE**

The **Student Bar Association** (SBA) is offering an opportunity for students to earn community service hours by volunteering to be a **designated driver** at the below SBA hosted event. The purpose of this **initiative** is to encourage students to car pool with a designated driver to the event where alcohol will be served. Forms are available online on the SBA TWEN site under the Designated Driver tab or in the mailboxes in front of the SBA office. Forms must be turned in by 5:00 p.m. the day before the event. Students will earn two (2) hours of community service for each event they choose to be a designated driver. Please email [sba@stmarysba.com](mailto:sba@stmarysba.com) if you have any questions.

- Halloween Party – Friday, October 28, 2011, 9:00 p.m.

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

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 events we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **Legal Services for the Poor Information Session**

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

The program will incorporate talks from Catherine Ibarra of the State Bar's Legal Services Support Division and a local legal aid attorney. 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. Lunch will be provided.

**Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)**

**National Clandestine Service (NCS)**

For more information regarding the NCS, go to:

<https://www.cia.gov/careers/opportunities/clandestine/view - jobs.html>

\*\*\*INFORMATION SESSION\*\*\*

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

ALL students and alumni interested in exploring fulltime and internship opportunities with the CIA are strongly encouraged to attend. The CIA will also be offering 15 minute resume reviews and informational meetings on Wednesday November 2, 2011 for those interested learning more about how their resume can be more attractive to the CIA. They will also answer any individual questions. Students will be preselected by the CIA for these slots. To be considered for a slot with the CIA on November 2, please email Alicia at [amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) and make sure you have your resume uploaded in Symplicity. *The deadline to email Alicia and upload your resume is October 27, 2011 at noon.* Alicia will notify you if you are selected for a slot. Please RSVP for the Information Session in the Event section of Symplicity, by logging into Symplicity selecting the Events tab, then Workshops. This event is sponsored by the Law Office of Careers Office and the Main Campus Civic Engagement and Career Development Center.

**Extreme Makeover**

Saturday, November 12, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Open to All Students

The Office of Career Services and Career Coach Juliana Lucci Ashley (St. Mary's Law Alum) are excited to bring you an exclusive career-building opportunity. Designed to help you clarify your career goals, find your strengths and feel confident in your job search, this interactive seminar is for students who:

- Aren't sure what they want to do in their career
- Haven't started their job search and want ideas about where to start
- Have been applying but feel frustrated in their job search
- Want to be able to answer interview questions powerfully and confidently

You will learn how to set yourself apart from others competing for the same job, determine what you really want to be doing in your career and answer any interview question powerfully and persuasively. Space is limited, so if you are interested in attending please RSVP promptly.

Seminar Benefits:

- Clarify your career goals

- Find your strengths
- Determine what type of law/career will be most fulfilling to you
- Discover the unique value you bring to an employer – how to set yourself apart from other candidates

This event is sponsored by Themis Bar Review

### **An Informal Talk by Lawyers who Practice International Law**

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Noon, Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Come learn the different paths each of the participants took out of law school to become international lawyers. Learn about what their practice is like (in-house, boutique and big firm) and learn the pros and cons of practicing international law. The presentation will be informal with ample opportunity for questions and to meet the participants. If you are interested in international law, don't miss this presentation. This event is open to all students and is sponsored by the International Law Section, State Bar of Texas and the Office of Career Services. Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops. First Year Students Will Gain Symplicity Access on November 1.

### **Reserve the Date – Future Events**

Public Service Day in Austin- January 26-27, 2012

Small Firm Interviewing and Networking Program, San Antonio- February 9, 2012

El Paso Virtual Job Fair- Deadline February 16, 2012

Dallas Job Fair- February 17, 2012

Austin Job Fair- February 24, 2012

Rio Grande Valley Job Fair- March 2, 2012

Corpus Job Fair- March 9, 2012

Houston Job Fair- March 30, 2012

## **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE**

The **American Association for Justice** (previously the American Trial Lawyers Association) will host **Alex Nava, J.D. '04** on **Monday, October 31, 2011**. Mr. Nava will discuss litigation in general and where the practice fits in today's legal field. The event is a must see for any student interesting in litigation and those who want to get an idea of where to start. The event will take place in **Law Classroom 104** at **3:15 p.m.** If you have any questions please contact Dustin Andreas at [d\\_andreas01@yahoo.com](mailto:d_andreas01@yahoo.com) or at (979) 575-8445.

## **ATTENTION DECEMBER 2011 GRADUATES**

Orders for **tams, gowns and invitations** will be taken on **Wednesday, November 2** and **Thursday, November 10, 2011** from **10:00 a.m. to 400 p.m.** in the **Atrium, Law Administration building.**

## ATTENTION DECEMBER 2011 AND MAY 2012 GRADUATES

All students planning to graduate in December 2011 or May 2012 who believe they are eligible for the Pro Bono Service Certificate must send an email to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) no later than **Friday, November 11, 2011**, with the following four items:

1. Name.
2. Student ID Number.
3. Indicating December 2011/May 2012 as your graduation date.
4. Confirmation that you completed and submitted a work log of at least 50 hours of qualifying Pro Bono and/or Community Service hours.

(NOTE: If you've already submitted this, there is no need to submit this again. Also, if you are/were a clinical student with the CLSJ there is no need to submit this.)

For general questions about the Pro Bono Clinics & Public Interest Opportunities, please visit the "Pro Bono Clinics / Community Service" TWEN page.

If you have specific questions, I'll get back to you as soon as I can (which depends on how many of these requests I get); if you do not have any questions (or do not include any of the above information) I will not respond to you.

Again, please send all email to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

Students who have completed and submitted at least 50 qualifying hours will be recognized during the May 19, 2012 graduation ceremony.

### AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY

#### **Presents: America's Interests: Mideast Discussion**

Tuesday, November 7, 2011 • Alumni Room • Noon • Free Lunch

Lindsey Harris is a research fellow at the St. Mary's University Center for Terrorism Law. She is a December 2011 Juris Doctorate and Master's degree candidate in International Relations. Lindsey also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Texas A&M University. While on a study abroad trip in Jerusalem, Lindsey received the *2010 CALI Excellence for the Future Award* for excellence in achievement in the study of the Arab-Israeli conflict and its resolution. Lindsey has since spent three months in Egypt collecting data about Post-Revolution Egypt and the implications for American foreign policy. Please join us to learn more about America's interests in the Middle East. Everyone is welcome to attend the lecture and/or participate in the discussion. This event is open to the public and lunch will be provided.

### VETERANS DAY STAND-DOWN

*In the military, a stand-down is used to give soldiers a break from the stresses*

*and dangers of battle. The stand-down gives the soldiers an opportunity to rest and recover away from the field of battle. In a community setting, the stand-down allows the homeless veterans an opportunity to get away from the dangers of the streets and to get assistance in order to face the obstacles of life. ~From the San Antonio branch of the American GI Forum/National Veterans Outreach Program~*

**St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ)** will be participating in the 2011 Veterans Day Stand-Down on **Thursday, November 10, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** The CLSJ will provide information on the legal services available through our Clinics. In addition to distributing information about our programs and services, we will also be handing out toiletry items for the veterans' personal use – and **we need your help.**

We are **collecting donations** in the form of **toiletry items and cash.** Donation boxes for items are available in the Law Classroom building and the break room at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Cash can be given directly to Jami Nance, or placed in the envelope in Sarah Minter's office - # 112 at the Center for Legal and Social Justice.

#### Travel Size Toiletry Items Needed

Deodorant	Razors
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste (individually packaged)	Combs/Brushes
Hand Sanitizer	Wet Wipes
Bandages	Sunblock
Mosquito Repellant	

For more information, please contact Jami Nance at [jami.nance@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nance@gmail.com) or Sarah Minter at [sminter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:sminter@stmarytx.edu).

### **VETERANS DAY CONCERT**

The **Military Law Association** and the St. Mary's University Music Department are sponsoring a **Veterans' Day Concert** on **Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.** in **Treadaway Recital Hall.** The concert is free. Donations will be accepted at the door and snacks and drinks will be sold prior to and after the concert. All proceeds will benefit the **Fisher House.** T-shirt orders are available for anyone interested in a commemorative t-shirt of the event. Come on out and enjoy the sounds of patriotic music with friends and family. Everyone is invited to attend. For **more information** you may contact Mark Poling, [markpoling@gmail.com](mailto:markpoling@gmail.com) or Brother Michael Sullivan, S.M. at [msullivan@stmarytx.edu](mailto:msullivan@stmarytx.edu).

### **LAWYERS FOR TEXAS VETERANS**

**Lawyers for Texas Veterans** is a State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do

not have access to the legal services they need. The next clinic will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital (7400 Merton Minter St.) on **November 18, 2011**. **Law students are definitely needed at each clinic** to serve as witnesses for wills and other tasks. 1Ls are welcome. Volunteers should sign up on the Pro Bono web site “sign up” sheet for CJP Veterans Clinic. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their Pro Bono forms to the clinic to be signed. Questions? Email Ann Marie Matonak at [ammatonak@gmail.com](mailto:ammatonak@gmail.com) or Victoria Bongat at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com). For veterans needing services: call [\(210\) 212-3740](tel:(210)212-3740) (appointment needed).

## **JOIN THE LAW STUDENT DIVISION OF THE ABA**

Join the American Bar Association Law Student Division today to start building your professional network and increasing your chances to land a job after graduation. There are two easy ways to join. Visit [www.abaforlawstudents.org](http://www.abaforlawstudents.org) or telephone 800-285-2221. Dues are just \$25 for one year or \$60 for three years. The ABA is the largest professional voluntary association in the world.

## **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The St. Mary’s Campus Recreation Department is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Fall semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please go to: [http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus\\_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf](http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf).

## **RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATES**

Friday, October 28 – Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

Saturday, October 29 – “Dig Pink” Volleyball Game

For more information on these events, please contact Jerome Budomo at (210) 436-3017 or at [jbudomo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jbudomo@stmarytx.edu) or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, (210) 431-4340 or at [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

## **ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Join the St. Mary’s University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

## **LAW LIBRARY FOOD & DRINK POLICY**



Enjoy snacks but leave no trace. Regarding beverages, all beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling. No food or drinks allowed in the computer lab or at any library computer station. Please clean up after yourself and report any spills to the Circulation Desk. As for food, please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Types of foods allowed in the library are pretzels, nuts, granola bars, grapes, raisins, bagels, or cookies. Foods that are not allowed are french fries, pizza, burgers and sandwiches, ice cream, soups and salads, or any type of food requiring the use of utensils. Meals may be enjoyed in the second floor student lounge or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces. Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels. The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons. Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.

### **LAW LIBRARY TO CLOSE DURING WINTER BREAK**

The carpet in the Law Library will be replaced this coming winter. In addition, the fire alarm system will undergo a total overhaul. These two projects are necessary to keep the building safe and comfortable for students. For the construction, the Library **will be closed** from December 10, 2011 (after final exams) through January 16, 2012. No access to the building will be allowed during this period. Students are encouraged to make alternative plans accordingly. We apologize for inconveniences that this shutdown may cause you. For questions, please contact Bob Hu, Director of the Law Library.

### **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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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

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. Applications will be accepted through **November 11, 2011**. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is



pleased to announce their 2011 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 2011, and papers scheduled for publication in 2011 or 2012 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 18, 2011**.

Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP is pleased to announce their 2012 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/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 21, 2011**.

The **Animal Law Section** of the **State Bar of Texas** announces its first annual student writing competition. The purpose of the Animal Law Section is to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations and court decisions relating to legal issues involving animals. With this competition, the Section seeks to encourage students at Texas law schools to engage in the study, and enter the practice, of animal law. Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., CST on **December 5, 2011**. For details, go to <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for Fourth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to "The Importance of Toward Liquor Control to Modern Alcohol Policy. Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information, please visit their website at [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 19, 2011**.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. The GRAMMY Foundation, in concert with some of the most prominent entertainment attorneys, established the Entertainment Law Initiative to promote discussion and debate about the most compelling legal issues facing the music industry today. First place winner receives \$5,000, four second- place winners receive \$1,500. All winners will receive One GRAMMY Awards Show ticket, Round-Trip Ticket to the GRAMMY Awards, Hotel Accommodations, One MusicCares Person of the Year ticket. For additional information and competition rules, please go to the ELI Page on Facebook <http://tinyurl.com/ELIFacebook>. **Deadline January 2, 2012**.

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted September 5, 2011 through **January 5, 2012**.

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition and full and part-time J.D. and LL.M. students 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 6, 2012**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012**.

**MARVIN M. KARPATKIN FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-06/45]**

**NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**

**American Civil Liberties Union Foundation Racial Justice Program, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU)**, founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with more than 500,000 members and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **Racial Justice Program (RJP)** of the ACLU National office in New York City invites applications for the **Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in September 2012. Application deadline is November 1, 2011. <http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-marvin-m-karpatkin-fellowship-acluf-racial-justice-program-ny>

**FALL 2012 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

**William J. Brennan First Amendment Fellowship**

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**Speech, Privacy and Technology Project, NY**

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<http://www.aclu.org/job/william-j-brennan-first-amendment-fellowship-speech-privacy-and-technology-project-ny>

**NATIONAL SECURITY FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-52]**

**NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**

**American Civil Liberties Union Foundation**

**National Security Project, NY**

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**Security Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in **September 2012**.  
Application deadline is November 1, 2011.  
<http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-national-security-fellowship-national-security-project-ny>

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## **TOWN HALL MEETINGS POSTPONED**

The town hall meetings scheduled this afternoon have been postponed until further notice. We regret this inconvenience.

## **2011 JURIST & JULEPS AT RETAMA PARK**

The **2011-2012 ESBA Executive Board** would like to **thank** all the faculty, staff, students and alumni for their support in the **2011 Jurist & Juleps alumni event**. We were able to achieve our fundraising goal of \$2,000 this year, which will go towards scholarships and also benefit Healy-Murphy.

## **THANK YOU TO THEMIS BAR REVIEW**

Many thanks to **Themis Bar Review** for providing a free half-Multistate Bar Exam for the students in the Bar Skills Preparation Course. Students will take a three-hour simulated MBE and receive online feedback on their tests.

## **INTERSESSION REGISTRATION FOR FALL AND SPRING 2012 REGISTRATION**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Semester 1L** – 8:00 a.m., October 31 through midnight November 5, 2011. **3<sup>rd</sup> Semester 1L** students may register for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

**All year groups** may register beginning at 8:00 a.m., November 7 through midnight November 12, 2011 for both inter-sessions and Spring 2012.

If there is a hold on your registration, you will be blocked from registering. Please clear any holds on your account with the Business Office. You may visit them in the University Center, First Floor, email [businessoffice@stmarytx.edu](mailto:businessoffice@stmarytx.edu), or telephone at 210.436.3731.

## **SPRING REGISTRATION - OFFICE OF ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Spring 2012 registration is here. The **Office of Academic & Student Affairs** can help you with **course advising**. Set up an appointment to discuss graduation requirements, courses tested on the bar, and making a manageable schedule. We are here to answer all of your questions regarding schedules. Contact our office at (210) 431-4340 or at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) to schedule an appointment. We look forward to meeting with you.

## **2012 ABA JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP PROGRAM**

Planning for the **2012 ABA Judicial Clerkship Program** is already well underway. The 2012 program will take place **February 2 - 4, 2012** at the ABA Midyear Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

Students participate in panel discussions, a research and writing exercise, and informal social events to develop networking skills and opportunities. The program simulates the clerkship experience, exposes students to what judicial clerks do on a daily basis, broadens their career options, shows how to apply for a judicial clerkship, and demonstrates the benefits of clerking. Students also have the opportunity to be considered for the ABA Business Law Section's Diversity Clerkship Program and for the ABA Litigation Section's Judicial Internship Opportunity Program, two prestigious summer placement opportunities.

**If you are interested please RSVP by Monday, October 31, 2011** under the Events tab in Symplicity under Workshops. If there is enough interest we will pursue the option of funding students to attend this event. Space is limited and only those who are serious about attending should RSVP.

### **ATTENTION DECEMBER 2011 GRADUATES**

Orders for **tams, gowns and invitations** will be taken on **Wednesday, November 2** and **Thursday, November 10, 2011** from **10:00 a.m. to 400 p.m.** in the **Atrium, Law Administration building.**

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

The **Women's Law Association** invites you to join them at their **Annual Charity Silent Auction** benefiting Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. The auction will be held on **Thursday, November 3, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library.** Refreshments will be provided.

### **ATTENTION DECEMBER 2011 AND MAY 2012 GRADUATES**

All students planning to graduate in December 2011 or May 2012 who believe they are eligible for the Pro Bono Service Certificate must send an email to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) no later than **Friday, November 11, 2011**, with the following four items:

1. Name.
2. Student ID Number.
3. Indicating December 2011/May 2012 as your graduation date.
4. Confirmation that you completed and submitted a work log of at least 50 hours of qualifying Pro Bono and/or Community Service hours.

(NOTE: If you've already submitted this, there is no need to submit this again. Also, if you are/were a clinical student with the CLSJ there is no need to submit this.)

For general questions about the Pro Bono Clinics & Public Interest Opportunities, please visit the "Pro Bono Clinics / Community Service" TWEN page.

If you have specific questions, I'll get back to you as soon as I can (which depends on how many of these requests I get); if you do not have any questions (or do not include any of the above information) I will not respond to you.

Again, please send all email to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

Students who have completed and submitted at least 50 qualifying hours will be recognized during the May 19, 2012 graduation ceremony.

**AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY**  
**Presents: America's Interests: Mideast Discussion**  
Tuesday, November 7, 2011 • Alumni Room • Noon • Free Lunch

Lindsey Harris is a research fellow at the St. Mary's University Center for Terrorism Law. She is a December 2011 Juris Doctorate and Master's degree candidate in International Relations. Lindsey also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Texas A&M University. While on a study abroad trip in Jerusalem, Lindsey received the *2010 CALI Excellence for the Future Award* for excellence in achievement in the study of the Arab-Israeli conflict and its resolution. Lindsey has since spent three months in Egypt collecting data about Post-Revolution Egypt and the implications for American foreign policy. Please join us to learn more about America's interests in the Middle East. Everyone is welcome to attend the lecture and/or participate in the discussion. This event is open to the public and lunch will be provided.

**VETERANS DAY STAND-DOWN**

*In the military, a stand-down is used to give soldiers a break from the stresses and dangers of battle. The stand-down gives the soldiers an opportunity to rest and recover away from the field of battle. In a community setting, the stand-down allows the homeless veterans an opportunity to get away from the dangers of the streets and to get assistance in order to face the obstacles of life. ~From the San Antonio branch of the American GI Forum/National Veterans Outreach Program~*

**St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ)** will be participating in the 2011 Veterans Day Stand-Down on **Thursday, November 10, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** The CLSJ will provide information on the legal services available through our Clinics. In addition to distributing information about our programs and services, we will also be handing out toiletry items for the veterans' personal use – and **we need your help.**

We are **collecting donations** in the form of **toiletry items and cash.** Donation boxes for items are available in the Law Classroom building and the break room at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Cash can be given directly to Jami Nance, or placed in the envelope in Sarah Minter's office - # 112 at the Center for Legal and Social Justice.

**Travel Size Toiletry Items Needed**



Deodorant	Razors
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste (individually packaged)	Combs/Brushes
Hand Sanitizer	Wet Wipes
Bandages	Sunblock
Mosquito Repellant	

For more information, please contact Jami Nance at [jami.nance@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nance@gmail.com) or Sarah Minter at [sminter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:sminter@stmarytx.edu).

### VETERANS DAY CONCERT

The **Military Law Association** and the St. Mary's University Music Department are sponsoring a **Veterans' Day Concert** on **Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.** in **Treadaway Recital Hall**. The concert is free. Donations will be accepted at the door and snacks and drinks will be sold prior to and after the concert. All proceeds will benefit the **Fisher House**. T-shirt orders are available for anyone interested in a commemorative t-shirt of the event. Come on out and enjoy the sounds of patriotic music with friends and family. Everyone is invited to attend. For **more information** you may contact Mark Poling, [markpoling@gmail.com](mailto:markpoling@gmail.com) or Brother Michael Sullivan, S.M. at [msullivan@stmarytx.edu](mailto:msullivan@stmarytx.edu).

### LAWYERS FOR TEXAS VETERANS

**Lawyers for Texas Veterans** is a State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need. The next clinic will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital (7400 Merton Minter St.) on **November 18, 2011**. **Law students are definitely needed at each clinic** to serve as witnesses for wills and other tasks. 1Ls are welcome. Volunteers should sign up on the Pro Bono web site "sign up" sheet for CJP Veterans Clinic. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their Pro Bono forms to the clinic to be signed. Questions? Email Ann Marie Matonak at [ammatonak@gmail.com](mailto:ammatonak@gmail.com) or Victoria Bongat at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com). For veterans needing services: call [\(210\) 212-3740](tel:(210)212-3740) (appointment needed).

### OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Listed below are the November programs. Please **RSVP to attend any of the 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 events we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

**Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)**  
**National Clandestine Service (NCS)**

For more information regarding the NCS, go to:

<https://www.cia.gov/careers/opportunities/clandestine/view - jobs.html>

\*\*\*INFORMATION SESSION\*\*\*

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

ALL students and alumni interested in exploring fulltime and internship opportunities with the CIA are strongly encouraged to attend. The CIA will also be offering 15 minute resume reviews and informational meetings on Wednesday November 2, 2011 for those interested learning more about how their resume can be more attractive to the CIA. They will also answer any individual questions. Students will be preselected by the CIA for these slots. To be considered for a slot with the CIA on November 2, please email Alicia at [amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) and make sure you have your resume uploaded in Symplicity. *The deadline to email Alicia and upload your resume is October 27, 2011 at noon.* Alicia will notify you if you are selected for a slot. Please RSVP for the Information Session in the Event section of Symplicity, by logging into Symplicity selecting the Events tab, then Workshops. This event is sponsored by the Law Office of Careers Office and the Main Campus Civic Engagement and Career Development Center.

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

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Come learn more about what it means to be an in-house counsel at a corporation and network with some attorneys. Open to all students. Lunch will be served.

### **Extreme Makeover**

Saturday, November 12, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Open to All Students

The Office of Career Services and Career Coach Juliana Lucci Ashley (St. Mary's Law Alum) are excited to bring you an exclusive career-building opportunity. Designed to help you clarify your career goals, find your strengths and feel confident in your job search, this interactive seminar is for students who:

- Aren't sure what they want to do in their career
- Haven't started their job search and want ideas about where to start
- Have been applying but feel frustrated in their job search
- Want to be able to answer interview questions powerfully and confidently

You will learn how to set yourself apart from others competing for the same job, determine what you really want to be doing in your career and answer any interview question powerfully and persuasively. Space is limited, so if you are interested in attending please RSVP promptly.

Seminar Benefits:

- Clarify your career goals
- Find your strengths
- Determine what type of law/career will be most fulfilling to you
- Discover the unique value you bring to an employer – how to set yourself apart from

other candidates

This event is sponsored by Themis Bar Review

### **Careers in International Law**

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Noon, Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Come learn the different paths each of the participants took out of law school to become international lawyers. Learn about what their practice is like (in-house, boutique and big firm) and learn the pros and cons of practicing international law. The presentation will be informal with ample opportunity for questions and to meet the participants. If you are interested in international law, don't miss this presentation. This event is open to all students and is sponsored by the International Law Section, State Bar of Texas and the Office of Career Services. Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops. First Year Students Will Gain Symplicity Access on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Reserve the Date – Future Events**

Save the below dates for the Spring Job Fairs. All Job Fairs will take place in the cities designated below. More details will be provided after finals. Please stay engaged and check your email and Symplicity regularly for more information about these great opportunities.

Public Service Day in Austin- January 26-27, 2012

Small Firm Interviewing and Networking Program, San Antonio- February 9, 2012

El Paso Virtual Job Fair- Deadline February 16, 2012

Dallas Job Fair- February 17, 2012

Austin Job Fair- February 24, 2012

Rio Grande Valley Job Fair- March 2, 2012

Corpus Job Fair- March 9, 2012

Houston Job Fair- March 30, 2012

## **JOIN THE LAW STUDENT DIVISION OF THE ABA**

Join the American Bar Association Law Student Division today to start building your professional network and increasing your chances to land a job after graduation. There are two easy ways to join. Visit [www.abaforlawstudents.org](http://www.abaforlawstudents.org) or telephone 800-285-2221. Dues are just \$25 for one year or \$60 for three years. The ABA is the largest professional voluntary association in the world.

## **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The St. Mary's Campus Recreation Department is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Fall semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please go to:

[http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus\\_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf](http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf).

### **RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATES**

Sunday, November 6 – Greek Week Talent Show

Friday, November 11 – Shuttle to the San Marcos Outlets

For more information on these events, please contact Jerome Budomo at (210) 436-3017 or at [jbudomo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jbudomo@stmarytx.edu) or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, (210) 431-4340 or at [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

### **ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

### **LAW LIBRARY FOOD & DRINK POLICY**

Enjoy snacks but leave no trace. Regarding beverages, all beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling. No food or drinks allowed in the computer lab or at any library computer station. Please clean up after yourself and report any spills to the Circulation Desk. As for food, please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Types of foods allowed in the library are pretzels, nuts, granola bars, grapes, raisins, bagels, or cookies. Foods that are not allowed are french fries, pizza, burgers and sandwiches, ice cream, soups and salads, or any type of food requiring the use of utensils. Meals may be enjoyed in the second floor student lounge or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces. Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels. The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron’s food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons. Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.

### **LAW LIBRARY TO CLOSE DURING WINTER BREAK**

The carpet in the Law Library will be replaced this coming winter. In addition, the fire alarm system will undergo a total overhaul. These two projects are necessary to keep the building safe and comfortable for students. For the construction, the Library **will be closed** from December 10, 2011 (after final exams) through January 16, 2012. No access to the building will be allowed during this period. Students are encouraged to make alternative plans accordingly. We apologize for inconveniences that this shutdown may cause you. For questions, please contact Bob Hu, Director of the Law Library.

## 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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

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. Applications will be accepted through **November 11, 2011**. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2011 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 2011, and papers scheduled for publication in 2011 or 2012 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 18, 2011**.

Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP is pleased to announce their 2012 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/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 21, 2011**.

The **Animal Law Section** of the **State Bar of Texas** announces its first annual student writing competition. The purpose of the Animal Law Section is to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations and court decisions relating to legal issues involving animals. With this competition, the Section seeks to encourage students at Texas law schools to engage in the study, and enter the practice, of animal law. Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., CST on **December 5, 2011**. For details, go to <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for Fourth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to "The Importance of Toward Liquor Control to Modern Alcohol Policy. Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information, please visit their website at [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 19, 2011**.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. The GRAMMY Foundation, in concert with some of the most prominent entertainment attorneys, established the Entertainment Law Initiative to promote discussion and debate about the most compelling legal issues facing the music industry today. First place winner receives \$5,000, four second- place winners receive \$1,500. All winners will receive One GRAMMY Awards Show ticket, Round-Trip Ticket to the GRAMMY Awards, Hotel Accommodations, One MusicCares Person of the Year ticket. For additional information and competition rules, please go to the ELI Page on Facebook <http://tinyurl.com/ELIFacebook>. **Deadline January 2, 2012.**

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted September 5, 2011 through **January 5, 2012.**

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition and full and part-time J.D. and LL.M. students 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 6, 2012.**

**The American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012.**

**NEW** – The **Public Justice Foundation**, announces the 2012 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2012 topic is *Are Factory Farms Hog-Tying People's Rights?* Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2012.** Essay submission deadline is March 31, 2012. For contest details please visit <http://www.publicjustice.net/What-We-Do/Awards/Law-School-Essay-Contest.aspx>.

**NEW** – The **College Labor and Employment Lawyers** is pleased to announce their 2011-2012 writing competition which is co-sponsored by the ABA Section of Labor & Employment Law. The scope of permissible topics is broad, *i.e.* any aspect of public or private labor or employment law. All law students are eligible to participate. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For competition rules please visit [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Deadline for submission is **May 15, 2012.**

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

**MARVIN M. KARPATKIN FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-06/45]**

**NOTICE TO THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**

**American Civil Liberties Union Foundation Racial Justice Program, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU)**, founded in 1920, is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with more than 500,000 members and is dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The **Racial Justice Program (RJP)** of the ACLU National office in New York City invites applications for the **Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellowship**, which will last for a one year period beginning in September 2012. Application deadline is November 1, 2011. <http://www.aclu.org/job/fall-2012-marvin-m-karpatkin-fellowship-acluf-racial-justice-program-ny>

**FALL 2012 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

**William J. Brennan First Amendment Fellowship**

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**NATIONAL SECURITY FELLOWSHIP [LGLF-52]**

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## NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAMS

The Law School's **External Advocacy Program** (EAP) Moot Court teams competed in two tournaments in the month of October. At the Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition in Atlanta, Georgia, the team of **Phillip Ripper (3L), Shari Mao (3L) and Erin Oglesby (3L)** advanced in a field of 32 teams from across the country, reaching the Octo-Finals of the competition. **Lauren Valkenaar (2L), Meagan Scott (2L) and Abbigail Smith (2L)** also competed on behalf of St. Mary's at the tournament.

At the **Mack Kidd Administrative and Public Law Moot Court Competition** in Austin, Texas, three St. Mary's teams competed against thirteen other teams from South Texas, Baylor, Texas Tech, Texas Wesleyan University, Southern Methodist University and the University of Houston. The team of **Phillip Ripper (3L) and Rachel Felderhoff (2L)** made it deep into the elimination rounds at this state competition, winning on orals but losing on brief in a modified semi-finals bracket, and placing St. Mary's as one of the top-four finishers at the tournament. Second year law students **Nick Guinn, Colleen Lisowski and Corey Stewart**, and **Alexander Merced, Krystine Ramon and John Ellis** also competed in Austin on behalf of St. Mary's. Alexander Merced was recognized as a top-five advocate as well.

With these competitions, **St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Teams** continue a **tradition of advancing** well beyond the preliminary rounds of the tournaments in which they compete, breaking to elimination rounds (including octos, quarters, semis and finals) more than 95% of the time.

Please **congratulate these students** on their hard work and dedication and for a job well done!

## NATIONAL MOCK TRIAL TEAM—CONGRATULATIONS!

This past weekend, a St. Mary's Law School **national mock trial team** consisting of **Jessica Estorga (3L), Sydney Paul (3L), Robby Glass (3L), and Carlos Ocampo (2L)** traveled to Buffalo, New York to compete in the 2011 Buffalo Niagara Mock Trial Competition. Thirty mock trial teams competed from across the nation. The team, which was coached by Adjunct Professor Matt Cole, took turns prosecuting and defending a murder case. They faced some of the top advocacy programs in the nation, including, Georgia, Faulkner, Loyola-Los Angeles, and Fordham. The judges and opposing coaches were uniformly impressed with the students, using terms such as "phenomenal," "buzz saw," "professional," and "amazing" to describe their performances. Ms. Estorga, Ms. Paul, Mr. Glass and Mr. Ocampo advanced all the way to the elite-eight round, where they were narrowly bested by the 2011 Lone Star Classic champion, Fordham. **Congratulations to Coach Cole and his team** and thanks for representing St. Mary's Law School so well across the nation!

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED

**Professor Schlueter** is looking for **one or more research assistants** 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.

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Orders for **tams, gowns and invitations** will be taken on **November 10, 2011** from **10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium**, Law Administration building.

## **SAN ANTONIO AUXILIARY FOUNDATION OLIVE TRUEHEART SCHOLARSHIP**

The **San Antonio Auxiliary Foundation** is pleased to announce they will provide a **\$4,000 scholarship** to one law student to be used for tuition and fees. The recipient will be chosen by the following criteria: Recipient must be a second-year student, male or female, in good standing with the school; minimum grade average should be a 3.0 or "B"; there should be financial need; and the check will be written to the school for the student's account. Please submit a **letter of interest and resume** to Associate Dean Victoria Mather. **Deadline** to apply is **November 29, 2011, 5:00 p.m.**

## **ATTENTION DECEMBER 2011 AND MAY 2012 GRADUATES**

All students planning to graduate in December 2011 or May 2012 who believe they are eligible for the Pro Bono Service Certificate must send an email to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) no later than **Friday, November 11, 2011**, with the following four items:

1. Name.
2. Student ID Number.
3. Indicating December 2011/May 2012 as your graduation date.
4. Confirmation that you completed and submitted a work log of at least 50 hours of qualifying Pro Bono and/or Community Service hours.

(NOTE: If you've already submitted this, there is no need to submit this again. Also, if you are/were a clinical student with the CLSJ there is no need to submit this.)

For general questions about the Pro Bono Clinics & Public Interest Opportunities, please visit the "Pro Bono Clinics / Community Service" TWEN page.

If you have specific questions, I'll get back to you as soon as I can (which depends on how many of these requests I get); if you do not have any questions (or do not include any of the above information) I will not respond to you.

Again, please send all email to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

Students who have completed and submitted at least 50 qualifying hours will be recognized during the May 19, 2012 graduation ceremony.

**AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY**  
**Presents: America's Interests: Mideast Discussion**  
Monday, November 7, 2011 • Alumni Room • Noon • Free Lunch

Lindsey Harris is a research fellow at the St. Mary's University Center for Terrorism Law. She is a December 2011 Juris Doctorate and Master's degree candidate in International Relations. Lindsey also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Texas A&M University. While on a study abroad trip in Jerusalem, Lindsey received the *2010 CALI Excellence for the Future Award* for excellence in achievement in the study of the Arab-Israeli conflict and its resolution. Lindsey has since spent three months in Egypt collecting data about Post-Revolution Egypt and the implications for American foreign policy. Please join us to learn more about America's interests in the Middle East. Everyone is welcome to attend the lecture and/or participate in the discussion. This event is open to the public and lunch will be provided.

**THE TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION**  
**PRESENTS MATTHEW JENNINGS**  
**"TRADEMARKS: BUILD AND DEFEND YOUR BRAND"**

The Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association is having a speaker on **Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 12:30 p.m.** in the **Atrium** of the Law Administration building. Please join us to hear **Matthew Jennings** on **"Trademarks: Build and Defend Your Brand."** He will touch on trademark selection (some fun marketing tie-ins), protection, litigation, and defense in cyberspace.

Mr Jennings is a Senior Counsel at Cox-Smith in San Antonio, and a registered Patent Attorney. He assists clients with matters related to intellectual property law. His practice is primarily devoted to the protection and enforcement of patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets, with a particular emphasis on prosecution and dispute resolution. Matthew has a strong background in technology matters and often addresses the complicated and evolving cyber law issues pertaining to infringement, privacy, terms of use, and corporate policy.

Everyone is invited.

## SIMPLICITY REFRESHER TRAINING

The Office of Career Services and the Student Bar Association are hosting a **Simplicity Refresher Training** for all students on **Tuesday, November 8, 2011**. The seminar will begin at **5:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library and is especially recommended for 3Ls, 2Ls and Evening Students. The 30-minute course will be taught by Suzanne Patrick, Director of Career Services.

## VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Join us **Thursday, November 10, 2011** for a “**St. Mary’s Veterans**” remembrance ceremony. The service will begin at **5:15 p.m.** in the **Law Plaza**. Dinner will follow. Following the dinner, be sure to attend the Veteran Day Concert at 7:30 p.m. in Treadaway Recital Hall. This event is open to all law faculty, staff and students and is co-sponsored by Law Ministry and the Military Law Association.

## VETERANS DAY CONCERT

The **Military Law Association** and the St. Mary’s University Music Department are sponsoring a **Veterans’ Day Concert** on **Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.** in **Treadaway Recital Hall**. The concert is free. Donations will be accepted at the door and snacks and drinks will be sold prior to and after the concert. All proceeds will benefit the **Fisher House**. T-shirt orders are available for anyone interested in a commemorative t-shirt of the event. Come on out and enjoy the sounds of patriotic music with friends and family. For **more information** you may contact Mark Poling, [markpoling@gmail.com](mailto:markpoling@gmail.com) or Brother Michael Sullivan, S.M. at [msullivan@stmarytx.edu](mailto:msullivan@stmarytx.edu). Everyone is invited to attend.

## VETERANS DAY STAND-DOWN

*In the military, a stand-down is used to give soldiers a break from the stresses and dangers of battle. The stand-down gives the soldiers an opportunity to rest and recover away from the field of battle. In a community setting, the stand-down allows the homeless veterans an opportunity to get away from the dangers of the streets and to get assistance in order to face the obstacles of life. ~From the San Antonio branch of the American GI Forum/National Veterans Outreach Program~*

**St. Mary’s Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ)** will be participating in the 2011 Veterans Day Stand-Down on **Thursday, November 10, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** The CLSJ will provide information on the legal services available through our Clinics. In addition to distributing information about our programs and services, we will also be handing out toiletry items for the veterans’ personal use – and **we need your help.**

We are **collecting donations** in the form of **toiletry items and cash.** Donation boxes for items are available in the Law Classroom building and the break room at the Center for Legal

and Social Justice. Cash can be given directly to Jami Nance, or placed in the envelope in Sarah Minter's office - # 112 at the Center for Legal and Social Justice.

#### Travel Size Toiletry Items Needed

Deodorant	Razors
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste (individually packaged)	Combs/Brushes
Hand Sanitizer	Wet Wipes
Bandages	Sunblock
Mosquito Repellant	

For more information, please contact Jami Nance at [jami.nance@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nance@gmail.com) or Sarah Minter at [sminter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:sminter@stmarytx.edu).

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#### **LAWYERS FOR TEXAS VETERANS**

**Lawyers for Texas Veterans** is a State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need. The next clinic will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital (7400 Merton Minter St.) on **November 18, 2011**. **Law students are definitely needed at each clinic** to serve as witnesses for wills and other tasks. 1Ls are welcome. Volunteers should sign up on the Pro Bono web site "sign up" sheet for CJP Veterans Clinic. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their Pro Bono forms to the clinic to be signed. Questions? Email Ann Marie Matonak at [ammatonak@gmail.com](mailto:ammatonak@gmail.com) or Victoria Bongat at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com). For veterans needing services: call [\(210\) 212-3740](tel:(210)212-3740) (appointment needed).

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Listed below are the November programs. Please **RSVP to attend any of the 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 events we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **Simplicity Refresher Training**

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5:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

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

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Come learn more about what it means to be an in-house counsel at a corporation and network with some attorneys. Open to all students. Lunch will be served.

### **Extreme Makeover**

Saturday, November 12, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Open to All Students

The Office of Career Services and Career Coach Juliana Lucci Ashley (St. Mary’s Law Alum) are excited to bring you an exclusive career-building opportunity. Designed to help you clarify your career goals, find your strengths and feel confident in your job search, this interactive seminar is for students who:

- Aren't sure what they want to do in their career
- Haven't started their job search and want ideas about where to start
- Have been applying but feel frustrated in their job search
- Want to be able to answer interview questions powerfully and confidently

You will learn how to set yourself apart from others competing for the same job, determine what you really want to be doing in your career and answer any interview question powerfully and persuasively. Space is limited, so if you are interested in attending please RSVP promptly.

Seminar Benefits:

- Clarify your career goals
- Find your strengths
- Determine what type of law/career will be most fulfilling to you
- Discover the unique value you bring to an employer – how to set yourself apart from other candidates

This event is sponsored by Themis Bar Review

### **Careers in International Law**

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Noon, Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Come learn the different paths each of the participants took out of law school to become international lawyers. Learn about what their practice is like (in-house, boutique and big firm) and learn the pros and cons of practicing international law. The presentation will be informal with ample opportunity for questions and to meet the participants. If you are interested in international law, don't miss this presentation. This event is open to all students and is sponsored by the International Law Section, State Bar of Texas and the Office of Career Services. Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops. First Year Students Will Gain Symplicity Access on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Reserve the Date – Future Events**

Save the below dates for the Spring Job Fairs. All Job Fairs will take place in the cities designated below. More details will be provided after finals. Please stay engaged and check your email and Symplicity regularly for more information about these great opportunities.

Public Service Day in Austin- January 26-27, 2012

Small Firm Interviewing and Networking Program, San Antonio- February 9, 2012

El Paso Virtual Job Fair- Deadline February 16, 2012

Dallas Job Fair- February 17, 2012

Austin Job Fair- February 24, 2012

Rio Grande Valley Job Fair- March 2, 2012

Corpus Job Fair- March 9, 2012

Houston Job Fair- March 30, 2012

## **JOIN THE LAW STUDENT DIVISION OF THE ABA**

Join the American Bar Association Law Student Division today to start building your professional network and increasing your chances to land a job after graduation. There are two easy ways to join. Visit [www.abaforlawstudents.org](http://www.abaforlawstudents.org) or telephone 800-285-2221. Dues are just \$25 for one year or \$60 for three years. The ABA is the largest professional voluntary association in the world.

## **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The St. Mary's Campus Recreation Department is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Fall semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please go to:

[http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus\\_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf](http://www.stmarytx.edu/campus_rec/pdf/FallFitnessSchedule2011.pdf).



## **RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATES**

Sunday, November 6 – Greek Week Talent Show

Friday, November 11 – Shuttle to the San Marcos Outlets

For more information on these events, please contact Jerome Budomo at (210) 436-3017 or at [jbudomo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jbudomo@stmarytx.edu) or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, (210) 431-4340 or at [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

## **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

## **LAW LIBRARY FOOD & DRINK POLICY**

Enjoy snacks but leave no trace. Regarding beverages, all beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling. No food or drinks allowed in the computer lab or at any library computer station. Please clean up after yourself and report any spills to the Circulation Desk. As for food, please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Types of foods allowed in the library are pretzels, nuts, granola bars, grapes, raisins, bagels, or cookies. Foods that are not allowed are french fries, pizza, burgers and sandwiches, ice cream, soups and salads, or any type of food requiring the use of utensils. Meals may be enjoyed in the second floor student lounge or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces. Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels. The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons. Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.

## **LAW LIBRARY TO CLOSE DURING WINTER BREAK**

The carpet in the Law Library will be replaced this coming winter. In addition, the fire alarm system will undergo a total overhaul. These two projects are necessary to keep the building safe and comfortable for students. For the construction, the Library **will be closed** from December 10, 2011 (after final exams) through January 16, 2012. No access to the building will be allowed during this period. Students are encouraged to make alternative plans accordingly. We apologize for inconveniences that this shutdown may cause you. For questions, please contact Bob Hu, Director of the Law Library.

## **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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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

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. Applications will be accepted through **November 11, 2011**. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2011 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 2011, and papers scheduled for publication in 2011 or 2012 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 18, 2011**.

Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP is pleased to announce their 2012 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/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 21, 2011**.

The **Animal Law Section** of the **State Bar of Texas** announces its first annual student writing competition. The purpose of the Animal Law Section is to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations and court decisions relating to legal issues involving animals. With this competition, the Section seeks to encourage students at Texas law schools to engage in the study, and enter the practice, of animal law. Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., CST on **December 5, 2011**. For details, go to <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for Fourth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to "The Importance of Toward Liquor Control to Modern Alcohol Policy. Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information, please visit their website at [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 19, 2011**.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the Entertainment and**

**Sports Industries** announces the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. The GRAMMY Foundation, in concert with some of the most prominent entertainment attorneys, established the Entertainment Law Initiative to promote discussion and debate about the most compelling legal issues facing the music industry today. First place winner receives \$5,000, four second- place winners receive \$1,500. All winners will receive One GRAMMY Awards Show ticket, Round-Trip Ticket to the GRAMMY Awards, Hotel Accommodations, One MusicCares Person of the Year ticket. For additional information and competition rules, please go to the ELI Page on Facebook <http://tinyurl.com/ELIFacebook>. **Deadline January 2, 2012.**

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted September 5, 2011 through **January 5, 2012.**

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition and full and part-time J.D. and LL.M. students 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 6, 2012.**

**NEW** – **Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the 2011-2012 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 visit [www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html](http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html) or contact Professor Martin H. Malin at [mmalin@kentlaw.edu](mailto:mmalin@kentlaw.edu). The deadline for submission is **January 17, 2012.**

**The American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012.**

The **Public Justice Foundation**, announces the 2012 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2012 topic is *Are Factory Farms Hog-Tying People's Rights?* Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2012.** Essay submission deadline is March 31, 2012. For contest details please visit <http://www.publicjustice.net/What-We-Do/Awards/Law-School-Essay-Contest.aspx>.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

**NEW** – The **American Judges Association** (AJA) announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?” 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**NEW** – The **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.

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Finals are around the corner and final exam time is a stressful time for law students and those around them. Usually, students handle it very well. On occasion, the additional stress of law school finals is just too much, and you (or a friend) may need assistance.

The **St. Mary's University Psychological and Testing Center** (210.436.3135) and the **Texas Lawyers Assistance Program** (found at the State Bar of Texas website, [www.texasbar.com](http://www.texasbar.com), or on the Academic & Student Affairs page of the Law School website) are available to help you manage those stresses (or to pass along to classmates or law school friends who might need this type of assistance). In addition if you want general, reliable information regarding the legal profession and mental health challenges and resources, including the symptoms of various types of depression, please visit [www.lawyerswithdepression.com](http://www.lawyerswithdepression.com).

For general academic assistance, you can contact the **Office of Academic and Student Affairs**, [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.4340.

### AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY PRESENTS PRESIDENT TEDDY ROOSEVELT

**American Constitution Society** (ACS) presents President Teddy Roosevelt today, **Monday, November 14, 2011, at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library.

The ACS is proud and honored to present **President Teddy Roosevelt**, Lt. Col. of Rough Riders Regiment, 26th President of the United States (1901–1909), and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Mr. Roosevelt will discuss "What It Means To Be a Progressive-Liberal in America." The President will be available for a Q&A session following his presentation. Lunch will be served.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS WEEK COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS WILL BE GIVEN

The **Military Law Association** (MLA) is sponsoring a community service event with **The San Antonio Symphony** benefitting **The Fisher House**. Community service hours have been approved for student volunteers to sit at a table in the Law Classroom building and help collect donations on **Friday, November 18 and Monday, November 21, 2011**. The MLA has two sign-up sheets on their TWEN page, one for each day. On Monday, November 21, we will have an extended table day and invite all evening students to participate. This event is the first of what will hopefully be many more collaboration for the MLA and the San Antonio Symphony, so please help us make it a good one. All students are encouraged to sign up on TWEN to volunteer.

## **THE MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION AND THE SAN ANTONIO SYMPHONY HOLIDAY POPS PRESENT THE FISHER HOUSE COMMUNITY COLLABORATION**

**The Military Law Association (MLA) and the San Antonio Symphony announce The Fisher House Community Collaboration.** The San Antonio Symphony will host a concert event, *San Antonio Symphony Holiday* on December 16-17 and *Holiday Family* on December 18 at the Majestic Theater.

- The MLA will be at a table in the law classroom building on **Friday, November 18** and **Monday, November 21**, to collect donations and give out vouchers for the concert events on December 16, 17, and 18. The MLA is now collecting donations (monetary and in-kind).
- For those who wish to purchase reserved seats for the Holiday Pops, you will receive a 20% discount. (We will give you the contact information-just ask Mark Poling).
- For future symphony events, students can get in to any subscription concert with a student ID for only \$8.
- All donations will benefit Fisher House.
- Each voucher is good for 2 tickets to pre-selected concerts.
- We ask for at least a \$10 donation. Come on, it's the season for giving and you're getting to attend the San Antonio Symphony.

Everyone is invited to come on out and take advantage of this great opportunity while supporting a worthwhile cause.

## **ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEMBER'S NETWORKING DINNER WITH BEXAR COUNTY STAFF ATTORNEY**

All **APALSA members** are invited to dinner with Ms. Tiffany Duong. Ms. Duong is a founding member of the Asian American Attorney's Association of San Antonio. She has kindly agreed to join us to discuss her role as a staff attorney and her experience in the Bexar County judicial system.

**Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Pho Sure Authentic Vietnamese**  
**741 W. Ashby Place, San Antonio, TX 78212**

Not a member, yet? APALSA membership is open to all students with an interest in Asian-Pacific American issues, culture, and international concerns. For membership information and registration for this event, please sign-up on TWEN.



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The **Aggie Bar Association** will be hosting **Scott Martinez**, a family and criminal law attorney, presently running for judge of the 408th District Court. Mr. Martinez will be giving a presentation on practicing as a solo practitioner on **Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.** in the **Atrium** of the Law Administration building. All students are welcome to come hear his informative presentation, ask questions, and get to know a judicial candidate. Dinner will be provided.

## LAWYERS FOR TEXAS VETERANS

**Lawyers for Texas Veterans** is a State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need. The next clinic will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital (7400 Merton Minter St.) on **November 18, 2011**. **Law students are definitely needed at each clinic** to serve as witnesses for wills and other tasks. 1Ls are welcome. Volunteers should sign up on the Pro Bono web site "sign up" sheet for CJP Veterans Clinic. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their Pro Bono forms to the clinic to be signed. Questions? Email Ann Marie Matonak at [ammatonak@gmail.com](mailto:ammatonak@gmail.com) or Victoria Bongat at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com). For veterans needing services: call [\(210\) 212-3740](tel:(210)212-3740) (appointment needed).

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St. Mary's University School of Law and the Law Alumni Association are co-sponsors of the SABF Fun Run and are looking to sponsor 9 students, faculty or staff willing to participate. The race will be held on Saturday, November 19. To sign-up please contact Al Hartman, Assistant Dean, Alumni Relations & Development, 210.431.2136 or [ahartman@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ahartman@stmarytx.edu).

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**Careers in International Law**

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Noon, Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

Come learn the different paths each of the participants took out of law school to become international lawyers. Learn about what their practice is like (in-house, boutique and big firm) and learn the pros and cons of practicing international law. The presentation will be informal with ample opportunity for questions and to meet the participants. If you are interested in international law, don’t miss this presentation. This event is open to all students and is sponsored by the International Law Section, State Bar of Texas and the Office of Career Services. Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops. First Year Students Will Gain Symplicity Access on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. The GRAMMY Foundation, in concert with some of the most prominent entertainment attorneys, established the Entertainment Law Initiative to promote discussion and debate about the most compelling legal issues facing the music industry today. First place winner receives \$5,000, four second- place winners receive \$1,500. All winners will receive One GRAMMY Awards Show ticket, Round-Trip Ticket to the GRAMMY Awards, Hotel Accommodations, One MusicCares Person of the Year ticket. For additional information and competition rules, please go to the ELI Page on Facebook <http://tinyurl.com/ELIFacebook>. **Deadline January 2, 2012**.

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted September 5, 2011 through **January 5, 2012**.

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition and full and part-time J.D. and LL.M. students 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 6, 2012**.

**Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the 2011-2012 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 visit [www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html](http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html) or contact Professor Martin H. Malin at [mmalin@kentlaw.edu](mailto:mmalin@kentlaw.edu). The deadline for submission is **January 17, 2012**.

The **American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012**.

The **Public Justice Foundation**, announces the 2012 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2012 topic is *Are Factory Farms Hog-Tying People's Rights?* Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2012**. Essay submission deadline is March 31, 2012. For contest details please visit <http://www.publicjustice.net/What-We-Do/Awards/Law-School-Essay-Contest.aspx>.

**Boston College Law School** is soliciting papers for the 2011-2012 Liberty Mutual Prize which was created to encourage and recognize legal scholarship in the area of property and casualty insurance law. The winning entrant will receive \$5,000. Authors should possess a J.D. degree or its overseas equivalent. Deadline to apply is February 1, 2012. For more information please contact John Gordon: [gordonjo@bc.edu](mailto:gordonjo@bc.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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **American Judges Association** (AJA) announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?.” 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.

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Friday – Monday, December 23 – January 2	Closed
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The **Black Law Students Association** is holding a **canned food drive** through **Tuesday, November 22, 2011**. All items will be donated to **the San Antonio Food Bank** to help with their Thanksgiving efforts. Items needed are: cranberry sauce, beans, gravy, boxed rice, soup, and vegetables.

## STUDENT RESOURCES

Finals are around the corner and final exam time is a stressful time for law students and those around them. Usually, students handle it very well. On occasion, the additional stress of law school finals is just too much, and you (or a friend) may need assistance.

The **St. Mary's University Psychological and Testing Center** (210.436.3135) and the **Texas Lawyers Assistance Program** (found at the State Bar of Texas website, [www.texasbar.com](http://www.texasbar.com), or on the Academic & Student Affairs page of the Law School website) are available to help you manage those stresses (or to pass along to classmates or law school friends who might need this type of assistance). In addition if you want general, reliable information regarding the legal profession and mental health challenges and resources, including the symptoms of various types of depression, please visit [www.lawyerswithdepression.com](http://www.lawyerswithdepression.com).

For general academic assistance, you can contact the **Office of Academic and Student**

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## **THE MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION AND THE SAN ANTONIO SYMPHONY HOLIDAY POPS PRESENT THE FISHER HOUSE COMMUNITY COLLABORATION**

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- The MLA will be at a table in the law classroom building today, **Monday, November 21**, to collect donations and give out vouchers for the concert events on December 16, 17, and 18. The MLA is now collecting donations (monetary and in-kind).
- For those who wish to purchase reserved seats for the Holiday Pops, you will receive a 20% discount. (We will give you the contact information-just ask Mark Poling).
- For future symphony events, students can get in to any subscription concert with a student ID for only \$8.
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Association, hooding ceremony, roll call, and a blessing. A reception will follow at Lisa's Mexican Restaurant at the corner of Bandera and Woodlawn. Everyone is invited to attend. Please RSVP to Ms. Becky Adams at 210.431.5017 before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2011.

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Save the below dates for the Spring Job Fairs. All Job Fairs will take place in the cities designated below. More details will be provided after finals. Please stay engaged and check your email and Symplicity regularly for more information about these great opportunities.

Public Service Day in Austin- January 26-27, 2012  
Small Firm Interviewing and Networking Program, San Antonio- February 9, 2012  
El Paso Virtual Job Fair- Deadline February 16, 2012  
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A select number of qualified law and business students will also prepare small business (schedule c) tax returns throughout the week during tax season.

Various opportunities exist for law students interested in tax and business law, including some paid positions.

Working with VITA is a great way to help the community while receiving hands on experience in this field! You are also eligible to receive pro bono hours and several other incentives offered only to St. Mary's VITA volunteers.

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## **JOB FAIRS**

Save the below dates for the Spring Job Fairs. All Job Fairs will take place in the cities designated below. More details will be provided after finals. Please stay engaged and check your email and Symplicity regularly for more information about these great opportunities.

Public Service Day in Austin- January 26-27, 2012

Small Firm Interviewing and Networking Program, San Antonio- February 9, 2012

El Paso Virtual Job Fair- Deadline February 16, 2012

Dallas Job Fair- February 17, 2012

Austin Job Fair- February 24, 2012

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

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### **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

### **LAW LIBRARY FOOD & DRINK POLICY**

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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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for Fourth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to “The Importance of Toward Liquor Control to Modern Alcohol Policy. Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information, please visit their website at [55www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://55www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 19, 2011**.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. The GRAMMY Foundation, in concert with some of the most prominent entertainment attorneys, established the Entertainment Law Initiative to promote discussion and debate about the most compelling legal issues facing the music industry today. First place winner receives \$5,000, four second- place winners receive \$1,500. All winners will receive One GRAMMY Awards Show ticket, Round-Trip Ticket to the GRAMMY Awards, Hotel Accommodations, One MusicCares Person of the Year ticket. For additional information and competition rules, please go to the ELI Page on Facebook <http://tinyurl.com/ELIFacebook>. **Deadline January 2, 2012.**

**NEW - The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2012 student writing competition in law, medicine and bioethics. The ACLM will present awards for outstanding original papers written by law or health professions student. 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 5, 2012**.

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff’s commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted September 5, 2011 through **January 5, 2012**.

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition and full and part-time J.D. and LL.M. students 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 6, 2012**.

**Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law’s Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the 2011-2012 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 visit

[www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html](http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html) or contact Professor Martin H. Malin at [mmalin@kentlaw.edu](mailto:mmalin@kentlaw.edu). The deadline for submission is **January 17, 2012**.

**NEW** - The **National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers** (NACDL) is seeking up to five (5) **Minority Law Fellows** to match with exceptional, experienced, criminal defense attorney members for up to eight (8) weeks working in a criminal defense law practice. The purpose of the fellowship is to advance diversity in the criminal defense community by giving underrepresented populations an opportunity to gain experience in a criminal defense law practice. Fellows will actively intern in Washington, D.C., New York, NY, San Juan, PR, or Denver, CO, as well as be invited to participate in NACDL events and networking opportunities during the summer. Each Fellow will receive a weekly stipend of \$500.00. Interested applicants must 1) be law students in good academic standing enrolled in an ABA accredited law school at the time the application is submitted; 2) submit a personalized cover letter that addresses a) a first & second placement preference and b) why the applicant wants to be a NACDL Fellow; 3) submit a 1-2 page resume; 4) fully complete the entry form ([www.nacdl.org/essaycompetition](http://www.nacdl.org/essaycompetition)) ; and 5) email a completed application package to Daniel Weir at [dweir@nacdl.org](mailto:dweir@nacdl.org) by **January 17, 2012** by 4:00 p.m. EST. To confirm receipt of submission, contact Daniel Weir. Other questions? Contact Geneva Vanderhorst at [genevalaw@yahoo.com](mailto:genevalaw@yahoo.com), attention: NACDL Fellowship.

**The American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.air.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012**.

The **Public Justice Foundation**, announces the 2012 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2012 topic is *Are Factory Farms Hog-Tying People's Rights?* Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2012**. Essay submission deadline is March 31, 2012. For contest details please visit <http://www.publicjustice.net/What-We-Do/Awards/Law-School-Essay-Contest.aspx>.

**Boston College Law School** is soliciting papers for the 2011-2012 Liberty Mutual Prize which was created to encourage and recognize legal scholarship in the area of property and casualty insurance law. The winning entrant will receive \$5,000. Authors should possess a J.D. degree or its overseas equivalent. Deadline to apply is February 1, 2012. For more information please contact John Gordon: [gordonjo@bc.edu](mailto:gordonjo@bc.edu).

**NEW** – **Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For

questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit briefs is **April 16, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?.” 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.



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**SCHOLAR SYMPOSIUM 2012**  
**Immigration Law: Practice and Policy in the Twenty-first Century**

Volume Fourteen cordially invites all alumni to **the Immigration Symposium on Friday, March 2, 2012**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. The Scholar's goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students.

The event will take place overlooking downtown San Antonio at the **Plaza Club**. Registration and fee information can be found on [thescholarlawreview.org](http://thescholarlawreview.org). We hope you will be able to join us for this exciting CLE opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (210) 431-4229 or [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu).

**Keynote Speaker**

**Professor Michael A. Olivas**, University of Houston Law Center

**Speakers:**

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**KUDOS**

Kudos to **Lynette Boggs, 3L** recipient of the 2011 **Texas Young Lawyer Association** (TYLA) Minority Scholarship. Each year, a scholarship is awarded 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 enter the legal profession and to participate in the program and activities of TYLA and the State Bar of Texas. Please congratulate Lynette when you see her.

## THE AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP

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 certain eligibility criteria.

Please log onto the Pro Bono Clinics/Community Service TWEN page for more information and to download the application. Deadline for submission for the spring 2012 semester is **Friday, February 3, 2012**.

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### TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

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February	June 30	August 30
July	November 30	January 30

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

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THOSE WHO ATTENDED THIS PROGRAM LAST YEAR GAVE IT RAVE REVIEWS!!!! The General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of Texas brings you a round table seminar and pizza luncheon. So you're getting ready to graduate, and don't yet have a job lined up? Prefer to "eat what you kill?" Come learn how to start and maintain a successful solo practice. Learn tips and tricks for putting food on the table and money in your account. FREE PIZZA. (See, you have already saved a few bucks just by showing up!)

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**Free Two Part NALP Webinar Series: The Summer Public Interest Job Search: Expert Tips on Cover Letters, Resumes, Interviewing and Networking**

Part One: Best Practices in Drafting Cover Letters and Resumes.

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. [Reserve your Webinar seat now!](#)

Presenters:

- Steve Grumm, Director of Public Service Initiatives, NALP
- Stuart Smith, Director of Legal Recruitment, New York City Law Department
- Nicole Vikan, Assistant Director for Public Interest & Government Careers, Georgetown University Law Center

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Wednesday, February 1, 2012

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [Reserve your Webinar seat now!](#)

Presenters:

- Nita Mazumder, Program Manager for Law School Relations, Equal Justice Works
- Nicole Simmons, Career Counselor, The University of Texas School of Law
- David Zisser, Associate Counsel, The Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

**Careers in Health Law**

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Atrium Room

Lunch will be served.

Students will learn about different areas of health law, hearing first hand from attorneys who are in-house counsel as well as in a private firm setting as to what their practice entails. Speakers will comment on how much the field of health law has evolved in the past decade. The guest speakers will elaborate on the growing areas of health law, suggest helpful courses students might take, and offer valuable advice on landing a job in the health law arena.

Speakers are Serina Rivela, University Health System; Sandra C. Zamora, Cox Smith; and Graciela Cigarroa, CentralMed. This program is co-sponsored by the Student Health Law Association.

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

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Atrium Room

Lunch will be served.

Students will hear from judges and attorneys from legal markets in Texas that are outside the major metropolitan areas. Our speakers will discuss the climate of these legal markets, hot practice areas, the advantage of working in these markets, and tips and ideas for relocating to these areas. Come learn about how you can expand your job search outside of San Antonio and other metropolitan areas. Speakers are the Honorable Mary Ann Bramblett, Judge of the 41st District Court of El Paso County, El Paso, Texas; Bonnie Kirkland, Wood Boykin & Wolter, PC, Corpus Christi, Texas; and the Honorable Israel Ramon Jr., Judge of the 430<sup>th</sup> District Court of Hidalgo County, Edinburg, Texas.

## **SPRING 2012 JOB FAIRS**

Please note all of the below Job Fairs will take place in the cities listed. You will either interview at a central location in the named city or at the employer's office. Interview location will be specified in the Symplicity site.

The El Paso, Midland and Odessa fairs are virtual job fairs and employers will contact students they are interested in directly to schedule virtual interviews after the deadline date.

You are expected to participate in any interviews you accept for these fairs.

\* Remember, you only see employers that are interviewing for your class year. If you think your class year is incorrect, please let the Office of Career Services know.

**Metroplex Legal Job Fair** in Dallas and Fort Worth: Student bidding is from **January 23 to 24, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at the employer's office on **February 17, 2012**.

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**Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day**: Student bidding is from **February 8 to 10, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at Texas A & M, Corpus Christi on **March 9, 2012**.

**El Paso Virtual Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 13 to 15, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

**Rio Grande Valley Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 22 to 23, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at Edwards Abstract and Title Co. in Edinburg on **March 23, 2012**.

**Midland and Odessa Virtual Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 28 to March 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

**Houston Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **March 1 to 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at either the employer's office or Texas Tech Regional Center on **March 30, 2012**.

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Visit <http://ambar.org/lstdleadership> for the specific eligibility requirements, nomination/application forms, deadlines, and delivery instructions.

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.

Past leaders have stated that the professional, educational, and personal rewards they gained from their experience as an ABA Law Student Division leader were invaluable. If you enjoy a good challenge and are ready to roll up your sleeves, enhance your leadership experience, and work toward improving the legal education experience of your fellow classmates, then we strongly encourage you to submit your nomination or application for one of the leadership positions outlined below. All candidates must be ABA Law Student Division members in good standing (dues paid in full). Nominations must be signed by your dean and postmarked by the deadline date indicated. Please visit <http://ambar.org/lstdleadership> for the eligibility requirements, the nomination/application forms, deadlines, and mailing instructions.

#### **Law Student Division Board of Governors positions:**

- **Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary-Treasurer:** The offices of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer are part of the Division's Executive Committee and participate in the Division's overall operations, long-range planning, execution of a legislative agenda, and developing/maintaining ABA membership in the Division. The officers work with the Circuit Governors, Delegates, and Division Liaisons to better serve law student members and work to increase awareness of ABA offerings to law students across the country. Officers are voting members of the ABA Law Student Division Board of Governors which meets four times per year. **Nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2012.**
- **Division Representative to the ABA Board of Governor:** This officer position serves as a voting member on both the Division's Board of Governors and the ABA Board of Governors. The representative advocates the Law Student Division positions to the ABA Board of Governors and works for adoption of Division and other initiatives filed with the ABA Board that directly affect law students. **Nominations must be postmarked by January 15, 2012.**
- **Circuit Governor:** The (15) circuit governors represent and advocate for law students in their regional circuits. Circuit Governors work with the Division officers, delegates and



other ABA leaders to develop and promote ABA programs, offerings, services and initiatives. Circuit Governors also cultivate relationships with other leaders of the legal community in their circuit. Circuit Governors are voting members of the ABA Law Student Division Board of Governors which meets four times per year. **Nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2012.**

- **Student Editor for Student Lawyer magazine:**

The student editor works with the editor of Student Lawyer magazine and is responsible for authoring copy for Student Lawyer's Division Dialogue section and for reviewing magazine copy on a monthly basis. The student editor serves as a non-voting member of the ABA Law Student Division Board of Governors which meets four times per year.

**Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2012.**

**The following positions are appointed and the postmarked deadline for these positions is February 15, 2012.**

- **Entity Liaisons:** The Law Student Division appoints student liaisons to the over 60 ABA specialty practice areas. The Division Liaisons represent the Law Student Division to their appointed ABA specialty practice entity, work with those specialty practice areas to develop law student programs and services, and report to the Division on issues pertaining to law students that arise at entity meetings.
- **National Student Directors:** One National Student Director is selected to coordinate the Division's VITA program while the other four directors are appointed to work with one of the Division's four competition committees: Arbitration, Client Counseling, Negotiation, and Appellate Advocacy. Travel is required for the competition positions.
- **Project Directors:** One Project Director is selected to coordinate the Division's Law Student Mental Health Initiative, while the other Director is responsible for the Division's Veterans Advocacy Program. Travel is not required for these positions.

If you have any questions or would like more information about any leadership position, please do not hesitate to contact us at [abalsd@americanbar.org](mailto:abalsd@americanbar.org) or one of the ABA Law Student Division leaders listed at <http://ambar.org/lstdboard> for details.

**Attend Your Circuit's Spring Meeting and Governor Election:**

Visit <http://ambar.org/lstdspring> for details.

**ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY  
NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

## LAW LIBRARY FOOD & DRINK POLICY

Enjoy snacks but leave no trace. Regarding beverages, all beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling. No food or drinks allowed in the computer lab or at any library computer station. Please clean up after yourself and report any spills to the Circulation Desk. As for food, please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Types of foods allowed in the library are pretzels, nuts, granola bars, grapes, raisins, bagels, or cookies. Foods that are not allowed are french fries, pizza, burgers and sandwiches, ice cream, soups and salads, or any type of food requiring the use of utensils. Meals may be enjoyed in the second floor student lounge or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces. Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels. The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons. Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.

## 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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012**.

**NEW – Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.**, a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, is pleased to announce its Fourteenth 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 31, 2012**.

The **Public Justice Foundation**, announces the 2012 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2012 topic is *Are Factory Farms Hog-Tying People's Rights?* Intent-to-enter submission deadline is

**January 31, 2012.** Essay submission deadline is March 31, 2012. For contest details please visit <http://www.publicjustice.net/What-We-Do/Awards/Law-School-Essay-Contest.aspx>.

**Boston College Law School** is soliciting papers for the 2011-2012 Liberty Mutual Prize which was created to encourage and recognize legal scholarship in the area of property and casualty insurance law. The winning entrant will receive \$5,000. Authors should possess a J.D. degree or its overseas equivalent. Deadline to apply is **February 1, 2012**. For more information please contact John Gordon: [gordonjo@bc.edu](mailto:gordonjo@bc.edu).

**NEW** – American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the American Society of International Law’s Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the second International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. For detailed competition rules, please visit [www.wclcenterforhr.org](http://www.wclcenterforhr.org). Deadline for submissions is **February 15, 2012**.

**NEW** – The 2012 **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 17, 2012**. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://bit.ly/Levit2012>.

**NEW** – Applications for the **ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund** for the 2012-2013 academic year are now being accepted. The Scholarship Fund will award \$5,000 of financial assistance annually. Twenty awards will be made to entering first-year students and may be renewable for two additional years, resulting in financial assistance totaling \$15,000 during each student’s time in law school. The application may be downloaded from <http://www.ambar.org/DiversityScholarship>. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2012**.

**NEW** – Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University Of Iowa College of Law announces its 2011-2012 **Trandafir International Business Writing Competition**. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **March 1, 2012**. For more information and contest rules, please see: [http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir\\_competition.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html).

**NEW** – 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. Prize is \$500 and your article will be published in the MSU College of Law Journal of Business & Securities Law. Please visit [https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon\\_competition.html](https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon_competition.html) for more information. Deadline to enter is **March 2, 2012**.

**NEW** – Entries for The Symposium XXV **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 \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded. For entry criteria, please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **March 31, 2012**.

**NEW** – Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. Note this is a full scholarship. 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, 2012**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit brief is **April 16, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

**NEW** – Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

**NEW** – The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2012 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, please go to

<http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is May 31, 2012.

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?.” 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**NEW** – The **Committee on Animals and the Law of the New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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 Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

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## INFORMATION MEETING ON CHINA PROGRAM

**Time:** Monday, January 23, 2012, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Classroom Building, Room 104  
Lunch provided

Are you interested in studying in China next summer? Come to an **informational meeting with Professors Bob Hu and Vincent Johnson**. They will tell you everything about the program, travel, housing, and internship opportunities in China. Past participants of this program will share their experiences and insights. Lunch will be provided. For questions or inquiry, contact Professor Hu at [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu).

## THE INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM

Applications are now open for the **Summer 2012 Innsbruck Program**. Spaces are filling up fast, so if you're interested in an opportunity to study under Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, please contact Professor Ariens ([mariens@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mariens@stmarytx.edu)) or Professor Reams ([breams@stmarytx.edu](mailto:breams@stmarytx.edu)) as soon as possible. This is a great opportunity to study alongside law students from other schools and other countries, and to travel across Austria, Germany, and the rest of Europe. For more information please contact the program directors, or student coordinator Matthew Howard ([mbryanthoward@gmail.com](mailto:mbryanthoward@gmail.com)).

## FEDERALIST SOCIETY MEETINGS

The next meeting of the [Federalist Society](#) will be **Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. This event will be a presentation by **Doug Bandow**, Senior Fellow at the [Cato Institute](#), on THE U.S. DEBT CRISIS (AS IF STUDENT LOANS WEREN'T ENOUGH...). Mr. Bandow is a graduate from Stanford University School of Law and specializes in foreign policy and civil liberties for Cato (a public policy research organization dedicated to the principles of individual liberty, limited government, free markets, and peace). He worked as special assistant to President Ronald Reagan and editor of the political magazine *Inquiry*. He writes regularly for leading publications such as *Fortune* magazine, *National Interest*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Washington Times*. He has been a regular commentator on ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox News Channel, and MSNBC.

On **Tuesday, January 31, 2012, Alumni Room, 12:00 p.m.**, the Federalist Society will host a presentation by **Robert Levy, Chairman of the Cato Institute's Board of Directors**. Mr. Levy will discuss his latest book [The Dirty Dozen: How Twelve Supreme Court Cases Radically Expanded Government and Eroded Freedom](#). He joined Cato as senior fellow in constitutional studies in 1997 after 25 years in business. He also sits on boards of the Institute for Justice, the Federalist Society, and the George Mason University School of Law. He founded CDA Investment Technologies, a major provider of financial information and software, and was its CEO until 1991. Levy clerked for Judge Royce C. Lamberth on the U.S. District Court in



Washington, D.C., and for Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. From 1997 until 2004, Levy was an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University. He has written numerous articles on investments, law, and public policy that appeared in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, *National Review*, and many other publications. Levy has also discussed public policy on national radio and TV programs, including ABC's *Nightline*, CNN's *Crossfire*, Fox's *The O'Reilly Factor*, MSNBC's *Hardball*, and NBC's *Today Show*. Levy received his Ph.D. in business from the American University and his J.D. degree from the George Mason University School of Law.

All students and faculty are welcome to attend. For more information about the Federalist Society chapter, including all calendar of events, join our TWEN page.

### **FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION'S SPRING MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

The **Board of Advocates** will be hosting the **Federal Bar Association's Spring Moot Court Competition**. Interested teams must sign up for the competition in the law classroom building up until **January 27, 2012**.

The competition will consist of two-person teams, one petitioner and the other respondent. The teams will compete twice in the preliminary rounds, arguing both sides of the issue.

**Preliminary Rounds:** January 30, through February 1, 2012

**Quarter-Final and Semi-Final Rounds:** February 3, 2012

**Final Round:** February 6, 2012

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

### **SPRING 2012 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS WORKSHOP**

All 1Ls are invited to attend the **Fundamental Skills Workshop** during the month of February 2012. This workshop will provide helpful advice and methods to improve your law school performance. While all 1Ls are invited to attend the Workshop, **attendance will be mandatory for some students**. Watch your student mailboxes and St. Mary's e-mail account for more information, including whether you are required to attend these sessions.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO BAR REVIEW RAFFLE WINNERS!**

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs would like to congratulate the **Academic Scholar Session Attendees** who won the raffle. Each of the 4 winners received \$250.00 toward their deposit with the Bar Review company of their choice. Thank you to all those who attended Academic Scholar Sessions during the Fall 2011 semester and look forward to continuing to assist you in upcoming events and individual advising during the Spring 2012 semester.



## BARBRI LECTURE

**Give him one day. He'll give you a REAL Advantage on the Bar Exam.** Saturday, February 4, 2012, Law Classroom 104, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Live Lecture with Q&A. Lunch will be served.** Mike Sims, president of BARBRI, has helped thousands of students pass the ultimate final exam -- the bar exam! Now Mike will be at St. Mary's to share with you the secrets to top bar exam performance. In this one-day, interactive essay writing workshop, *you'll gain a real advantage* over other bar exam takers as you learn a step-by-step method for approaching, analyzing and writing winning bar exam essays -- a method proven to get you maximum points *even when you are unsure of the law!* **Tuition is only \$45 for the first 50 students and \$95 for all other St. Mary's students. Non-St. Mary's students may enroll for \$125. Contact Patricia Solano at [Academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:Academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or 210-431-4340 to enroll.**

## SCHOLAR SYMPOSIUM 2012

### Immigration Law: Practice and Policy in the Twenty-first Century

Volume Fourteen cordially invites all alumni to **the Immigration Symposium on Friday, March 2, 2012.** The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. The Scholar's goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students. The event will take place overlooking downtown San Antonio at the **Plaza Club.** Registration and fee information can be found on <http://thescholarlawreview.org/>. We hope you will be able to join us for this exciting CLE opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (210) 431-4229 or <http://thescholarlawreview.org/>.

### Keynote Speaker

**Professor Michael A. Olivas**, University of Houston Law Center

### Speakers:

**David Armendariz**, De Mott, McChesney, Curtright & Armendariz, L.L.P. ♦ **Ramon E. Curial**, Oliva, Saks, Garcia & Curiel, LLP. ♦ **Professor Aaron S. Haas**, Washington and Lee University School of Law, Director of Citizenship and Immigration Clinical Program ♦ **Faye Kolly**, De Mott, McChesney, Curtright & Armendariz, L.L.P. ♦ **Anthony Marshall**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) ♦ **Joseph De Mott**, De Mott, McChesney, Curtright & Armendariz, L.L.P. ♦ **Assistant Professor Robert A. Shivers**, St. Mary's University School of Law, Shivers & Shivers ♦ **Professor Lee J. Teran**, St. Mary's University School of Law, Director of Immigration Clinical Program ♦ **Professor Darnell Weeden**, Associate Dean, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University.

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## **THE AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP**

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 certain eligibility criteria.

Please log onto the Pro Bono Clinics/Community Service TWEN page for more information and to download the application. Deadline for submission for the spring 2012 semester is **Friday, February 3, 2012**.

### ***THE SCHOLAR: ST. MARY'S LAW REVIEW ON MINORITY ISSUES***

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues* Vol. 14 Editorial Board, wishes to congratulate the following Staff Writers for publication of their Comments:

WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS: THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE SHELTER FROM THE STORM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

*Alyse Haugen*

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE UNIVERSITY? NEW LEGISLATION CAPS VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL CHOICES THAT COULD COST LESS

*Whitney Howe*

NURTURING THE SEEDS OF FOOD JUSTICE: UNEARTHING INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM IN URBAN AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

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*David Ryan Quintanilla*

WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN—HOW CHILDREN OF SAME-SEX COUPLES ARE LEFT WITHOUT STATE-RUN SUPPORT

*Ann Watson*

The following Comments have been selected to receive Credit with Honors:

UNITED STATES V. PIPING PLOVER, LEAST TERN, & PALLID STURGEON: THIS DAM PROBLEM IS FOR THE BIRDS (AND FISH)

*Bill Fix*

WE ARE GOOD, BUT WE NEED TO BE GREAT: PROBLEMS FACING TEXAS IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING

*Chris Mazzola*

THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE AND THE DOCTRINE OF COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY

*Ellen J. McDermott*

### TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

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

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

### FUTURE PROGRAMS – OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

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 events; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

#### **Interview Skills Workshop**

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

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. SPONSORED BY THEMIS BAR REVIEW.

**Free Two Part NALP Webinar Series: The Summer Public Interest Job Search: Expert Tips on Cover Letters, Resumes, Interviewing and Networking**

Part One: Best Practices in Drafting Cover Letters and Resumes.

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. [Reserve your Webinar seat now!](#)

Presenters:

- Steve Grumm, Director of Public Service Initiatives, NALP
- Stuart Smith, Director of Legal Recruitment, New York City Law Department
- Nicole Vikan, Assistant Director for Public Interest & Government Careers, Georgetown University Law Center

**Free Two Part NALP Webinar Series: The Summer Public Interest Job Search: Expert Tips on Cover Letters, Resumes, Interviewing and Networking**

Part Two: Best Practices in Interviewing and In-person Networking.

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [Reserve your Webinar seat now!](#)

Presenters:

- Nita Mazumder, Program Manager for Law School Relations, Equal Justice Works
- Nicole Simmons, Career Counselor, The University of Texas School of Law
- David Zisser, Associate Counsel, The Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

**Careers in Health Law**

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Atrium Room

Lunch will be served.

Students will learn about different areas of health law, hearing first hand from attorneys who are in-house counsel as well as in a private firm setting as to what their practice entails. Speakers will comment on how much the field of health law has evolved in the past decade. The guest speakers will elaborate on the growing areas of health law, suggest helpful courses students might take, and offer valuable advice on landing a job in the health law arena.

Speakers are Serina Rivela, University Health System; Sandra C. Zamora, Cox Smith; and Graciela Cigarroa, CentralMed. This program is co-sponsored by the Student Health Law Association.

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

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Atrium Room

Lunch will be served.

Students will hear from judges and attorneys from legal markets in Texas that are outside the major metropolitan areas. Our speakers will discuss the climate of these legal markets, hot

practice areas, the advantage of working in these markets, and tips and ideas for relocating to these areas. Come learn about how you can expand your job search outside of San Antonio and other metropolitan areas. Speakers are the Honorable Mary Ann Bramblett, Judge of the 41st District Court of El Paso County, El Paso, Texas; Bonnie Kirkland, Wood Boykin & Wolter, PC, Corpus Christi, Texas; and the Honorable Israel Ramon Jr., Judge of the 430<sup>th</sup> District Court of Hidalgo County, Edinburg, Texas.

### **Military JAG Panel**

Thursday, February 23, 2012

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program will provide students with information and experiences from JAGs from most branches of the military. This event is co-sponsored by the Military Law Students Association and the Office of Career Services. Speakers will be Captain Craig M. Scrogam, Army; Captain Justin Hess, Air Force, Lieutenant Mark W. Richardson, Navy (tentative), Colonel Steven Ramos, Marines; and Joseph N. Casas, J.D., M.B.A., Former Marine and Navy JAG.

## **SPRING 2012 JOB FAIRS**

Please note all of the below Job Fairs will take place in the cities listed. You will either interview at a central location in the named city or at the employer's office. Interview location will be specified in the Symplicity site.

The El Paso, Midland and Odessa fairs are virtual job fairs and employers will contact students they are interested in directly to schedule virtual interviews after the deadline date.

You are expected to participate in any interviews you accept for these fairs.

\* Remember, you only see employers that are interviewing for your class year. If your class year is incorrect, please contact the Office of Career Services.

**Metroplex Legal Job Fair** in Dallas and Fort Worth: Student bidding is from **January 23 to 24, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at the employer's office on **February 17, 2012**.

**Austin Legal Job Fair** in Austin: Student bidding is from **January 23 to 24, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at the employer's office on **February 24, 2012**.

**Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day**: Student bidding is from **February 8 to 10, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at [https://law-stmarytx-](https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/)

[csm.symplicity.com/students/](http://csm.symplicity.com/students/). Interviews will be held at Texas A & M, Corpus Christi on **March 9, 2012**.

**El Paso Virtual Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 13 to 15, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

**Rio Grande Valley Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 22 to 23, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at Edwards Abstract and Title Co. in Edinburg on **March 23, 2012**.

**Midland and Odessa Virtual Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 28 to March 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

**Houston Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **March 1 to 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at either the employer's office or Texas Tech Regional Center on **March 30, 2012**.

## **VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP**

The **VITA Program offers free tax help to low-to moderate-income people** who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers, trained by professors and students at the Bill Greehey School of Business, will prepare tax returns on Saturdays during the tax season at the Center for Legal and Social Justice.

A select number of qualified law and business students will also prepare small business (schedule c) tax returns throughout the week during tax season.

Various opportunities exist for law students interested in tax and business law, including some paid positions.

Working with VITA is a great way to help the community while receiving hands on experience in this field! You are also eligible to receive pro bono hours and several other incentives offered only to St. Mary's VITA volunteers.

If you are interested in **volunteering or interviewing for a paid position**, please contact Rachael Rubenstein at [rubenstein@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rubenstein@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5757.

## **JOIN THE ABA LAW STUDENT DIVISION 2012-2013 LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Visit <http://ambar.org/lsdleadership> for the specific eligibility requirements, nomination/application forms, deadlines, and delivery instructions.

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.

Past leaders have stated that the professional, educational, and personal rewards they gained from their experience as an ABA Law Student Division leader were invaluable. If you enjoy a good challenge and are ready to roll up your sleeves, enhance your leadership experience, and work toward improving the legal education experience of your fellow classmates, then we strongly encourage you to submit your nomination or application for one of the leadership positions outlined below. All candidates must be ABA Law Student Division members in good standing (dues paid in full). Nominations must be signed by your dean and postmarked by the deadline date indicated. Please visit <http://ambar.org/lstdleadership> for the eligibility requirements, the nomination/application forms, deadlines, and mailing instructions.

#### **Law Student Division Board of Governors positions:**

- **Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary-Treasurer:** The offices of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer are part of the Division's Executive Committee and participate in the Division's overall operations, long-range planning, execution of a legislative agenda, and developing/maintaining ABA membership in the Division. The officers work with the Circuit Governors, Delegates, and Division Liaisons to better serve law student members and work to increase awareness of ABA offerings to law students across the country. Officers are voting members of the ABA Law Student Division Board of Governors which meets four times per year. **Nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2012.**
- **Circuit Governor:** The (15) circuit governors represent and advocate for law students in their regional circuits. Circuit Governors work with the Division officers, delegates and other ABA leaders to develop and promote ABA programs, offerings, services and initiatives. Circuit Governors also cultivate relationships with other leaders of the legal community in their circuit. Circuit Governors are voting members of the ABA Law Student Division Board of Governors which meets four times per year. **Nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2012.**

- **Student Editor for Student Lawyer magazine:**

The student editor works with the editor of Student Lawyer magazine and is responsible for authoring copy for Student Lawyer's Division Dialogue section and for reviewing magazine copy on a monthly basis. The student editor serves as a non-voting member of the ABA Law Student Division Board of Governors which meets four times per year.

**Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2012.**

**The following positions are appointed and the postmarked deadline for these positions is February 15, 2012.**

- **Entity Liaisons:** The Law Student Division appoints student liaisons to the over 60 ABA specialty practice areas. The Division Liaisons represent the Law Student Division to their appointed ABA specialty practice entity, work with those specialty practice areas to develop law student programs and services, and report to the Division on issues pertaining to law students that arise at entity meetings.
- **National Student Directors:** One National Student Director is selected to coordinate the Division's VITA program while the other four directors are appointed to work with one of the Division's four competition committees: Arbitration, Client Counseling, Negotiation, and Appellate Advocacy. Travel is required for the competition positions.
- **Project Directors:** One Project Director is selected to coordinate the Division's Law Student Mental Health Initiative, while the other Director is responsible for the Division's Veterans Advocacy Program. Travel is not required for these positions.

If you have any questions or would like more information about any leadership position, please do not hesitate to contact us at [abalsd@americanbar.org](mailto:abalsd@americanbar.org) or one of the ABA Law Student Division leaders listed at <http://ambar.org/lsdboard> for details.

**Attend Your Circuit's Spring Meeting and Governor Election:**

Visit <http://ambar.org/lsdspring> for details.

**ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY  
NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

**LAW LIBRARY FOOD & DRINK POLICY**

Enjoy snacks but leave no trace. Regarding beverages, all beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling. No food or drinks allowed in the computer lab or at any library computer station. Please clean up after yourself and report any spills to the Circulation Desk. As for food, please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Types of foods allowed in the library are pretzels, nuts,



granola bars, grapes, raisins, bagels, or cookies. Foods that are not allowed are french fries, pizza, burgers and sandwiches, ice cream, soups and salads, or any type of food requiring the use of utensils. Meals may be enjoyed in the second floor student lounge or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces. Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels. The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons. Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.

## **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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012**.

**Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.**, a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, is pleased to announce its Fourteenth 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 31, 2012**.

The **Public Justice Foundation**, announces the 2012 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2012 topic is *Are Factory Farms Hog-Tying People's Rights?* Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2012**. Essay submission deadline is March 31, 2012. For contest details please visit <http://www.publicjustice.net/What-We-Do/Awards/Law-School-Essay-Contest.aspx>.

**Boston College Law School** is soliciting papers for the 2011-2012 Liberty Mutual Prize which was created to encourage and recognize legal scholarship in the area of property and casualty insurance law. The winning entrant will receive \$5,000. Authors should possess a J.D. degree or its overseas equivalent. Deadline to apply is **February 1, 2012**. For more information please contact John Gordon: [gordonjo@bc.edu](mailto:gordonjo@bc.edu).

American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the American Society of International Law's Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the second International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. For detailed competition rules, please visit [www.wclcenterforhr.org](http://www.wclcenterforhr.org). Deadline for submissions is **February 15, 2012**.

The 2012 **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 17, 2012**. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://bit.ly/Levit2012>.

Applications for the **ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund** for the 2012-2013 academic year are now being accepted. The Scholarship Fund will award \$5,000 of financial assistance annually. Twenty awards will be made to entering first-year students and may be renewable for two additional years, resulting in financial assistance totaling \$15,000 during each student's time in law school. The application may be downloaded from <http://www.ambar.org/DiversityScholarship>. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2012**.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University Of Iowa College of Law announces its 2011-2012 **Trandafir International Business Writing Competition**. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **March 1, 2012**. For more information and contest rules, please see: [http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir\\_competition.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html).

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. Prize is \$500 and your article will be published in the MSU College of Law Journal of Business & Securities Law. Please visit [https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon\\_competition.html](https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon_competition.html) for more information. Deadline to enter is **March 2, 2012**.

Entries for The Symposium XXV **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 \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded. For entry criteria, please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **March 31, 2012**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. Note this is a full scholarship. 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, 2012**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-

Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit brief is **April 16, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2012 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, please go to <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is May 31, 2012.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 1, 2012**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, [cdennis@innsofcourt.org](mailto:cdennis@innsofcourt.org) or visit [www.innsofcourt.org](http://www.innsofcourt.org).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Is it constitutional

for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?.” 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **Committee on Animals and the Law** of the **New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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 **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

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## ACADEMIC COURSE CREDIT FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Students who represent St. Mary's and compete in regional and national advocacy competitions are eligible to receive one-hour of academic credit for their participation. The student must have actually competed, or written a brief as a part of the competition, in order to receive the credit. Practicing with the team or traveling with a team as an alternate will not qualify. To apply for the credit, contact Professor Schlueter for a copy of the eligibility form, obtain the coach's signature certifying that you competed, and then get Professor Schlueter's signature. You will need to submit the completed form to Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Enrollment, Law Admissions, who will register you for the course. Once registered, you will need to pay tuition for the one-hour credit. **All of this must be done in the semester in which you competed.** Credit for the course will be on a pass-fail basis; your participation in the competition does not constitute an excused absence for any other classes; and the maximum number of credits available for regional and national competitions is three (3) hours of credit. Do not complete the form *until* after you have actually competed. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Schlueter, who is the Director of Advocacy Programs.

## THE INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM

Applications are now open for the **Summer 2012 Innsbruck Program**. Spaces are filling up fast, so if you're interested in an opportunity to study under Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, please contact Professor Ariens ([mariens@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mariens@stmarytx.edu)) or Professor Reams ([breams@stmarytx.edu](mailto:breams@stmarytx.edu)) as soon as possible. This is a great opportunity to study alongside law students from other schools and other countries, and to travel across Austria, Germany, and the rest of Europe. For more information please contact the program directors, or student coordinator Matthew Howard ([mbryanthoward@gmail.com](mailto:mbryanthoward@gmail.com)).

## SPRING 2012 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

All 1Ls are invited to attend the **Fundamental Skills Workshop** during the month of February 2012. This workshop will provide helpful advice and methods to improve your law school performance. While all 1Ls are invited to attend the Workshop, **attendance will be mandatory for some students**. Watch your student mailboxes and St. Mary's e-mail account for more information, including whether you are required to attend these sessions.

## TECHNOLOGY & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SOCIETY MEETING

The **Tech & IP Law Society** will host a general meeting on **Tuesday, January 31, 2012** at **12:00 p.m.** in Law Classroom 101. Everyone is invited to attend.

## FEDERALIST SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the **Federalist Society** will be on **Tuesday, January 31, 2012**, **Alumni Room, 12:00 p.m.** The Federalist Society will host a presentation by **Robert Levy**,

**Chairman of the Cato Institute's Board of Directors.** Mr. Levy will discuss his latest book [\*The Dirty Dozen: How Twelve Supreme Court Cases Radically Expanded Government and Eroded Freedom\*](#). He joined Cato as senior fellow in constitutional studies in 1997 after 25 years in business. He also sits on boards of the Institute for Justice, the Federalist Society, and the George Mason University School of Law. He founded CDA Investment Technologies, a major provider of financial information and software, and was its CEO until 1991. Levy clerked for Judge Royce C. Lamberth on the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., and for Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. From 1997 until 2004, Levy was an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University. He has written numerous articles on investments, law, and public policy that appeared in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, *National Review*, and many other publications. Levy has also discussed public policy on national radio and TV programs, including ABC's *Nightline*, CNN's *Crossfire*, Fox's *The O'Reilly Factor*, MSNBC's *Hardball*, and NBC's *Today Show*. Levy received his Ph.D. in business from the American University and his J.D. degree from the George Mason University School of Law.

All students and faculty are welcome to attend. For more information about the Federalist Society chapter, including all calendar of events, join our TWEN page.

### **DALLAS-FORT WORTH ALUMNI STUDENT CHAPTER**

Interested in a wonderful networking opportunity? The **Dallas-Fort Worth Alumni Student Chapter's** (DFWASC) first General Meeting of the Spring 2012 Semester will be held on **February 2, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. The DFWASC develops networking opportunities for St. Mary's University School of Law students seeking legal employment in the North Texas market. The DFWASC strives to increase cooperation with alumni working in the North Texas area by coordinating social functions, such as **SPRING BREAK happy hours** with the Dallas and Ft. Worth Chapters of the St. Mary's University School of Law Alumni Association. **Interested in a leadership position? Officer elections for 2012 will take place in March.** Nominations will be held at the meeting. This is a great way for you to develop your leadership and networking skills. For more information, please contact Patrick Babb via email at [kpbabb@yahoo.com](mailto:kpbabb@yahoo.com). We look forward to seeing you there.

### **BARBRI LECTURE**

**Give him one day. He'll give you a REAL Advantage on the Bar Exam.** Saturday, February 4, 2012, Law Classroom 104, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Live Lecture with Q&A. Lunch will be served.** Mike Sims, president of BARBRI, has helped thousands of students pass the ultimate final exam -- the bar exam! Now Mike will be at St. Mary's to share with you the secrets to top bar exam performance. In this one-day, interactive essay writing workshop, *you'll gain a real advantage* over other bar exam takers as you learn a step-by-step method for approaching, analyzing and writing winning bar exam essays -- a method proven to get you maximum points *even when you are unsure of the law!* **Tuition is only \$45 for the first 50 students and \$95**



for all other St. Mary's students. Non-St. Mary's students may enroll for \$125. Contact Patricia Solano at [Academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:Academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or 210-431-4340 to enroll.

### **INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW & BUSINESS SPEAKER**

Please join us in a talk by **David J. Cibrian** regarding his practice and experience with **Chinese law and business**. The event will be held on **Monday, February 6, 2012** at 12:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room. Mr. Cibrian is a partner of the Strasburger Law Firm and practices in the area of domestic and international transactions, including the representation of U.S., Latin American, European, and Asian clients in the planning, structuring, negotiating, and implementing of joint ventures, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, commercial lending transactions, trade, financing, and contract matters in each of these regions. He has a J.D., 1990, *with honors*, from Georgetown University Law Center. More information about the speaker can be found at: [http://www.strasburger.com/bios/attorney\\_bios.asp?atty=817](http://www.strasburger.com/bios/attorney_bios.asp?atty=817).

### **STRASBURGER CHINA SCHOLARSHIP**

We are pleased to announce that a newly established Strasburger China Scholarship will be awarded to students participating in the law school's China program this summer. The scholarship fund, donated by the Strasburger Law Firm, honors Dean Charles E. Cantú for his vision in better preparing law students for a global economy. Three \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded this year. Recipients of the scholarships will be considered for internships with Chinese or American firms this summer, and they may apply for an internship with the Strasburger Law Firm in 2013. For an application or inquiry, please see Professor Bob Hu in the library or email him at [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu). The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on **February 20, 2012**. Award winners will be announced on March 1, 2012.

### **LAW SCHOOL SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIPS**

**Mandatory registration** and information meetings for this year's Law School **Spring Break Service** trips will be held as noted below:

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 12:00 p.m., light lunch included  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, February 9, 2012, 11:00 a.m., light lunch included

All meetings will take place in the RABA first floor lobby. Stop in to learn more about and register for service trips to McAllen, Texas and New Orleans, Louisiana. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436-3063.

### **TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

Dean Cantú and Associate Deans Mather and Valencia will be available for questions and discussion at a Town Hall meeting on **Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 12:00 noon in LC104**

and 5:30 p.m. in LC103. See you there!

**FREE - LIVE WEBINAR**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS IN 5 EASY STEPS**

Heather Jarvis, Student Loan Expert, loves **Public Service Loan Forgiveness!** But the requirements can be confusing. Heather knows how to break it down for you step-by-step so it makes sense once and for all. **Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.** Register at <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/127653710>. This link is also available in Symplicity in the Event's section under Workshops.

**STUDENT ANIMAL LEAGUE DEFENSE FUND**  
**February Events**

Celebrate **Snicker's Birthday!** Snicker's Birthday Party is on **February 22, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium**. Lunch and birthday cake will be served. Snickers will be there!

Beginning February 1 through February 27, 2012, SALDF will be hosting **Dollars for Dogs project**. Dollars for Dogs is a project to sponsor a Seeing Eye pup for someone in need. SALDF will be accepting \$1.00 donations during the month of February. Please look for the posters and signs regarding this project. Stay tuned for how you can make a donation during the month of February.

**SCHOLAR SYMPOSIUM 2012**  
**Immigration Law: Practice and Policy in the Twenty-first Century**

Volume Fourteen cordially invites all alumni to **the Immigration Symposium on Friday, March 2, 2012**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. The Scholar's goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students. The event will take place overlooking downtown San Antonio at the **Plaza Club**. We hope you will be able to join us for this exciting CLE opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact us at 210.431.4229 or <http://thescholarlawreview.org/>. Detailed information on the program, speakers, registration and fees may be found on at <http://thescholarlawreview.org/symposium/>.

**THE AT&T EXCELLENCE IN**  
**PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP**

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 certain eligibility criteria.

Please log onto the Pro Bono Clinics/Community Service TWEN page for more information and to download the application. Deadline for submission for the spring 2012 semester is **Friday, February 3, 2012.**

### TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

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

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

### FUTURE PROGRAMS – OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

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 events; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

#### **Free Two Part NALP Webinar Series: The Summer Public Interest Job Search: Expert Tips on Cover Letters, Resumes, Interviewing and Networking**

Part Two: Best Practices in Interviewing and In-person Networking.

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [Reserve your Webinar seat now!](#)

Presenters:

- Nita Mazumder, Program Manager for Law School Relations, Equal Justice Works
- Nicole Simmons, Career Counselor, The University of Texas School of Law
- David Zisser, Associate Counsel, The Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

#### **Careers in Health Law**

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Atrium Room

Lunch will be served.

Students will learn about different areas of health law, hearing first hand from attorneys who are in-house counsel as well as in a private firm setting as to what their practice entails. Speakers will comment on how much the field of health law has evolved in the past decade. The guest speakers will elaborate on the growing areas of health law, suggest helpful courses students might take, and offer valuable advice on landing a job in the health law arena.

Speakers are Serina Rivela, University Health System; Sandra C. Zamora, Cox Smith; and Graciela Cigarroa, CentralMed. This program is co-sponsored by the Student Health Law Association.

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

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Atrium Room

Lunch will be served.

Students will hear from judges and attorneys from legal markets in Texas that are outside the major metropolitan areas. Our speakers will discuss the climate of these legal markets, hot practice areas, the advantage of working in these markets, and tips and ideas for relocating to these areas. Come learn about how you can expand your job search outside of San Antonio and other metropolitan areas. Speakers are the Honorable Mary Ann Bramblett, Judge of the 41st District Court of El Paso County, El Paso, Texas; Bonnie Kirkland, Wood Boykin & Wolter, PC, Corpus Christi, Texas; and the Honorable Israel Ramon Jr., Judge of the 430<sup>th</sup> District Court of Hidalgo County, Edinburg, Texas.

### **Speed-Networking Event**

Friday, February 10, 2012

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

WLA, BCWBA and the Office of Career Services present Speed-Networking. You've heard of Speed-dating? Join us for a fun evening of networking and building connections with attorneys. Business Attire is a must as you will be meeting attorneys from many different areas of practice. Come take advantage of the opportunity to mix and mingle with essential contacts. Space is limited, sign-up now! This event is open to all students.

### **Military JAG Panel**

Thursday, February 23, 2012

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program will provide students with information and experiences from JAGs from most branches of the military. This event is co-sponsored by the Military Law Students Association

and the Office of Career Services. Speakers will be Captain Craig M. Scrogam, Army; Captain Justin Hess, Air Force, Lieutenant Mark W. Richardson, Navy (tentative), Colonel Steven Ramos, Marines; and Joseph N. Casas, J.D., M.B.A., Former Marine and Navy JAG.

### **SABA and State Bar of Texas Law Student Division Legal Mentoring Program Lunch**

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

12:00 –1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

This program is geared toward students who are trying to pick a specialization path to follow. It will consist of 4 attorneys representing different areas of law. They will each speak on different topics including but not limited to: lifestyle, paperwork quantity, positive/negative aspects, amount of time in court, daily routine, type of client, how often they see the client face-to-face, amount and type of research, large or small staff, source of funding, background needed to practice law, other agencies depended on to complete their work, why they practice in their field, salary range possibilities, office atmosphere/hours, and other aspects of importance that students should know about practicing law. The session will wrap-up with an open question and answer period.

## **SPRING 2012 JOB FAIRS**

Please note all of the below Job Fairs will take place in the cities listed. You will either interview at a central location in the named city or at the employer's office. Interview location will be specified in the Symplicity site.

The El Paso, Midland and Odessa fairs are virtual job fairs and employers will contact students they are interested in directly to schedule virtual interviews after the deadline date.

You are expected to participate in any interviews you accept for these fairs.

\* Remember, you only see employers that are interviewing for your class year. If your class year is incorrect, please contact the Office of Career Services.

**El Paso Virtual Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 13 to 15, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

**Metroplex Legal Job Fair** in Dallas and Fort Worth: Student bidding is from **January 23 to 31, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at the employer's office on **February 17, 2012**.

**Austin Legal Job Fair** in Austin: Student bidding is from **January 23 to February 7, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx->

[csm.symplicity.com/students/](https://www.csm.symplicity.com/students/). Interviews will be held at the employer's office on **February 24, 2012**.

**Midland and Odessa Virtual Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 28 to March 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://www.law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

**Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day:** Student bidding is from **February 8 to 10, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://www.law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at Texas A & M, Corpus Christi on **March 9, 2012**.

**Rio Grande Valley Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 22 to 23, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://www.law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at Edwards Abstract and Title Co. in Edinburg on **March 23, 2012**.

**Houston Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **March 1 to 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://www.law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at either the employer's office or Texas Tech Regional Center on **March 30, 2012**.

## **JOIN THE ABA LAW STUDENT DIVISION 2012-2013 LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Visit <http://ambar.org/lsdleadership> for the specific eligibility requirements, nomination/application forms, deadlines, and delivery instructions.

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.

Past leaders have stated that the professional, educational, and personal rewards they gained from their experience as an ABA Law Student Division leader were invaluable. If you enjoy a good challenge and are ready to roll up your sleeves, enhance your leadership experience, and work toward improving the legal education experience of your fellow classmates, then we

strongly encourage you to submit your nomination or application for one of the leadership positions outlined below. All candidates must be ABA Law Student Division members in good standing (dues paid in full). Nominations must be signed by your dean and postmarked by the deadline date indicated. Please visit <http://ambar.org/lstdleadership> for the eligibility requirements, the nomination/application forms, deadlines, and mailing instructions.

**Law Student Division Board of Governors positions:**

- **Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary-Treasurer:** The offices of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer are part of the Division's Executive Committee and participate in the Division's overall operations, long-range planning, execution of a legislative agenda, and developing/maintaining ABA membership in the Division. The officers work with the Circuit Governors, Delegates, and Division Liaisons to better serve law student members and work to increase awareness of ABA offerings to law students across the country. Officers are voting members of the ABA Law Student Division Board of Governors which meets four times per year. **Nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2012.**
- **Circuit Governor:** The (15) circuit governors represent and advocate for law students in their regional circuits. Circuit Governors work with the Division officers, delegates and other ABA leaders to develop and promote ABA programs, offerings, services and initiatives. Circuit Governors also cultivate relationships with other leaders of the legal community in their circuit. Circuit Governors are voting members of the ABA Law Student Division Board of Governors which meets four times per year. **Nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2012.**
- **Student Editor for Student Lawyer magazine:** The student editor works with the editor of Student Lawyer magazine and is responsible for authoring copy for Student Lawyer's Division Dialogue section and for reviewing magazine copy on a monthly basis. The student editor serves as a non-voting member of the ABA Law Student Division Board of Governors which meets four times per year. **Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2012.**

**The following positions are appointed and the postmarked deadline for these positions is February 15, 2012.**

- **Entity Liaisons:** The Law Student Division appoints student liaisons to the over 60 ABA specialty practice areas. The Division Liaisons represent the Law Student Division to their appointed ABA specialty practice entity, work with those specialty practice areas to develop law student programs and services, and report to the Division on issues pertaining to law students that arise at entity meetings.
- **National Student Directors:** One National Student Director is selected to coordinate the Division's VITA program while the other four directors are appointed to work with one of the Division's four competition committees: Arbitration, Client Counseling, Negotiation, and Appellate Advocacy. Travel is required for the competition positions.

- **Project Directors:** One Project Director is selected to coordinate the Division's Law Student Mental Health Initiative, while the other Director is responsible for the Division's Veterans Advocacy Program. Travel is not required for these positions.

If you have any questions or would like more information about any leadership position, please do not hesitate to contact us at [abalsd@americanbar.org](mailto:abalsd@americanbar.org) or one of the ABA Law Student Division leaders listed at <http://ambar.org/lsdboard> for details.

**Attend Your Circuit's Spring Meeting and Governor Election:**  
Visit <http://ambar.org/lsdspring> for details.

## CAMPUS RECREATION

The St. Mary's Campus Recreation Department is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Spring semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please contact Nina Owens [nowens@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nowens@stmarytx.edu) or Karyn Williams at [kwilliams@stmarytx.edu](mailto:kwilliams@stmarytx.edu).

## RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, February 4, 2012 – StMU Men's & Women's Basketball vs. St. Edwards  
University Tailgate

Saturday, February 11, 2012 – San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo featuring Keith Urban

Friday, February 17, 2012 – San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

Thursday, February 23, 2012 – Majestic Theater: featuring the Blue Man Group

For more information on these events, please contact the Student Activities and Transition Programs at [studentactivities@stmarytx.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3714 or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, 210. 431.4340, [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

## ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2011-2012. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2012**.

**Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.**, a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, is pleased to announce its Fourteenth 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 31, 2012**.

The **Public Justice Foundation**, announces the 2012 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2012 topic is *Are Factory Farms Hog-Tying People's Rights?* Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2012**. Essay submission deadline is March 31, 2012. For contest details please visit <http://www.publicjustice.net/What-We-Do/Awards/Law-School-Essay-Contest.aspx>.

**Boston College Law School** is soliciting papers for the 2011-2012 Liberty Mutual Prize which was created to encourage and recognize legal scholarship in the area of property and casualty insurance law. The winning entrant will receive \$5,000. Authors should possess a J.D. degree or its overseas equivalent. Deadline to apply is **February 1, 2012**. For more information please contact John Gordon: [gordonjo@bc.edu](mailto:gordonjo@bc.edu).

American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the American Society of International Law's Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the second International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. For detailed competition rules, please visit [www.wclcenterforhr.org](http://www.wclcenterforhr.org). Deadline for submissions is **February 15, 2012**.

The 2012 **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 17, 2012**. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://bit.ly/Levit2012>.

The National Law Review (NLR) Winter 2012 Law Student Writing Competition is accepting article submissions for publication in the March issue of the NLR. Suggested topics are in Environmental and Energy, Insurance and Intellectual Property Law. For guidelines please

visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Submission deadline is **February 21, 2012**.

Applications for the **ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund** for the 2012-2013 academic year are now being accepted. The Scholarship Fund will award \$5,000 of financial assistance annually. Twenty awards will be made to entering first-year students and may be renewable for two additional years, resulting in financial assistance totaling \$15,000 during each student's time in law school. The application may be downloaded from <http://www.ambar.org/DiversityScholarship>. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2012**.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University Of Iowa College of Law announces its 2011-2012 **Trandafir International Business Writing Competition**. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **March 1, 2012**. For more information and contest rules, please see: [http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir\\_competition.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html).

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. Prize is \$500 and your article will be published in the MSU College of Law Journal of Business & Securities Law. Please visit [https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon\\_competition.html](https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon_competition.html) for more information. Deadline to enter is **March 2, 2012**.

Entries for The Symposium XXV **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 \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded. For entry criteria, please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **March 31, 2012**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. Note this is a full scholarship. 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, 2012**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit brief is **April 16, 2012**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law. Additional information along with guidelines, rules, and an application can be found at [www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml). An entry form must be completed by **April 27, 2012**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2012 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, please go to <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is **May 31, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 1, 2012**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104,

[cdennis@innsofcourt.org](mailto:cdennis@innsofcourt.org) or visit [www.innsofcourt.org](http://www.innsofcourt.org).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?” 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its third year. 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>. Deadline to enter is **June 1, 2012**.

The **Committee on Animals and the Law** of the **New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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 **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.

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## **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:

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*Parched: The South Texas Drought and Groundwater Use in Association with Hydraulic Fracturing in the Eagle Ford Shale*

—Taelor A. Allen

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*A Judicial and Economic Analysis of Attorney's Fees in Trust Litigation and the Resulting Inequitable Treatment of Trust Beneficiaries*

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### **CREDIT WITH HONORS**

*The Texas Engineer and the Enforceability of Covenants not to Compete*

—Corey D. Stewart

*Civil Liability Approaches to the Stolen Valor Epidemic*

—Lauren A. Valkenaar

Please join the *St. Mary's Law Journal* in congratulating these Staff Writers for their excellent work!

## **ACADEMIC COURSE CREDIT FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Students who represent St. Mary's and compete in regional and national advocacy competitions are eligible to receive one-hour of academic credit for their participation. The student must have actually competed, or written a brief as a part of the competition, in order to receive the credit. Practicing with the team or traveling with a team as an alternate will not qualify. To apply for the credit, contact Professor Schlueter for a copy of the eligibility form, obtain the coach's signature certifying that you competed, and then get Professor Schlueter's signature. You will need to submit the completed form to Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Enrollment, Law Admissions, who will register you for the course. Once registered, you will

need to pay tuition for the one-hour credit. **All of this must be done in the semester in which you competed.** Credit for the course will be on a pass-fail basis; your participation in the competition does not constitute an excused absence for any other classes; and the maximum number of credits available for regional and national competitions is three (3) hours of credit. Do not complete the form *until* after you have actually competed. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Schlueter, who is the Director of Advocacy Programs.

### **THE INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM**

Applications are now open for the **Summer 2012 Innsbruck Program**. Spaces are filling up fast, so if you're interested in an opportunity to study under Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, please contact Professor Ariens ([mariens@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mariens@stmarytx.edu)) or Professor Reams ([breams@stmarytx.edu](mailto:breams@stmarytx.edu)) as soon as possible. This is a great opportunity to study alongside law students from other schools and other countries, and to travel across Austria, Germany, and the rest of Europe. For more information please contact the program directors, or student coordinator Matthew Howard ([mbryanthoward@gmail.com](mailto:mbryanthoward@gmail.com)).

### **SPRING 2012 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS WORKSHOP**

All 1Ls are invited to attend the **Fundamental Skills Workshop** during the month of February 2012. This workshop will provide helpful advice and methods to improve your law school performance. While all 1Ls are invited to attend the Workshop, **attendance will be mandatory for some students**. Watch your student mailboxes and St. Mary's e-mail account for more information, including whether you are required to attend these sessions.

### **INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW & BUSINESS SPEAKER - CANCELLED**

This event has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

### **STRASBURGER CHINA SCHOLARSHIP**

We are pleased to announce that a newly established Strasburger China Scholarship will be awarded to students participating in the law school's China program this summer. The scholarship fund, donated by the Strasburger Law Firm, honors Dean Charles E. Cantú for his vision in better preparing law students for a global economy. Three \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded this year. Recipients of the scholarships will be considered for internships with Chinese or American firms this summer, and they may apply for an internship with the Strasburger Law Firm in 2013. For an application or inquiry, please see Professor Bob Hu in the library or email him at [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu). The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on **February 20, 2012**. Award winners will be announced on March 1, 2012.



## LAW SCHOOL SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIPS

**Mandatory registration** and information meetings for this year's Law School **Spring Break Service** trips will be held as noted below:

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 12:00 p.m., light lunch included

Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 9, 2012, 11:00 a.m., light lunch included

All meetings will take place in the RABA first floor lobby. Stop in to learn more about and register for service trips to McAllen, Texas and New Orleans, Louisiana. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436-3063.

## FEDERALIST SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the [Federalist Society](#) will be **Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at Noon** in the **Alumni Room** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. This event entitled *Throwing the Law a Bone: Legal Issues with Police Dogs* will be a presentation by two police officers with the San Antonio K-9 unit. Rick Villarreal and Randy Walter will bring "Mina" and discuss their day-to-day duties and what legal thresholds they consider when using a canine on the job. They will also give a demonstration of Mina's capabilities.

Lunch will be provided, and all students and faculty are welcome to attend. For more information about our Federalist Society chapter, including our calendar of events, join our TWEN page.

## 2012 RENNA AND JEFF EMBRY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

The **Board of Advocates** will be hosting the Renna and Jeff Embry Mock Trial Competition. Renna and Jeff are honors graduates and both served as Associate Editors on the *St. Mary's Law Journal*. Jeff was an active participant in mock trial and moot court competitions and was awarded the Patricia Scott Outstanding advocate Award recognizing him as the outstanding trial advocate in the law school.

Interested teams may sign up for the competition in the law classroom building until **February 17, 2012**. The competition will consist of two-person teams. The teams will compete three times in the preliminary rounds, arguing at least once for each side.

The first place team will receive an \$875 scholarship per person, and the second place team will receive a \$375 scholarship per person.

The dates of the competition are as follows:

- Tuesday-Thursday, February 21-23: Preliminary Rounds (teams may opt out of one night)
- Monday, February 27: Quarter Final Rounds

- Wednesday, February 29: Semi Final Rounds
- Friday, March 2: Final Rounds

If you have any questions please see representatives of the Board of Advocates in the Law Classroom building or contact Sheila Via at [Sheila\\_Via@yahoo.com](mailto:Sheila_Via@yahoo.com).

## **ALUMNI AND MEMBERS OF THE SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY**

The St. Mary's Student Bar Association (SBA) will be hosting its much-anticipated **St. Mary's Law Alumni Open**. This year's Law Open will be held **Saturday, February 18, 2012** at the **Quarry Golf Club** with a **1:00 p.m.** shotgun start. Registration, lunch and warm up will begin at Noon.

After tremendous success last spring, we aim to make the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual** tournament bigger and better than ever. In addition to tournament participation, players will receive: lunch, dinner, drinks, gift bags, raffles and prizes.

For the Alumni Open to be a continued success, the Student Bar Association seeks your participation. Opportunities for participation range from sponsoring a hole, a contest, the drink cart, or simply coming out to enjoy a round of golf. This year the SBA will donate proceeds from the Law Alumni Open to **Returning Heroes Home Construction of Phase Two of The Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston and the St. Mary's School of Law Cantú Fund**.

For more information please visit the SBA website [www.stmaryslawalumngolfopen.com](http://www.stmaryslawalumngolfopen.com) or email [brendan.holm@gmail.com](mailto:brendan.holm@gmail.com).

## **TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

Dean Cantú and Associate Deans Mather and Valencia will be available for questions and discussion at a Town Hall meeting on **Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 12:00 noon in LC104 and 5:30 p.m. in LC103**. See you there!

## **STUDENT ANIMAL LEAGUE DEFENSE FUND February Events Updates**

Celebrate **Snicker's Birthday!** Snicker's Birthday Party has been moved to **Monday, February 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Raba building lobby. Lunch and birthday cake will be served. Snickers will be there!

Beginning February 1 through February 27, 2012, SALDF will be hosting the **Dollars for Dogs**, a project to sponsor a Seeing Eye pup for someone in need. SALDF will be accepting \$1.00 donations during the month of February. Please look for the posters and signs regarding this project. If you would like to donate toward this project, SALDF now has collection

containers in Career Services, SBA and at the CLSJ.

## **SCHOLAR SYMPOSIUM 2012**

### **Immigration Law: Practice and Policy in the Twenty-first Century**

Volume Fourteen cordially invites all alumni to **the Immigration Symposium on Friday, March 2, 2012**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. The Scholar's goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students. The event will take place overlooking downtown San Antonio at the **Plaza Club**. We hope you will be able to join us for this exciting CLE opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact us at 210.431.4229 or <http://thescholarlawreview.org/>. Detailed information on the program, speakers, registration and fees may be found at <http://thescholarlawreview.org/symposium/>.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Professor Michael A. Olivas**, the William B. Bates Distinguished Chair of Law Director, Institute of Higher Education Law & Governance

### **MLA LONG MILE 2**

The Military Law Association (MLA) is pleased to announce its **second annual MLA Long Mile 2**. The MLA Long Mile is an annual 5k walk/run and 10k run, open to all classes, types, and skill levels. The track is stroller friendly. The goal of the MLA Long Mile 2 is to raise money and awareness of the **Fisher House** program, a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that which is normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Fisher House does this by providing a "home away from home" for military families to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury.

All money raised above the actual cost of the race will go directly to the Fisher House organizations located in San Antonio, Texas. The MLA Long Mile 2 is **co-sponsored** by the **Military Law Association, Sister Grace Walle's Campus Ministry, the Student Bar Association, Professor Bill Piatt, Centextruns.com, and the State Bar of Texas Military Law Section**. Thanks to the support of all sponsors we raised over \$2,600.00 last year. The MLA's goal is to exceed last year's donations and ask for your help.

Participants and volunteers are needed to make this event possible and obviously cannot do it without you. The MLA Long Mile 2 will occur on the **St. Mary's University campus on Sunday, March 4, 2012**. Registration for runners/walkers opens at 9:00 a.m., the race begins at 10:00 a.m., and the race ends when the last person crosses the finish line. This year's race will have a professional timing company tracking the race. Volunteers are needed to help set up, organize, and break down the race equipment. Volunteers are asked to show up early and if possible, stay until the event is over for cleanup. Runners/walkers can register for the race on

[www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) or on race day (but race shirts may run out if not pre-ordered). Volunteers can register on the MLA TWEN site's signup sheets section. Whether you run, walk, or volunteer, Sister Grace states this event will count toward your community service certificate. Please contact Mark Poling [mark@mark-poling.com](mailto:mark@mark-poling.com) if you have any questions. See you at the race!

## **STUDENT JUDGES NEEDED FOR 1L MOOT COURT**

Spring 2012 **1L Moot Court Preliminary Rounds** will be held **March 19-23, 2012** from **6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** The Board of Advocates is looking for learned, equitable, and mature law students to assist as Student Judges. If you are interested in serving as a Student Judge, please register under 'Sign-up Sheets' on the Board of Advocates TWEN site.

## **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 30, 2012 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).

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS – OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

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 events; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

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

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Atrium Room

Lunch will be served.

Students will hear from judges and attorneys from legal markets in Texas that are outside the major metropolitan areas. Our speakers will discuss the climate of these legal markets, hot practice areas, the advantage of working in these markets, and tips and ideas for relocating to these areas. Come learn about how you can expand your job search outside of San Antonio and other metropolitan areas. Speakers are the Honorable Mary Ann Bramblett, Judge of the 41st District Court of El Paso County, El Paso, Texas; Bonnie Kirkland, Wood Boykin & Wolter, PC, Corpus Christi, Texas; and the Honorable Israel Ramon Jr., Judge of the 430<sup>th</sup> District Court of Hidalgo County, Edinburg, Texas.

### **Speed-Networking Event**

Friday, February 10, 2012

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

WLA, BCWBA and the Office of Career Services present Speed-Networking. You've heard of Speed-dating? Join us for a fun evening of networking and building connections with attorneys. Business Attire is a must as you will be meeting attorneys from many different areas of practice. Come take advantage of the opportunity to mix and mingle with essential contacts. Space is limited, sign-up now! This event is open to all students.

### **Free Live Webinar: Public Service Loan**

#### **Forgiveness in 5 Easy Steps**

Heather loves Public Service Loan Forgiveness! But the requirements can be confusing. Heather knows how to break it down for you step-by-step so that it makes sense once and for all.

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Eastern (Noon to 1:15 pm Central)

REGISTER NOW AT <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/191286886>

Or

WATCH BROADCAST IN THE ATRIUM

(To watch in the Atrium please RSVP in the Event's section of Symplicity under Workshops.)

Lunch will be provided. Space is limited!

#### **Military JAG Panel**

Thursday, February 23, 2012

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program will provide students with information and experiences from JAGs from most branches of the military. This event is co-sponsored by the Military Law Students Association and the Office of Career Services. Speakers will be Captain Craig M. Scrogam, Army; Captain Justin Hess, Air Force, Lieutenant Mark W. Richardson, Navy (tentative), Colonel Steven Ramos, Marines; and Joseph N. Casas, J.D., M.B.A., Former Marine and Navy JAG.

### **SABA and State Bar of Texas Law Student Division Legal Mentoring Program Lunch**

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

This program is geared toward students who are trying to pick a specialization path to follow. It will consist of 4 attorneys representing different areas of law. They will each speak on different topics including but not limited to: lifestyle, paperwork quantity, positive/negative aspects, amount of time in court, daily routine, type of client, how often they see the client face-to-face, amount and type of research, large or small staff, source of funding, background needed to practice law, other agencies depended on to complete their work, why they practice in their field,

salary range possibilities, office atmosphere/hours, and other aspects of importance that students should know about practicing law. The session will wrap-up with an open question and answer period.

**SABA Mentoring Event: Appellate Law: Tips and Traps Affecting Pretrial, Trial, & Post-Trial Proceedings, OPEN TO ALL 2012 GRADUATES**

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

5:00 —6:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program is being done jointly with the San Antonio Bar Association's New Lawyer Mentoring Program. It will offer one hour of CLE. All 2012 students are eligible to receive the CLE credit.

**Alternative Careers: Getting to “There”**

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Getting to ‘There’ opens a door. Finding an alternative path takes work, commitment, research, dedication, relentless and creative networking, and, perhaps, some luck. Creating an alternative career is less like cooking ramen noodles (FAST!) and more like making barbecue (long, low, and slow).

Participants will:

- Distinguish among traditional, non-traditional and alternative career paths.
- Recognize and manage “frozen moment.”
- Learn the roadblocks for lawyers seeking alternative careers.
- Learn strategies and tactics for alternative career searches.
- Understand why a “legal” resume won’t work.
- Learn how legal skills and experience transfer to other settings.
- Understand the competition.

**SPRING 2012 JOB FAIRS**

Please note all of the below Job Fairs will take place in the cities listed. You will either interview at a central location in the named city or at the employer’s office. Interview location will be specified in the Symplicity site.

The El Paso, Midland and Odessa fairs are virtual job fairs and employers will contact students they are interested in directly to schedule virtual interviews after the deadline date.

You are expected to participate in any interviews you accept for these fairs.

\* Remember, you only see employers that are interviewing for your class year. If your

class year is incorrect, please contact the Office of Career Services.

**El Paso Virtual Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 13 to 15, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

**Metroplex Legal Job Fair** in Dallas and Fort Worth: Student bidding is from **January 23 to 31, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at the employer's office on **February 17, 2012**.

**Austin Legal Job Fair** in Austin: Student bidding is from **January 23 to February 7, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at the employer's office on **February 24, 2012**.

**Midland and Odessa Virtual Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 28 to March 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

**Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day:** Student bidding is from **February 8 to 10, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at Texas A & M, Corpus Christi on **March 9, 2012**.

**Rio Grande Valley Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 22 to 23, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at Edwards Abstract and Title Co. in Edinburg on **March 23, 2012**.

**Houston Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **March 1 to 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at either the employer's office or Texas Tech Regional Center on **March 30, 2012**.

## **JOIN THE ABA LAW STUDENT DIVISION 2012-2013 LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The ABA Law Student Division has numerous leadership positions available by 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.

All candidates must be ABA Law Student Division members in good standing (dues paid in full). Nominations must be postmarked by the deadline date indicated. Please visit <http://ambar.org/lstdleadership> for the eligibility requirements, the nomination/application forms, deadlines, and mailing instructions.

**The following positions are appointed and the postmarked deadline for these positions is February 15, 2012.**

- **Entity Liaisons:** The Law Student Division appoints student liaisons to the over 60 ABA specialty practice areas. The Division Liaisons represent the Law Student Division to their appointed ABA specialty practice entity, work with those specialty practice areas to develop law student programs and services, and report to the Division on issues pertaining to law students that arise at entity meetings.
- **National Student Directors:** One National Student Director is selected to coordinate the Division's VITA program while the other four directors are appointed to work with one of the Division's four competition committees: Arbitration, Client Counseling, Negotiation, and Appellate Advocacy. Travel is required for the competition positions.
- **Project Directors:** One Project Director is selected to coordinate the Division's Law Student Mental Health Initiative, while the other Director is responsible for the Division's Veterans Advocacy Program. Travel is not required for these positions.

If you have any questions or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact us at [abalsd@americanbar.org](mailto:abalsd@americanbar.org) or one of the ABA Law Student Division leaders listed at <http://ambar.org/lstdboard> for details.

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

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

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



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

### **THE AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP**

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 certain eligibility criteria.

Please log onto the Pro Bono Clinics/Community Service TWEN page for more information and to download the application. Deadline for submission for the spring 2012 semester is **Friday, February 3, 2012.**

### **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The St. Mary's **Campus Recreation Department** is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Spring semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please contact Damian Medina, 210.431.2095 or email [dmedina9@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dmedina9@stmarytx.edu).

### **RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATES**

Saturday, February 11, 2012 – San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo featuring Keith Urban  
Friday, February 17, 2012 – San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo  
Thursday, February 23, 2012 – Majestic Theater: featuring the Blue Man Group

For more information on these events, please contact the Student Activities and Transition Programs at [studentactivities@stmarytx.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3714 or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, 210. 431.4340, [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

### **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the American Society of International Law's Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the second International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. For detailed competition rules, please visit [www.wclcenterforhr.org](http://www.wclcenterforhr.org). Deadline for submissions is **February 15, 2012**.

The 2012 **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 17, 2012**. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://bit.ly/Levit2012>.

The National Law Review (NLR) Winter 2012 Law Student Writing Competition is accepting article submissions for publication in the March issue of the NLR. Suggested topics are in Environmental and Energy, Insurance and Intellectual Property Law. For guidelines please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Submission deadline is **February 21, 2012**.

The **National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL)** is pleased to announce it is offering up to five scholarships to law school students to attend its 2012 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar will be held April 18-20, 2012 in Orlando, Florida. For qualifications and additional information, please go to <http://www.nabl.org/education/event/Municipal-Bond-Law-Seminar>. Completed applications are due **February 29, 2012**.

Applications for the **ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund** for the 2012-2013 academic year are now being accepted. The Scholarship Fund will award \$5,000 of financial assistance annually. Twenty awards will be made to entering first-year students and may be renewable for two additional years, resulting in financial assistance totaling \$15,000 during each student's time in law school. The application may be downloaded from <http://www.ambar.org/DiversityScholarship>. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2012**.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University Of Iowa College of Law announces its 2011-2012 **Trandafir International Business** Writing Competition. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **March 1, 2012**. For more information and contest rules, please see: [http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir\\_competition.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html).

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. Prize is \$500 and your article will be published in the MSU College of Law Journal of Business & Securities Law. Please visit [https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon\\_competition.html](https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon_competition.html) for more information. Deadline to enter is **March 2, 2012**.

Entries for The Symposium XXV **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 \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded. For entry criteria, please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **March 31, 2012**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. Note this is a full scholarship. 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, 2012**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit brief is **April 16, 2012**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law. Additional information along with guidelines, rules, and an application can be found at [www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml). An entry form must be completed by **April 27, 2012**.

**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 27, 2012**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information please visit [http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf](http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf)

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2012 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, please go to <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is **May 31, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 1, 2012**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, [cdennis@innsofcourt.org](mailto:cdennis@innsofcourt.org) or visit [www.innsofcourt.org](http://www.innsofcourt.org).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?" 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its third year. 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>. Deadline to enter is **June 1, 2012**.

The **Committee on Animals and the Law** of the **New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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 **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.

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## **BLSA MOCK TRIAL TEAM ADVANCES**

This past weekend the St. Mary's BLSA mock trial team of Brittany Hannah, Justin Niedens, Bethel Zehaie, and Gregory Hill finished as the runner-up team in BLSA Regional Mock Trial Competition and will advance to the nationals that will take place next month in Washington, D.C. They lost the final round to the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Earlier in the competition that team narrowly defeated the second St. Mary's team comprised of Lynette Boggs, Andrew Wolfe, Mark Poling, and Maria Holmes in the semifinal round. Congratulations to both of our teams and their coach, Mr. Daryl Harris!

## **FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS IN SAN ANTONIO**

**Semesters: Summer 2012, Fall 2012, and Spring 2013**

**Deadline: 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

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 30 hours of course work. Thus, a first-year, full-time student may apply for an internship that will take place in the summer between first and second year, or during any subsequent semester. A first-year, part-time student may 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 or two students 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.

## **STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL**

**Law student volunteers are needed** to help with the **People's Law School** sponsored by St. Mary's School of Law and the San Antonio Bar Foundation.

The People's Law School will be held on **Saturday, February 18 from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the law classroom building**. Students may sign up to volunteer on the Pro

Bono/Community Service TWEN page. Volunteers are not required to stay all day.

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Dean Cantú and Associate Deans Mather and Valencia will be available for questions and discussion at a Town Hall meeting on **Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 12:00 noon in LC104 and 5:30 p.m. in LC103.** See you there!

## JOIN THE ABA LAW STUDENT DIVISION 2012-2013 LEADERSHIP TEAM

The ABA Law Student Division has **the following positions available for appointment. The postmarked deadline to apply is this week, February 15, 2012.**

- **Entity Liaisons:** The Law Student Division appoints student liaisons to the over 60 ABA specialty practice areas. The Division Liaisons represent the Law Student Division to their appointed ABA specialty practice entity, work with those specialty practice areas to develop law student programs and services, and report to the Division on issues pertaining to law students that arise at entity meetings.
- **National Student Directors:** One National Student Director is selected to coordinate the Division's VITA program while the other four directors are appointed to work with one of the Division's four competition committees: Arbitration, Client Counseling, Negotiation, and Appellate Advocacy. Travel is required for the competition positions.
- **Project Directors:** One Project Director is selected to coordinate the Division's Law Student Mental Health Initiative, while the other Director is responsible for the Division's Veterans Advocacy Program. Travel is not required for these positions.

If you have any questions or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact us at [abalsd@americanbar.org](mailto:abalsd@americanbar.org) or one of the ABA Law Student Division leaders listed at <http://ambar.org/lstdboard> for details.

## ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

**APALSA** is proud to host a lunch time presentation by **Professor Hu**. He will discuss legal opportunities in Asia. Please mark your calendar for **Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. Thai food will be served for participants.

## 2012 RENNA AND JEFF EMBRY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

The **Board of Advocates** will be hosting the Renna and Jeff Embry Mock Trial Competition. Renna and Jeff are honors graduates and both served as Associate Editors on the *St. Mary's Law Journal*. Jeff was an active participant in mock trial and moot court competitions and was awarded the Patricia Scott Outstanding advocate Award recognizing him as the outstanding trial advocate in the law school.

Interested teams may sign up for the competition in the law classroom building until **February 17, 2012**. The competition will consist of two-person teams. The teams will compete two times in the preliminary rounds, arguing at least once for each side.

The first place team will receive an \$875 scholarship per person, and the second place team will receive a \$375 scholarship per person.

The dates of the competition are as follows:

- Tuesday-Thursday, February 21-23: Preliminary Rounds (teams may opt out of one night)
- Monday, February 27: Quarter Final Rounds
- Wednesday, February 29: Semi Final Rounds
- Friday, March 2: Final Rounds

If you have any questions please see representatives of the Board of Advocates in the Law Classroom building or contact Sheila Via at [Sheila\\_Via@yahoo.com](mailto:Sheila_Via@yahoo.com).

### **ALUMNI AND MEMBERS OF THE SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY**

The St. Mary's Student Bar Association (SBA) will be hosting its much-anticipated **St. Mary's Law Alumni Open**. This year's Law Open will be held **Saturday, February 18, 2012** at the **Quarry Golf Club** with a **1:00 p.m.** shotgun start. Registration, lunch and warm up will begin at Noon.

After tremendous success last spring, we aim to make the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual** tournament bigger and better than ever. In addition to tournament participation, players will receive: lunch, dinner, drinks, gift bags, raffles and prizes.

For the Alumni Open to be a continued success, the Student Bar Association seeks your participation. Opportunities for participation range from sponsoring a hole, a contest, the drink cart, or simply coming out to enjoy a round of golf. This year the SBA will donate proceeds from the Law Alumni Open to **Returning Heroes Home Construction of Phase Two of The Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston and the St. Mary's School of Law Cantú Fund**.

For more information please visit the SBA website [www.stmaryslawalumnigolfopen.com](http://www.stmaryslawalumnigolfopen.com) or email [brendan.holm@gmail.com](mailto:brendan.holm@gmail.com).

### **STRASBURGER CHINA SCHOLARSHIP**

We are pleased to announce that a newly established **Strasburger China Scholarship** will be awarded to students participating in the law school's China program this summer. The scholarship fund, donated by the Strasburger Law Firm, honors Dean Charles E. Cantú for his

vision in better preparing law students for a global economy. Three \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded this year. Recipients of the scholarships will be considered for internships with Chinese or American firms this summer, and they may apply for an internship with the Strasburger Law Firm in 2013. For an application or inquiry, please see Professor Bob Hu in the library or email him at [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu). The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on **February 20, 2012**. Award winners will be announced on March 1, 2012.

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH SYMPOSIUM**

The **Black Law Students Association** invites you to join them for the **Black History Month Symposium** on **Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.** in the University Center, Conference Room C. The panelists include The Honorable Jason Pulliam, County Court at Law #5; André Hampton, Provost and Vice President and Professor of Law, St. Mary's University; and Lou Miller, President, African American Chamber of Commerce/Black Activist. The symposium will be moderated by Moderator Attorney Jocelyn C. Andrews. Refreshments will be served.

## **CLASS OF 2012 - GRADUATION RELATED EVENT**

Orders for graduation apparel and invitations will be taken on **Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** in the Law Administration building **Atrium**. Orders for graduation invitations and announcements may be made on this day or on-line at [www.herff-jones.com/college](http://www.herff-jones.com/college). **Orders for tams, gowns and hoods must be made on-campus on this date.** Starting February 24<sup>th</sup> students may order tams, gowns and hoods at their store location, 5118 San Pedro Avenue or by telephone at 210.829.7393. Orders for graduation apparel cannot be made online. Additional information on all the upcoming events and activities leading up to, and including Commencement was distributed last week in an email from Dean Mather and has been posted on the Law School's website ('Graduation' tab).

## **ARE YOU GRADUATING IN MAY?**

All students who plan to graduate in May or complete their legal studies this summer should attend a meeting with Dean Mather on **Monday, February 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.** in LC 101. At this meeting, students will receive vital information about graduation, a stipend for bar studies, employment, and preparation for the bar exam. If you cannot attend this meeting, please pick up an information form and handout in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs, Raba 106. These handouts will be available **AFTER the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you have questions about this meeting, please inquire in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs or email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## **THE INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM**

An information session for the **2012 Innsbruck Summer Program** is scheduled for **Monday, February 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in Law Classroom 104**. Co-Directors Professors

Michael Ariens and Bernard Reams invite you to learn more about the 2012 Innsbruck program, the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Institute on World Legal Problems. The 2012 Innsbruck program will feature a course taught by Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, during the first two weeks of the program. We will discuss applying to the program, course offerings, travel tips, housing, and most importantly, information about how to finance attendance at the 2012 Innsbruck program. Lunch will be served. You can find information about the program, including applying electronically, at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=innsbruckprogram>, or you can contact Professors Reams or Ariens, or student coordinator Matthew Howard ([mbryanthoward@gmail.com](mailto:mbryanthoward@gmail.com)).

## **SPRING 2012 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS WORKSHOP**

All 1Ls are invited to attend the **Fundamental Skills Workshop** during the month of February 2012. This workshop will provide helpful advice and methods to improve your law school performance. While all 1Ls are invited to attend the Workshop, **attendance will be mandatory for some students**. Watch your student mailboxes and St. Mary's e-mail account for more information, including whether you are required to attend these sessions.

## **STUDENT ANIMAL LEAGUE DEFENSE FUND February Events**

Celebrate **Snicker's Birthday!** Snicker's Birthday Party will be held on **Monday, February 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Raba building lobby. Lunch and birthday cake will be served. Snickers will be there!

Beginning February 1 through February 27, 2012, SALDF will be hosting the **Dollars for Dogs**, a project to sponsor a Seeing Eye pup for someone in need. SALDF will be accepting \$1.00 donations during the month of February. Please look for the posters and signs regarding this project. If you would like to donate toward this project, SALDF now has collection containers in Career Services, SBA and at the CLSJ.

## **SCHOLAR SYMPOSIUM 2012 Immigration Law: Practice and Policy in the Twenty-first Century**

Volume Fourteen cordially invites all alumni to **the Immigration Symposium on Friday, March 2, 2012**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. The Scholar's goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students. The event will take place overlooking downtown San Antonio at the **Plaza Club**. We hope you will be able to join us for this exciting CLE opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact us at 210.431.4229 or <http://thescholarlawreview.org/>. Detailed information on the program, speakers, registration and fees may be found at <http://thescholarlawreview.org/symposium/>.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Professor Michael A. Olivas**, the William B. Bates Distinguished Chair of Law Director, Institute of Higher Education Law & Governance

## MLA LONG MILE 2

The Military Law Association (MLA) is pleased to announce its **second annual MLA Long Mile 2**. The MLA Long Mile is an annual 5k walk/run and 10k run, open to all classes, types, and skill levels. The track is stroller friendly. The goal of the MLA Long Mile 2 is to raise money and awareness of the **Fisher House** program, a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that which is normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Fisher House does this by providing a "home away from home" for military families to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury.

All money raised above the actual cost of the race will go directly to the Fisher House organizations located in San Antonio, Texas. The MLA Long Mile 2 is **co-sponsored** by the **Military Law Association, Sister Grace Walle's Campus Ministry, the Student Bar Association, Professor Bill Piatt, Centextruns.com, and the State Bar of Texas Military Law Section**. Thanks to the support of all sponsors we raised over \$2,600.00 last year. The MLA's goal is to exceed last year's donations and ask for your help.

Participants and volunteers are needed to make this event possible and obviously cannot do it without you. The MLA Long Mile 2 will occur on the **St. Mary's University campus on Sunday, March 4, 2012**. Registration for runners/walkers opens at 9:00 a.m., the race begins at 10:00 a.m., and the race ends when the last person crosses the finish line. This year's race will have a professional timing company tracking the race. Volunteers are needed to help set up, organize, and break down the race equipment. Volunteers are asked to show up early and if possible, stay until the event is over for cleanup. Runners/walkers can register for the race on [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) or on race day (but race shirts may run out if not pre-ordered). Volunteers can register on the MLA TWEN site's signup sheets section. Whether you run, walk, or volunteer, Sister Grace states this event will count toward your community service certificate. Please contact Mark Poling [mark@mark-poling.com](mailto:mark@mark-poling.com) if you have any questions. See you at the race!

## STUDENT JUDGES NEEDED FOR 1L MOOT COURT

Spring 2012 **1L Moot Court Preliminary Rounds** will be held **March 19-23, 2012** from **6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** The Board of Advocates is looking for learned, equitable, and mature law students to assist as Student Judges. If you are interested in serving as a Student Judge, please register under 'Sign-up Sheets' on the Board of Advocates TWEN site.

## 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 30, 2012 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).

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS – OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

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 events; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **HLSA/OCS Program: Tips and Pitfalls to Avoid for a Successful Career**

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come hear attorney share their experiences and advice to help you gain your first job, identify pitfalls to avoid, and further yourself in your law career.

### **Free Live Webinar: Public Service Loan**

#### **Forgiveness in 5 Easy Steps**

Heather loves Public Service Loan Forgiveness! But the requirements can be confusing. Heather knows how to break it down for you step-by-step so that it makes sense once and for all.

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Eastern (Noon to 1:15 pm Central)

REGISTER NOW AT <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/191286886>

Or

WATCH BROADCAST IN RABA, LF202

(To watch in the Atrium please RSVP in the Event’s section of Symplicity under Workshops.)

Lunch will be provided. Space is limited!

### **Military JAG Panel**

Thursday, February 23, 2012

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program will provide students with information and experiences from JAGs from most branches of the military. This event is co-sponsored by the Military Law Students Association and the Office of Career Services. Speakers will be Captain Craig M. Scrogam, Army; Captain Justin Hess, Air Force, Lieutenant Mark W. Richardson, Navy (tentative), Colonel Steven



Ramos, Marines; and Joseph N. Casas, J.D., M.B.A., Former Marine and Navy JAG.

**SABA and State Bar of Texas Law Student Division Legal Mentoring Program Lunch**

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

12:00 –1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

This program is geared toward students who are trying to pick a specialization path to follow. It will consist of 4 attorneys representing different areas of law. They will each speak on different topics including but not limited to: lifestyle, paperwork quantity, positive/negative aspects, amount of time in court, daily routine, type of client, how often they see the client face-to-face, amount and type of research, large or small staff, source of funding, background needed to practice law, other agencies depended on to complete their work, why they practice in their field, salary range possibilities, office atmosphere/hours, and other aspects of importance that students should know about practicing law. The session will wrap-up with an open question and answer period.

**SABA Mentoring Event: Appellate Law: Tips and Traps Affecting Pretrial, Trial, & Post-Trial Proceedings, OPEN TO ALL 2012 GRADUATES**

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

5:00 –6:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program is being done jointly with the San Antonio Bar Association's New Lawyer Mentoring Program. It will offer one hour of CLE. All 2012 students are eligible to receive the CLE credit.

**Alternative Careers: Getting to “There”**

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Getting to ‘There’ opens a door. Finding an alternative path takes work, commitment, research, dedication, relentless and creative networking, and, perhaps, some luck. Creating an alternative career is less like cooking ramen noodles (FAST!) and more like making barbecue (long, low, and slow).

Participants will:

- Distinguish among traditional, non-traditional and alternative career paths.
- Recognize and manage “frozen moment.”
- Learn the roadblocks for lawyers seeking alternative careers.
- Learn strategies and tactics for alternative career searches.
- Understand why a “legal” resume won’t work.
- Learn how legal skills and experience transfer to other settings.
- Understand the competition.

## SPRING 2012 JOB FAIRS

Please note all of the below Job Fairs will take place in the cities listed. You will either interview at a central location in the named city or at the employer's office. Interview location will be specified in the Symplicity site.

The El Paso, Midland and Odessa fairs are virtual job fairs and employers will contact students they are interested in directly to schedule virtual interviews after the deadline date.

You are expected to participate in any interviews you accept for these fairs.

\*Remember, you only see employers that are interviewing for your class year. If your class year is incorrect, please contact the Office of Career Services.

**El Paso Virtual Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 13 to 15, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

**Midland and Odessa Virtual Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 28 to March 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

**Rio Grande Valley Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 22 to 23, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at Edwards Abstract and Title Co. in Edinburg on **March 23, 2012**.

**Houston Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **March 1 to 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at either the employer's office or Texas Tech Regional Center on **March 30, 2012**.

## FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENT

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** will hear oral arguments in two appeals on **Wednesday, March 7, 2012**, beginning at **1:30 p.m.** at St. Mary's University. Arguments will be presented to a panel of justices consisting of: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, and Justice Phylis J. Speedlin. The second panel to hear arguments will consist of Justice Rebecca Simmons, Justice Steven C. Hilbig and Justice Marialyn Barnard.

The following cases will be presented:

04-11-00101-CV, Garza v. Zachry Constr. Corp, et al. Panel: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion and Justice Phylis Speedlin.

This is an appeal from a take-nothing summary judgment rendered in favor of appellees. The issues on appeal center on the workers' compensation bar contained in Texas Labor Code section 408.001. Garza is the employee of a general contractor and appellees are a subcontractor and its two employees. In his first issue, Garza asserts his common-law tort claims against the two employees of the subcontractor are not barred by the exclusive remedy provided under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act because the subcontractor contractually agreed it employees were not the employees of the general contractor. In his second issue, he asserts any such bar to his claims violates the Texas Constitution's open courts guarantee.

04-11-00332-CV, The Estate of Francisco Julio Lerma Sanchez, Deceased, Panel: Justice Rebecca Simmons, Justice Steven C. Hilbig and Justice Marialyn Barnard.

This is an appeal of a summary judgment on the non-existence of a common law marriage between the late Francisco Julio Lerma Sanchez and Carmen Viera-Pena Lerma. The trial court determined that Ms. Lerma did not establish the elements of common law marriage in section 2.401 of the Texas Family Code. The section 2.401 Texas Family Code provides that a common law marriage occurs if a "man and woman agreed to be married and after the agreement they lived in this state as husband and wife and they represented to others that they were married." On appeal Ms. Lerma contends there was evidence to establish a common law marriage or alternatively she raised a fact issue on whether there was a common law marriage.

## **ACADEMIC COURSE CREDIT FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Students who represent St. Mary's and compete in regional and national advocacy competitions are eligible to receive one-hour of academic credit for their participation. The student must have actually competed, or written a brief as a part of the competition, in order to receive the credit. Practicing with the team or traveling with a team as an alternate will not qualify. To apply for the credit, contact Professor Schlueter for a copy of the eligibility form, obtain the coach's signature certifying that you competed, and then get Professor Schlueter's signature. You will need to submit the completed form to Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Enrollment, Law Admissions, who will register you for the course. Once registered, you will need to pay tuition for the one-hour credit. **All of this must be done in the semester in which you competed.** Credit for the course will be on a pass-fail basis; your participation in the competition does not constitute an excused absence for any other classes; and the maximum number of credits available for regional and national competitions is three (3) hours of credit. Do not complete the form *until* after you have actually competed. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Schlueter, who is the Director of Advocacy Programs.

## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

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

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

## CAMPUS RECREATION

The St. Mary's **Campus Recreation Department** is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Spring semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please contact Damian Medina, 210.431.2095 or email [dmedina9@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dmedina9@stmarytx.edu).

## RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATES

Friday, February 17, 2012 – San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

Thursday, February 23, 2012 – Majestic Theater: featuring the Blue Man Group

For more information on these events, please contact the Student Activities and Transition Programs at [studentactivities@stmarytx.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3714 or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, 210. 431.4340, [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

## ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the American Society of International Law's Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the second International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. For detailed competition rules, please visit [www.wclcenterforhr.org](http://www.wclcenterforhr.org). Deadline for submissions is **February 15, 2012**.

The 2012 **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 17, 2012**. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://bit.ly/Levit2012>.

The National Law Review (NLR) Winter 2012 Law Student Writing Competition is accepting article submissions for publication in the March issue of the NLR. Suggested topics are in Environmental and Energy, Insurance and Intellectual Property Law. For guidelines please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Submission deadline is **February 21, 2012**.

The **National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL)** is pleased to announce it is offering up to five scholarships to law school students to attend its 2012 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar will be held April 18-20, 2012 in Orlando, Florida. For qualifications and additional information, please go to <http://www.nabl.org/education/event/Municipal-Bond-Law-Seminar>. Completed applications are due **February 29, 2012**.

Applications for the **ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund** for the 2012-2013 academic year are now being accepted. The Scholarship Fund will award \$5,000 of financial assistance annually. Twenty awards will be made to entering first-year students and may be renewable for two additional years, resulting in financial assistance totaling \$15,000 during each student's time in law school. The application may be downloaded from <http://www.ambar.org/DiversityScholarship>. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2012**.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University Of Iowa College of Law announces its 2011-2012 **Trandafir International Business** Writing Competition. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **March 1, 2012**. For more information and contest rules, please see: [http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir\\_competition.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html).

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. Prize is \$500 and your article will be published in the MSU College of Law Journal of Business & Securities Law. Please visit [https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon\\_competition.html](https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon_competition.html) for more information. Deadline to enter is **March 2, 2012**.

Entries for The Symposium XXV **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 \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded. For entry criteria, please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **March 31, 2012**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. Note this is a full scholarship. 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, 2012**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit brief is **April 16, 2012**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law. Additional information along with guidelines, rules, and an application can be found at [www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml). An entry form must be completed by **April 27, 2012**.

**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 27, 2012**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information please visit [http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf](http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf)

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2012 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, please go to <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is **May 31, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 1, 2012**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, [cdennis@innsofcourt.org](mailto:cdennis@innsofcourt.org) or visit [www.innsofcourt.org](http://www.innsofcourt.org).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?" 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its third year. 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>. Deadline to enter is **June 1, 2012**.

The **Committee on Animals and the Law** of the **New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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 **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.



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## **FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION SPRING MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

Please join **the Federal Bar Association** in congratulating the winners of the Federal Bar Association Spring Moot Court Competition **Amanda Finn and Nick Guinn**, and finalists **Keeley Folan and Matthew Olivarez**. Way to go everyone!

### **MOCK TRIAL TEAMS AT NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION**

On the weekend of February 9-11, two mock trial teams represented St. Mary's at the regional rounds of the **Texas Young Lawyers' National Trial Competition** (NTC) – one of the premier national mock trial competitions. The team of **Sydney Paul** (3L) and **Clint Bohn** (2L), coached by Nicole Thornbro and Ken Bell, broke into the NTC semifinals with victories over SMU and Texas Tech. Only 8 teams advanced out of the 24 competing teams. The advancing teams are split into two brackets of 4 teams each with the winners advancing into two separate final rounds. That team lost to a Baylor team that eventually won one of the brackets. The other St. Mary's team of **Jason Rogers** (2L) and **Charles Ocampo** (2L) did not break to the semifinals but they competed fiercely securing a decisive win over SMU and splitting ballots with Baylor which went on to win the second bracket. We should be very proud of the way these students have represented St. Mary's University! Please extend congratulations to the coaches and the teams for their strong showing this year.

### **TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

Dean Cantú and Associate Deans Mather and Valencia will be available for questions and discussion at a Town Hall meeting on **Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 12:00 noon in LC104 and 5:30 p.m. in LC103**. See you there!

### **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 2012**. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should send a resume and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter, please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The **deadline for applications is 12:00 p.m. on**

**Thursday, March 29, 2012.** Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

## **FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS IN SAN ANTONIO**

**Semesters: Summer 2012, Fall 2012, and Spring 2013**

**Deadline: 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

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 30 hours of course work. Thus, a first-year, full-time student may apply for an internship that will take place in the summer between first and second year, or during any subsequent semester. A first-year, part-time student may 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 or two students 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.

### **STRASBURGER CHINA SCHOLARSHIP**

We are pleased to announce that a newly established **Strasburger China Scholarship** will be awarded to students participating in the law school's China program this summer. The scholarship fund, donated by the Strasburger Law Firm, honors Dean Charles E. Cantú for his vision in better preparing law students for a global economy. Three \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded this year. Recipients of the scholarships will be considered for internships with Chinese or American firms this summer, and they may apply for an internship with the Strasburger Law Firm in 2013. For an application or inquiry, please see Professor Bob Hu in the library or email him at [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu). The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on **February 20, 2012**. Award winners will be announced on March 1, 2012.

## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

The **Student Bar Association (SBA)** and **Evening Student Bar Association (ESBA) Executive Board Election** meetings will be held **February 21-23, 2012**. Any student interested in running for a position on the SBA or ESBA executive board must attend one of the scheduled mandatory meetings to be eligible to run for office. Meeting times are available on the posted neon green flyers on campus. The meetings will be held in the SBA office on the first floor of RABA. **Campaigning begins Monday February 27, 2012**. Voting will occur electronically Tuesday, February 28 through 12:00 p.m. Thursday, March 1, 2012. Please email [sbaspecialprosecutor@gmail.com](mailto:sbaspecialprosecutor@gmail.com) if you have any questions about the elections or meetings. General elections for senator and representative positions will be held after Spring Break.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH SYMPOSIUM

The **Black Law Students Association** invites you to join them for the **Black History Month Symposium** on **Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.** in the **AT&T Conference Center, Room 108**. The panelists include The Honorable Jason Pulliam, County Court at Law #5; André Hampton, Provost and Vice President and Professor of Law, St. Mary's University; and Lou Miller, President, African American Chamber of Commerce/Black Activist. The symposium will be moderated by Moderator Attorney Jocelyn C. Andrews. Refreshments will be served.

## CLASS OF 2012 – GRADUATION RELATED EVENT

Orders for graduation apparel and invitations will be taken on **Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** in the Law Administration building **Atrium**. Orders for graduation invitations and announcements may be made on this day or on-line at [www.herff-jones.com/college](http://www.herff-jones.com/college). **Orders for tams, gowns and hoods must be made on-campus on this date**. Starting February 24<sup>th</sup> students may order tams, gowns and hoods at their store location, 5118 San Pedro Avenue or by telephone at 210.829.7393. Orders for graduation apparel cannot be made online. Additional information on all the upcoming events and activities leading up to, and including Commencement was distributed last week in an email from Dean Mather and has been posted on the Law School's website ('Graduation' tab).

## ARE YOU GRADUATING IN MAY?

All students who plan to graduate in May or complete their legal studies this summer should attend a meeting with Dean Mather on **Monday, February 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.** in LC 101. At this meeting, students will receive vital information about graduation, a stipend for bar studies, employment, and preparation for the bar exam. If you cannot attend this meeting, please pick up an information form and handout in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs, Raba 106. These handouts will be available **AFTER the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you have questions about this meeting, please inquire in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs or email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## THE INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM

An information session for the **2012 Innsbruck Summer Program** is scheduled for **Monday, February 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in Law Classroom 104**. Co-Directors Professors Michael Ariens and Bernard Reams invite you to learn more about the 2012 Innsbruck program, the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Institute on World Legal Problems. The 2012 Innsbruck program will feature a course taught by Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, during the first two weeks of the program. We will discuss applying to the program, course offerings, travel tips, housing, and most importantly, information about how to finance attendance at the 2012 Innsbruck program. Lunch will be served. You can find information about the program, including applying electronically, at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=innsbruckprogram>, or you can contact Professors Reams or Ariens, or student coordinator Matthew Howard ([mbryanthoward@gmail.com](mailto:mbryanthoward@gmail.com)).

## TECHNOLOGY AND IP LAW ASSOCIATION EVENT

The **Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association** is pleased to present “What the America Invents Act means to Patent Law” on **Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.**, in the **Atrium**. Lunch will be provided.

The **Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA)** is United States federal legislation that was passed by Congress and signed into law on September 16, 2011. The law represents the most significant change to the U.S. patent system since 1952, and closely resembles previously proposed legislation in the Senate in its previous session (Patent Reform Act of 2009).

Our **guest speaker will be Rob McRae, J.D.** ’ \_\_\_\_ with Gunn, Lee & Cave, an IP Law Firm. Rob focuses his practice on intellectual property law, in both litigation and intellectual property prosecution. Rob drafts and prosecutes patent applications in multiple arts and disciplines, including mechanical and electrical devices, software, and business methods. Rob is a St. Mary’s alumnus and practiced as a patent agent while studying law.

## SPRING 2012 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

All 1Ls are invited to attend the **Fundamental Skills Workshop** during the month of February 2012. This workshop will provide helpful advice and methods to improve your law school performance. While all 1Ls are invited to attend the Workshop, **attendance will be mandatory for some students**. Watch your student mailboxes and St. Mary’s e-mail account for more information, including whether you are required to attend these sessions.

## STUDENT ANIMAL LEAGUE DEFENSE FUND February Events

Celebrate **Snicker’s Birthday!** Snicker's Birthday Party will be held on **Monday, February 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Raba building lobby. Lunch and birthday cake will be

served. Snickers will be there!

Beginning February 1 through February 27, 2012, SALDF will be hosting the **Dollars for Dogs**, a project to sponsor a Seeing Eye pup for someone in need. SALDF will be accepting \$1.00 donations during the month of February. Please look for the posters and signs regarding this project. If you would like to donate toward this project, SALDF now has collection containers in Career Services, SBA and at the CLSJ.

## **SCHOLAR SYMPOSIUM 2012**

### **Immigration Law: Practice and Policy in the Twenty-first Century**

Volume Fourteen cordially invites all alumni to **the Immigration Symposium on Friday, March 2, 2012**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. The Scholar's goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students. The event will take place overlooking downtown San Antonio at the **Plaza Club**. We hope you will be able to join us for this exciting CLE opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact us at 210.431.4229 or <http://thescholarlawreview.org/>. Detailed information on the program, speakers, registration and fees may be found at <http://thescholarlawreview.org/symposium/>.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Professor Michael A. Olivas**, the William B. Bates Distinguished Chair of Law Director, Institute of Higher Education Law & Governance

## **MLA LONG MILE 2**

The Military Law Association (MLA) is pleased to announce its **second annual MLA Long Mile 2**. **The date has been moved to Sunday, April 1, 2012**. The MLA Long Mile is an annual 5k walk/run and 10k run, open to all classes, types, and skill levels. The track is stroller friendly. The goal of the MLA Long Mile 2 is to raise money and awareness of the **Fisher House** program, a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that which is normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Fisher House does this by providing a "home away from home" for military families to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury.

All money raised above the actual cost of the race will go directly to the Fisher House organizations located in San Antonio, Texas. The MLA Long Mile 2 is **co-sponsored** by the **Military Law Association, Sister Grace Walle's Campus Ministry, the Student Bar Association, Professor Bill Piatt, Centextruns.com, and the State Bar of Texas Military Law Section**. Thanks to the support of all sponsors we raised over \$2,600.00 last year. The MLA's goal is to exceed last year's donations and ask for your help.



Participants and volunteers are needed to make this event possible and obviously cannot do it without you. Registration for runners/walkers opens at 9:00 a.m. on the St. Mar's campus. The race will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end when the last person crosses the finish line. This year's race will have a professional timing company tracking the race. Volunteers are needed to help set up, organize, and break down the race equipment. Volunteers are asked to show up early and if possible, stay until the event is over for cleanup. Runners/walkers can register for the race on [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) or on race day (but race shirts may run out if not pre-ordered). Volunteers can register on the MLA TWEN site's signup sheets section. Whether you run, walk, or volunteer, Sister Grace states this event will count toward your community service certificate. Please contact Mark Poling [mark@mark-poling.com](mailto:mark@mark-poling.com) if you have any questions. See you at the race!

### **STUDENT JUDGES NEEDED FOR 1L MOOT COURT**

Spring 2012 **1L Moot Court Preliminary Rounds** will be held **March 19-23, 2012** from **6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** The Board of Advocates is looking for learned, equitable, and mature law students to assist as Student Judges. If you are interested in serving as a Student Judge, please register under 'Sign-up Sheets' on the Board of Advocates TWEN site.

### **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 30, 2012 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).

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS – OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

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 events; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

#### **Free Live Webinar: Public Service Loan Forgiveness in 5 Easy Steps**

Heather loves Public Service Loan Forgiveness! But the requirements can be confusing. Heather knows how to break it down for you step-by-step so that it makes sense once and for all.

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Eastern (Noon to 1:15 pm Central)

REGISTER NOW AT <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/191286886>

Or

WATCH THE BROADCAST IN RABA, LF202

(To watch in Raba please RSVP in the Event's section of Symplicity under Workshops.) Lunch will be provided. Space is limited!

**Military JAG Panel**

Thursday, February 23, 2012

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program will provide students with information and experiences from JAGs from most branches of the military. This event is co-sponsored by the Military Law Students Association and the Office of Career Services. Speakers will be Captain Craig M. Scrogam, Army; Captain Justin Hess, Air Force, Lieutenant Mark W. Richardson, Navy (tentative), Colonel Steven Ramos, Marines; and Joseph N. Casas, J.D., M.B.A., Former Marine and Navy JAG.

**SABA and State Bar of Texas Law Student Division Legal Mentoring Program Lunch**

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

This program is geared toward students who are trying to pick a specialization path to follow. It will consist of 4 attorneys representing different areas of law. They will each speak on different topics including but not limited to: lifestyle, paperwork quantity, positive/negative aspects, amount of time in court, daily routine, type of client, how often they see the client face-to-face, amount and type of research, large or small staff, source of funding, background needed to practice law, other agencies depended on to complete their work, why they practice in their field, salary range possibilities, office atmosphere/hours, and other aspects of importance that students should know about practicing law. The session will wrap-up with an open question and answer period.

**SABA Mentoring Event: Appellate Law: Tips and Traps Affecting Pretrial, Trial, & Post-Trial Proceedings, OPEN TO ALL 2012 GRADUATES**

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program is being done jointly with the San Antonio Bar Association's New Lawyer Mentoring Program. It will offer one hour of CLE. All 2012 students are eligible to receive the CLE credit.

**Alternative Careers: Getting to “There”**

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Getting to 'There' opens a door. Finding an alternative path takes work, commitment, research, dedication, relentless and creative networking, and, perhaps, some luck. Creating an alternative career is less like cooking ramen noodles (FAST!) and more like making barbecue (long, low, and slow).

Participants will:

- Distinguish among traditional, non-traditional and alternative career paths.
- Recognize and manage "frozen moment."
- Learn the roadblocks for lawyers seeking alternative careers.
- Learn strategies and tactics for alternative career searches.
- Understand why a "legal" resume won't work.
- Learn how legal skills and experience transfer to other settings.
- Understand the competition.

## **SPRING 2012 JOB FAIRS**

Please note all of the below Job Fairs will take place in the cities listed. You will either interview at a central location in the named city or at the employer's office. Interview location will be specified in the Symplicity site.

The El Paso, Midland and Odessa fairs are virtual job fairs and employers will contact students they are interested in directly to schedule virtual interviews after the deadline date.

You are expected to participate in any interviews you accept for these fairs.

\*Remember, you only see employers that are interviewing for your class year. If your class year is incorrect, please contact the Office of Career Services.

**Midland and Odessa Virtual Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 28 to March 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

**Rio Grande Valley Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 22 to 23, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at Edwards Abstract and Title Co. in Edinburg on **March 23, 2012**.

**Houston Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **March 1 to 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at either the employer's office or Texas Tech Regional Center on **March 30, 2012**.

## FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENT

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** will hear oral arguments in two appeals on **Wednesday, March 7, 2012**, beginning at **1:30 p.m.** at St. Mary's University. Arguments will be presented to a panel of justices consisting of: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, and Justice Phylis J. Speedlin. The second panel to hear arguments will consist of Justice Rebecca Simmons, Justice Steven C. Hilbig and Justice Marialyn Barnard.

The following cases will be presented:

04-11-00101-CV, Garza v. Zachry Constr. Corp, et al. Panel: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion and Justice Phylis Speedlin.

This is an appeal from a take-nothing summary judgment rendered in favor of appellees. The issues on appeal center on the workers' compensation bar contained in Texas Labor Code section 408.001. Garza is the employee of a general contractor and appellees are a subcontractor and its two employees. In his first issue, Garza asserts his common-law tort claims against the two employees of the subcontractor are not barred by the exclusive remedy provided under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act because the subcontractor contractually agreed it employees were not the employees of the general contractor. In his second issue, he asserts any such bar to his claims violates the Texas Constitution's open courts guarantee.

04-11-00332-CV, The Estate of Francisco Julio Lerma Sanchez, Deceased, Panel: Justice Rebecca Simmons, Justice Steven C. Hilbig and Justice Marialyn Barnard.

This is an appeal of a summary judgment on the non-existence of a common law marriage between the late Francisco Julio Lerma Sanchez and Carmen Viera-Pena Lerma. The trial court determined that Ms. Lerma did not establish the elements of common law marriage in section 2.401 of the Texas Family Code. The section 2.401 Texas Family Code provides that a common law marriage occurs if a "man and woman agreed to be married and after the agreement they lived in this state as husband and wife and they represented to others that they were married." On appeal Ms. Lerma contends there was evidence to establish a common law marriage or alternatively she raised a fact issue on whether there was a common law marriage.

## FOURTH ANNUAL ENERGY LAW SYMPOSIUM

Texas Wesleyan Law Review presents their **Fourth Annual Energy Law Symposium, March 29-30, 2012**. The symposium will focus on a wide array of emerging energy issues that impact legal communities across the nation with a special emphasis on oil and gas law. The Energy Symposium will showcase:

- 20 Presenters Representing 9 Different States
- 12 CLE Credits
- \$75 for single day registration or \$140 for both days
- TWU's Inaugural 23-State Annual Survey on Oil & Gas

For program schedule or more information, please visit [www.texaswesleyanlawreview.org](http://www.texaswesleyanlawreview.org) or contact Kate Echols, Symposia Editor at [texwesenergysymposium@gmail.com](mailto:texwesenergysymposium@gmail.com).

### **ACADEMIC COURSE CREDIT FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Students who represent St. Mary’s and compete in regional and national advocacy competitions are eligible to receive one-hour of academic credit for their participation. The student must have actually competed, or written a brief as a part of the competition, in order to receive the credit. Practicing with the team or traveling with a team as an alternate will not qualify. To apply for the credit, contact Professor Schlueter for a copy of the eligibility form, obtain the coach’s signature certifying that you competed, and then get Professor Schlueter’s signature. You will need to submit the completed form to Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Enrollment, Law Admissions, who will register you for the course. Once registered, you will need to pay tuition for the one-hour credit. **All of this must be done in the semester in which you competed.** Credit for the course will be on a pass-fail basis; your participation in the competition does not constitute an excused absence for any other classes; and the maximum number of credits available for regional and national competitions is three (3) hours of credit. Do not complete the form *until* after you have actually competed. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Schlueter, who is the Director of Advocacy Programs.

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

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

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

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

### **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The St. Mary’s **Campus Recreation Department** is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Spring semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please contact Damian Medina, 210.431.2095 or email [dmedina9@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dmedina9@stmarytx.edu).

## RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, February 23, 2012 – Majestic Theater: featuring the Blue Man Group

For more information on this event, please contact the Student Activities and Transition Programs at [studentactivities@stmarytx.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3714 or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, 210. 431.4340, [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

### ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

The **2012 Robert Masur Fellowship** in civil liberties is now accepting applications. 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. The fellowship recipient receives a \$1,000 honorarium. Applications are due by mail on **March 23, 2012**. For more information, please click here:

[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/)

The **National Law Review (NLR)** Winter 2012 Law Student Writing Competition is accepting article submissions for publication in the March issue of the NLR. Suggested topics are in Environmental and Energy, Insurance and Intellectual Property Law. For guidelines please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Submission deadline is **February 21, 2012**.

The **National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL)** is pleased to announce it is offering up to five scholarships to law school students to attend its 2012 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar will be held April 18-20, 2012 in Orlando, Florida. For qualifications and additional information, please go to

<http://www.nabl.org/education/event/Municipal-Bond-Law-Seminar>. Completed applications are due **February 29, 2012**.

Applications for the **ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund** for the 2012-2013 academic year are now being accepted. The Scholarship Fund will award \$5,000 of financial assistance annually. Twenty awards will be made to entering first-year students and may be renewable for two additional years, resulting in financial assistance totaling \$15,000 during each student's time in law school. The application may be downloaded from <http://www.ambar.org/DiversityScholarship>. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2012**.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University Of Iowa College of Law announces its 2011-2012 **Trandafir International Business Writing Competition**. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **March 1, 2012**. For more information and contest rules, please see: [http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir\\_competition.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html).

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. Prize is \$500 and your article will be published in the MSU College of Law Journal of Business & Securities Law. Please visit [https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon\\_competition.html](https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon_competition.html) for more information. Deadline to enter is **March 2, 2012**.

Entries for The Symposium XXV **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 \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded. For entry criteria, please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **March 31, 2012**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. Note this is a full scholarship. 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, 2012**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit brief is **April 16, 2012**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law. Additional information along with guidelines, rules, and an application can be found at [www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml). An entry form must be completed by **April 27, 2012**.

**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 27, 2012**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information please visit [http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf](http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf)

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2012 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, please go to <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is **May 31, 2012**.



The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 1, 2012**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, [cdennis@innsofcourt.org](mailto:cdennis@innsofcourt.org) or visit [www.innsofcourt.org](http://www.innsofcourt.org).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?" 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its third year. 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>. Deadline to enter is **June 1, 2012**.

The **Committee on Animals and the Law of the New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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 Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.

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## AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY

Congratulations! The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy recognized the **St. Mary's University School of Law as their Student Chapter of the Week!** They are very impressed with the number and quality of events that were put on during the fall semester and are excited about all upcoming events. A story in their weekly bulletin about the St. Mary's chapter will be sent out via email to all chapter members. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events to be posted around the law school campus. Additionally, we are in the process of seeking new officers to help keep this nationally recognized organization going strong next year. If this is something you are interested in please email [aftancavanaugh@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:aftancavanaugh@mail.stmarytx.edu).

## ARE YOU GRADUATING IN MAY?

All students who plan to graduate in May or complete their legal studies this summer should attend a meeting with Dean Mather on **Monday, February 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.** in **LC 101**. At this meeting, students will receive vital information about graduation, a stipend for bar studies, employment, and preparation for the bar exam. If you cannot attend this meeting, please pick up an information form and handout in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs, Raba 106. These handouts will be available **AFTER the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you have questions about this meeting, please inquire in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs or email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION TWO MEETINGS TO BE HELD TODAY

Greetings from the **Women's Law Association (WLA) Board**. We hope you are having a fantastic Spring semester so far, and are excited to come out to all of the upcoming WLA events. The WLA meet today **Monday, February 27, 2012 from 12:00 – 12:50 p.m. in LC102**. Instead of a guest speaker and formal catering, each of the executive board officers will talk about her office position (in anticipation of elections) as well as the proposed changes to the organization's bylaws. Our meal will be a potluck/brown bag. The room will be available at 11:30 a.m. if you would like to set up your potluck offering and/or mingle with fellow members. We will also have an additional evening this afternoon **Monday, February 27 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Law Atrium**, and food will also be potluck.

Please sign up under "Sign-Up Sheets" if you are attending either meeting, and also specify/describe the dish you'll be bringing. Any people still interested in joining the Women's Law Association are invited to attend. Dues are \$25 for the semester (if you did not already pay \$30 for the year). Come learn about the exciting events we have planned, including the Mentor-Mentee mixer [3/1], Fourth Court of Appeals Visit, Social & Service, Elections, and much more. Paid members in attendance will have the chance to win a door prize! We're looking forward to seeing all of you there, especially wearing the blue WLA t-shirts (for a large group picture)!!!

## THE INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM

An information session for the **2012 Innsbruck Summer Program** is scheduled for **Monday, February 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in Law Classroom 104**. Co-Directors Professors Michael Ariens and Bernard Reams invite you to learn more about the 2012 Innsbruck program, the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Institute on World Legal Problems. The 2012 Innsbruck program will feature a course taught by Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, during the first two weeks of the program. We will discuss applying to the program, course offerings, travel tips, housing, and most importantly, information about how to finance attendance at the 2012 Innsbruck program. Lunch will be served. You can find information about the program, including applying electronically, at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=innsbruckprogram>, or you can contact Professors Reams or Ariens, or student coordinator Matthew Howard ([mbryanthoward@gmail.com](mailto:mbryanthoward@gmail.com)).

## STUDENT ANIMAL LEAGUE DEFENSE FUND February Events

Celebrate **Snicker's Birthday!** Snicker's Birthday Party will be held on **Monday, February 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Raba building lobby. Lunch and birthday cake will be served. Snickers will be there!

Beginning February 1 through February 27, 2012, SALDF will be hosting the **Dollars for Dogs**, a project to sponsor a Seeing Eye pup for someone in need. SALDF will be accepting \$1.00 donations during the month of February. Please look for the posters and signs regarding this project. If you would like to donate toward this project, SALDF now has collection containers in Career Services, SBA and at the CLSJ.

## STRASBURGER CHINA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL TODAY

We are pleased to announce that a newly established **Strasburger China Scholarship** will be awarded to students participating in the law school's China program this summer. The scholarship fund, donated by the Strasburger Law Firm, honors Dean Charles E. Cantú for his vision in better preparing law students for a global economy. Three \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded this year. Recipients of the scholarships will be considered for internships with Chinese or American firms this summer, and they may apply for an internship with the Strasburger Law Firm in 2013. For an application or inquiry, please see Professor Bob Hu in the library or email him at [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu). The application deadline has been extended to 5:00 p.m. on **February 27, 2012**. Award winners will be announced on March 8, 2012.

## ALMA L. LOPEZ WOMAN IN LAW STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

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 Woman in Law Student Leadership Award. **Nominations are due by noon on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 to Sister Grace Walle, F.M.I., Ph.D., in the Law Ministry Office.**

- Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a student
- Nominees will be asked to submit a résumé
- No self-nominations

The award recipient and all nominees will be recognized at a reception for the Fourth Court of Appeals following the Oral Arguments on Wednesday, March 7, 2012. For questions, contact Sister Grace Walle at (210) 436-3063 or [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

### **TECHNOLOGY AND IP LAW ASSOCIATION EVENT**

The **Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association** is pleased to present “What the America Invents Act means to Patent Law” on **Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.**, in the **Atrium**. Lunch will be provided.

The **Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA)** is United States federal legislation that was passed by Congress and signed into law on September 16, 2011. The law represents the most significant change to the U.S. patent system since 1952, and closely resembles previously proposed legislation in the Senate in its previous session (Patent Reform Act of 2009).

Our **guest speaker will be Rob McRae, J.D. ’2003** with Gunn, Lee & Cave, an IP Law Firm. Rob focuses his practice on intellectual property law, in both litigation and intellectual property prosecution. Rob drafts and prosecutes patent applications in multiple arts and disciplines, including mechanical and electrical devices, software, and business methods. Rob is a St. Mary’s alumnus and practiced as a patent agent while studying law.

### **COME AND BE RECONCILED THIS LENT**

Sacrament of confession or pastoral counseling will be available during Lenten season at the Law School from Fr. Terry Weik, S.M. (Pastor and previous director of STMU University Ministry). Fr. Weik will be in Law Ministry, Sister Grace’s office, Raba Faculty building on **Tuesday, February 28**, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and on **Wednesday, February 29**, 12:00 – until 2:00 p.m. “Confession and forgiveness is good for the soul.”

### **KAPLAN BAR REVIEW INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Come and learn more about the **Kaplan Bar Review** and get your questions answered about the Bar Exam on **Wednesday, February 29, 2012, 12:00 p.m., LC101**. See a course demonstration, get information about their Early Course Access starting March 7<sup>th</sup> for enrolled 3L’s, and learn about tuition assistance available for students. During this 30 minute talk, Steve Marrietti, the President of Kaplan Bar Review will share his insights and answer your questions

about how to study for and pass the bar exam.

### **FEDERALIST SOCIETY MEETING**

The next meeting of the **Federalist Society** will be **Wednesday, February 29, 2012** at **noon** in the **Alumni Room** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. This event entitled *Picking Judges: Appointments v. Elections* will be a presentation by The Honorable Xavier Rodriguez. Currently serving on the federal bench and formerly on the Texas Supreme Court, Judge Rodriguez is well acquainted with the pros and cons of both the federal and state systems. Lunch will be provided, and all students and faculty are welcome to attend.

### **ASIA PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The **Asia Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA)** will meet on **Thursday, March 1, 2012, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Atrium**, Law Administration building. In the continuing series of introducing the Asia Pacific Region, APALSA presents Professor Addicott who will discuss US interests and Terrorism in the Asia Pacific Region. Professor Addicott, the Director of the Center for Terrorism Law regularly appears in the national media commenting on homeland security issues and the law. Come and hear what Prof Addicott has to say about Jemaah Islamiah and the Bali bomber trial in Indonesia, Abu Sayaf in the Philippines and the Al Qaeda connection. We might even hear about the Iranian plot in Thailand. This event is open to all St Mary's students and faculty.

### **SCHOLAR SYMPOSIUM 2012**

#### **Immigration Law: Practice and Policy in the Twenty-first Century**

Volume Fourteen cordially invites all alumni to **the Immigration Symposium** on **Friday, March 2, 2012**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. The Scholar's goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students. The event will take place overlooking downtown San Antonio at the **Plaza Club**. We hope you will be able to join us for this exciting CLE opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact us at 210.431.4229 or <http://thescholarlawreview.org/>. Detailed information on the program, speakers, registration and fees may be found at <http://thescholarlawreview.org/symposium/>.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Professor Michael A. Olivas**, the William B. Bates Distinguished Chair of Law Director, Institute of Higher Education Law & Governance

### **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAW STUDENT DIVISION 13<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT SPRING MEETING AND GOVERNOR ELECTION**

The **American Bar Association Law Student Division** announces its 13th Circuit

Spring Meeting and Governor Election on **Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, 2012**, *Loyola University New Orleans College of Law*, 526 Pine Street, New Orleans, LA. **Registration is FREE**. If you are interested in building a network to launch your career after graduation or in learning how to get the most from your legal education, attending the 13th Circuit Spring Meeting is the perfect venue for you to experience first-hand how the ABA can help you achieve your goals. Reserve your seat now. For more information on the speakers and agenda, and to register, please visit <http://ambar.org/l3sm>. Don't miss this opportunity to network with local veteran and newly admitted law professionals

### **FREE MPRE REVIEW**

The following courses are free to all students and provide a review for the upcoming MPRE. Taking a course from any of these vendors does not obligate you to take your full bar review with that same vendor.

#### IN PERSON

BAR BRI San Antonio MPRE Course

**Date:** Saturday, March 3, 2012

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (registration 8:15 – 8:45a.m.)

**Place:** St. Mary's Law School, One Camino Santa Maria, Law Classroom 101

#### ONLINE

Kaplan – Students may register online at [www.kaplanbarreview.com/MPRE](http://www.kaplanbarreview.com/MPRE) or at the Kaplan table when the company is set up in the Law Classroom Building.

Themis – Students may register online at [www.themisbar.com](http://www.themisbar.com) and stop by the table for your course book or at the Themis table when the company is set up in the Law Classroom Building.

### **FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS**

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** will hear oral arguments in two appeals on **Wednesday, March 7, 2012**, beginning at **1:30 p.m.** at St. Mary's University. Arguments will be presented to a panel of justices consisting of: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, and Justice Phylis J. Speedlin. The second panel to hear arguments will consist of Justice Rebecca Simmons, Justice Steven C. Hilbig and Justice Marialyn Barnard.

The following cases will be presented:

04-11-00101-CV, Garza v. Zachry Constr. Corp, et al. Panel: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion and Justice Phylis Speedlin.

This is an appeal from a take-nothing summary judgment rendered in favor of appellees. The issues on appeal center on the workers' compensation bar contained in Texas Labor Code section



408.001. Garza is the employee of a general contractor and appellees are a subcontractor and its two employees. In his first issue, Garza asserts his common-law tort claims against the two employees of the subcontractor are not barred by the exclusive remedy provided under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act because the subcontractor contractually agreed it employees were not the employees of the general contractor. In his second issue, he asserts any such bar to his claims violates the Texas Constitution's open courts guarantee.

04-11-00332-CV, The Estate of Francisco Julio Lerma Sanchez, Deceased, Panel: Justice Rebecca Simmons, Justice Steven C. Hilbig and Justice Marialyn Barnard.

This is an appeal of a summary judgment on the non-existence of a common law marriage between the late Francisco Julio Lerma Sanchez and Carmen Viera-Pena Lerma. The trial court determined that Ms. Lerma did not establish the elements of common law marriage in section 2.401 of the Texas Family Code. The section 2.401 Texas Family Code provides that a common law marriage occurs if a "man and woman agreed to be married and after the agreement they lived in this state as husband and wife and they represented to others that they were married." On appeal Ms. Lerma contends there was evidence to establish a common law marriage or alternatively she raised a fact issue on whether there was a common law marriage.

### **STUDENT JUDGES NEEDED FOR 1L MOOT COURT**

Spring 2012 **1L Moot Court Preliminary Rounds** will be held **March 19-23, 2012** from **6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** The Board of Advocates is looking for learned, equitable, and mature law students to assist as Student Judges. If you are interested in serving as a Student Judge, please register under 'Sign-up Sheets' on the Board of Advocates TWEN site.

### **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 graduating 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 **ten new members** each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the Faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning February 28th.** The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 13, 2012. 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 Wednesday, March 21, 2012.**

## 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 2012**. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should send a resume and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter, please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The **deadline for applications is 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 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 30, 2012 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).

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS – OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

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 events; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **SABA and State Bar of Texas Law Student Division Legal Mentoring Program Lunch**

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

12:00 –1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

This program is geared toward students who are trying to pick a specialization path to follow. It will consist of 4 attorneys representing different areas of law. They will each speak on different topics including but not limited to: lifestyle, paperwork quantity, positive/negative aspects, amount of time in court, daily routine, type of client, how often they see the client face-to-face,

amount and type of research, large or small staff, source of funding, background needed to practice law, other agencies depended on to complete their work, why they practice in their field, salary range possibilities, office atmosphere/hours, and other aspects of importance that students should know about practicing law. The session will wrap-up with an open question and answer period.

**SABA Mentoring Event: Appellate Law: Tips and Traps Affecting Pretrial, Trial, & Post-Trial Proceedings, OPEN TO ALL 2012 GRADUATES**

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

5:00 —6:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program is being done jointly with the San Antonio Bar Association's New Lawyer Mentoring Program. It will offer one hour of CLE. All 2012 students are eligible to receive the CLE credit.

**Alternative Careers: Getting to “There”**

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

12:00 –1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

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Getting to “There” opens a door. Finding an alternative path takes work, commitment, research, dedication, relentless and creative networking, and, perhaps, some luck. Creating an alternative career is less like cooking ramen noodles (FAST!) and more like making barbecue (long, low, and slow).

Participants will:

- Distinguish among traditional, non-traditional and alternative career paths.
- Recognize and manage “frozen moment.”
- Learn the roadblocks for lawyers seeking alternative careers.
- Learn strategies and tactics for alternative career searches.
- Understand why a “legal” resume won’t work.
- Learn how legal skills and experience transfer to other settings.
- Understand the competition.

**SPRING 2012 JOB FAIRS**

Please note all of the below Job Fairs will take place in the cities listed. You will either interview at a central location in the named city or at the employer’s office. Interview location will be specified in the Symplicity site.

The El Paso, Midland and Odessa fairs are virtual job fairs and employers will contact students they are interested in directly to schedule virtual interviews after the deadline date.

You are expected to participate in any interviews you accept for these fairs.

\*Remember, you only see employers that are interviewing for your class year. If your class year is incorrect, please contact the Office of Career Services.

**Midland and Odessa Virtual Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **February 28 to March 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

**Houston Legal Job Fair:** Student bidding is from **March 1 to 2, 2012** and you will need to apply on the St. Mary's Symplicity site at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Interviews will be held at either the employer's office or Texas Tech Regional Center on **March 30, 2012**.

## **FOURTH ANNUAL ENERGY LAW SYMPOSIUM**

Texas Wesleyan Law Review presents their **Fourth Annual Energy Law Symposium, March 29-30, 2012**. The symposium will focus on a wide array of emerging energy issues that impact legal communities across the nation with a special emphasis on oil and gas law. The Energy Symposium will showcase:

- 20 Presenters Representing 9 Different States
- 12 CLE Credits
- \$75 for single day registration or \$140 for both days
- TWU's Inaugural 23-State Annual Survey on Oil & Gas

For program schedule or more information, please visit [www.texaswesleyanlawreview.org](http://www.texaswesleyanlawreview.org) or contact Kate Echols, Symposia Editor at [texwesenergysymposium@gmail.com](mailto:texwesenergysymposium@gmail.com).

## **MLA LONG MILE 2**

The Military Law Association (MLA) is pleased to announce its **second annual MLA Long Mile 2. The date has been moved to Sunday, April 1, 2012**. The MLA Long Mile is an annual 5k walk/run and 10k run, open to all classes, types, and skill levels. The track is stroller friendly. The goal of the MLA Long Mile 2 is to raise money and awareness of the **Fisher House** program, a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that which is normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Fisher House does this by providing a "home away from home" for military families to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury.

All money raised above the actual cost of the race will go directly to the Fisher House organizations located in San Antonio, Texas. The MLA Long Mile 2 is **co-sponsored** by the **Military Law Association, Sister Grace Walle's Campus Ministry, the Student Bar**

**Association, Professor Bill Piatt, Centextruns.com, and the State Bar of Texas Military Law Section.** Thanks to the support of all sponsors we raised over \$2,600.00 last year. The MLA’s goal is to exceed last year’s donations and ask for your help.

Participants and volunteers are needed to make this event possible and obviously cannot do it without you. Registration for runners/walkers opens at 9:00 a.m. on the St. Mar’s campus. The race will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end when the last person crosses the finish line. This year’s race will have a professional timing company tracking the race. Volunteers are needed to help set up, organize, and break down the race equipment. Volunteers are asked to show up early and if possible, stay until the event is over for cleanup. Runners/walkers can register for the race on [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) or on race day (but race shirts may run out if not pre-ordered). Volunteers can register on the MLA TWEN site’s signup sheets section. Whether you run, walk, or volunteer, Sister Grace states this event will count toward your community service certificate. Please contact Mark Poling [mark@mark-poling.com](mailto:mark@mark-poling.com) if you have any questions. See you at the race!

**ACADEMIC COURSE CREDIT FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Students who represent St. Mary’s and compete in regional and national advocacy competitions are eligible to receive one-hour of academic credit for their participation. The student must have actually competed, or written a brief as a part of the competition, in order to receive the credit. Practicing with the team or traveling with a team as an alternate will not qualify. To apply for the credit, contact Professor Schlueter for a copy of the eligibility form, obtain the coach’s signature certifying that you competed, and then get Professor Schlueter’s signature. You will need to submit the completed form to Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Enrollment, Law Admissions, who will register you for the course. Once registered, you will need to pay tuition for the one-hour credit. **All of this must be done in the semester in which you competed.** Credit for the course will be on a pass-fail basis; your participation in the competition does not constitute an excused absence for any other classes; and the maximum number of credits available for regional and national competitions is three (3) hours of credit. Do not complete the form *until* after you have actually competed. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Schlueter, who is the Director of Advocacy Programs.

**TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

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

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

## CAMPUS RECREATION

The St. Mary's **Campus Recreation Department** is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Spring semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please contact Damian Medina, 210.431.2095 or email [dmedina9@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dmedina9@stmarytx.edu).

## ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

The **2012 Robert Masur Fellowship** in civil liberties is now accepting applications. 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. The fellowship recipient receives a \$1,000 honorarium. Applications are due by mail on **March 23, 2012**. For more information, please click here:

[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/)

The **National Association of Bond Lawyers** (NABL) is pleased to announce it is offering up to five scholarships to law school students to attend its 2012 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar will be held April 18-20, 2012 in Orlando, Florida. For qualifications and additional information, please go to <http://www.nabl.org/education/event/Municipal-Bond-Law-Seminar>. Completed applications are due **February 29, 2012**.

Applications for the **ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund** for the 2012-2013 academic year are now being accepted. The Scholarship Fund will award \$5,000 of financial

assistance annually. Twenty awards will be made to entering first-year students and may be renewable for two additional years, resulting in financial assistance totaling \$15,000 during each student's time in law school. The application may be downloaded from <http://www.ambar.org/DiversityScholarship>. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2012**.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University Of Iowa College of Law announces its 2011-2012 **Trandafir International Business** Writing Competition. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **March 1, 2012**. For more information and contest rules, please see: [http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir\\_competition.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html).

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. Prize is \$500 and your article will be published in the MSU College of Law Journal of Business & Securities Law. Please visit [https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon\\_competition.html](https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon_competition.html) for more information. Deadline to enter is **March 2, 2012**.

Entries for The Symposium XXV **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 \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded. For entry criteria, please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **March 31, 2012**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. Note this is a full scholarship. 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, 2012**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit brief is **April 16, 2012**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law. Additional information along with guidelines, rules, and an application can be found at [www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml). An entry form must be completed by **April 27, 2012**.



**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 27, 2012**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information please visit [http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf](http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf)

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2012 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, please go to <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is **May 31, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues



of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 1, 2012**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, [cdennis@innsofcourt.org](mailto:cdennis@innsofcourt.org) or visit [www.innsofcourt.org](http://www.innsofcourt.org).

The **American Judges Association** (AJA) announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?" 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its third year. 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>. Deadline to enter is **June 1, 2012**.

The **Committee on Animals and the Law** of the **New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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 **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.

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## REGISTRATION FOR 1L STUDENTS – MANDATORY MEETINGS

**First year students** will register the **second week of April**. In order to prepare for registration, first year students are **required to attend one** of the meetings with Dean Mather to discuss the registration process. Meeting dates, time and location are as follow:

Wednesday, March 21	11:20 a.m.	LC 102
Thursday, March 22	3:00 p.m.	LC 102
Tuesday, March 27	11:20 a.m.	LC 101
Wednesday, March 28	3:00 p.m.	LC 102

## ARE YOU A GRADUATING 3L?

Graduating 3L students who **did not attend** the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting with Deans Mather and Bracey and Director Tullos should get a copy of the handouts from that meeting. These handouts **contain important information about graduation and the bar exam**. Copies are available in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs, Raba 106.

## FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** will hear oral arguments in two appeals on **Wednesday, March 7, 2012**, beginning at **1:30 p.m.** at St. Mary's University. Arguments will be presented to a panel of justices consisting of: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, and Justice Phylis J. Speedlin. The second panel to hear arguments will consist of Justice Rebecca Simmons, Justice Steven C. Hilbig and Justice Marialyn Barnard.

The following cases will be presented:

04-11-00101-CV, Garza v. Zachry Constr. Corp, et al. Panel: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion and Justice Phylis Speedlin.

This is an appeal from a take-nothing summary judgment rendered in favor of appellees. The issues on appeal center on the workers' compensation bar contained in Texas Labor Code section 408.001. Garza is the employee of a general contractor and appellees are a subcontractor and its two employees. In his first issue, Garza asserts his common-law tort claims against the two employees of the subcontractor are not barred by the exclusive remedy provided under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act because the subcontractor contractually agreed it employees were not the employees of the general contractor. In his second issue, he asserts any such bar to his claims violates the Texas Constitution's open courts guarantee.

04-11-00332-CV, The Estate of Francisco Julio Lerma Sanchez, Deceased, Panel: Justice Rebecca Simmons, Justice Steven C. Hilbig and Justice Marialyn Barnard.

This is an appeal of a summary judgment on the non-existence of a common law marriage

between the late Francisco Julio Lerma Sanchez and Carmen Viera-Pena Lerma. The trial court determined that Ms. Lerma did not establish the elements of common law marriage in section 2.401 of the Texas Family Code. The section 2.401 Texas Family Code provides that a common law marriage occurs if a “man and woman agreed to be married and after the agreement they lived in this state as husband and wife and they represented to others that they were married.” On appeal Ms. Lerma contends there was evidence to establish a common law marriage or alternatively she raised a fact issue on whether there was a common law marriage.

## SILENT AUCTION

**Kaplan & Themis** have both generously donated certificates that can be used towards the cost of their bar reviews. There will be a table available for bidding on **March 5<sup>th</sup> from 9: 00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** in the **Law Classroom Building** and on **March 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.** in the **Law Library**. E-mail bids will be accepted until **NOON** on **March 7, 2012** at [gwall@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwall@stmarytx.edu). All proceeds will benefit the China Pioneer Scholarship.

### Up For Bid Are:

- **Kaplan Certificate**, 50% off a Complete or MBE Combination Course. Please note – refunds or adjustments on balances due for 3L students already enrolled in a Kaplan bar review course cannot be made using this certificate.
- **Themis Scholarship**, \$250 scholarship to be applied to the purchase of a complete bar review course.

## FEDERALIST SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the **Federalist Society** will be **Tuesday, March 6 at noon** in the **Atrium** in the Law Administration Building. We will host Cathy Young, a conservative speaker on gender issues. She will present *Presumed Guilty: Feminism and the Politics of Rape*. The women's movement has undeniably made important gains in ensuring more equitable treatment for sexual violence victims, achieving significant progress from the time—as recently as 40 years ago—when women could be expected to prove that they resisted their assailant "to the utmost" and their testimony as victims could be impugned by allegations of "unchaste character." But has the pendulum swung too far the other way? Many feminist legal theorists and sexual assault victim advocates believe that women who come forward with charges of rape or sexual assault are entitled to, in the words of one feminist scholar, "the benefit of belief." Does this "believe the woman" principle translate into a presumption of guilt against men and, in some cases, in witch-hunts based on questionable accusations? Do some studies define sexual assault too broadly? Is the problem of false accusations of rape a more serious one than is commonly believed? These issues are particularly relevant given recent efforts to lower the standard of proof for campus disciplinary proceedings related to sexual assault. All students and faculty are welcome to attend.

## ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Editorial Board is proud to announce the Volume 44 Leadership Team:

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**ASIA PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION (APALSA) EVENT**  
**Thursday, March 8, 2012**  
**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Atrium**

In the continuing series of introducing the Asia Pacific Region, **APALSA presents Sanjeev Kumar** who will discuss India. India is a country with over a billion people with dozens of languages is an upcoming economic power in Asia. The Indian legal system is based on the English common law similar to ours. You may have heard about legal outsourcing to India. Sanjeev has many years of experience in the technology field. He has founded and managed high tech companies both in India and the USA. Come and listen to an interesting talk from the perspective of an entrepreneur from India who is one of us, a 2L! Students and faculty are welcome.

The APALSA Board will update the members of the upcoming elections for officers at the latter part of the meeting. Future APALSA Board members are especially welcome. Want to try some Indian food?

**STUDENT JUDGES NEEDED FOR 1L MOOT COURT**

Spring 2012 **1L Moot Court Preliminary Rounds** will be held **March 19-23, 2012** from **6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** The Board of Advocates is looking for learned, equitable, and mature law students to assist as Student Judges. If you are interested in serving as a Student Judge, please register under ‘Sign-up Sheets’ on the Board of Advocates TWEN site.

**CORPORATIONS IN CHINA**  
**A Discussion With Mary Kay Counsel**

The **Institute on Chinese Law and Business** and the **Office of Career Services** is pleased to present Nathan P. Moore, Senior Vice-President and Chief Legal Officer for Mary Kay Inc., on **Monday, March 19, 2012**, from **12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room**. Lunch will be provided.

Mr. Nathan Moore, J.D., ‘95 will give a 2-hour presentation. The first hour of his talk will focus on Mary Kay China, and the second hour will be on corporate counsel career path. He will answer questions from the audience. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

**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 graduating 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 **ten new members** each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman

of the Faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning February 28th.** The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 13, 2012. 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 Wednesday, March 21, 2012.**

### **KAPLAN BAR REVIEW: MBE WORKSHOP Sunday, March 25, 2012**

Learn how to apply your knowledge the way the MBE portion of the bar exam will test it with Kaplan PMBR's MBE workshop. You will get:

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

Course Registration Info:

- Live Instructor: Professor Steve Bracci has over 25 years lecturing experience preparing students for the MBE on the bar exam.
- Date: Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- Time: 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Lunch will be provided.)
- Location: Law Classroom Building, Room 104
- Tuition: St. Mary's Students: \$95. First 50 students that enroll pay only \$45. (Non-St. Mary's students: \$125)

To enroll or for more information, please contact Patricia Solano at (210) 431-4340 or email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

### **FINANCIAL AID MEETING**

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs and the Office of Career Services presents:

**2L & 3L Financial Aid Meeting  
Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
and again from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in LC 102**

David Krause, Director of Financial Assistance for St. Mary's University will provide advice on making good student loan decisions during law school and how to manage your loans after graduation. Please RSVP through Symplicity if you plan to attend.



## 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 2012**. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should send a resume and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter, please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The **deadline for applications is 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 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 30, 2012 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).

## MLA LONG MILE 2

The Military Law Association (MLA) is pleased to announce its **second annual MLA Long Mile 2**. **The date has been moved to Sunday, April 1, 2012**. The MLA Long Mile is an annual 5k walk/run and 10k run, open to all classes, types, and skill levels. The track is stroller friendly. The goal of the MLA Long Mile 2 is to raise money and awareness of the **Fisher House** program, a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that which is normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Fisher House does this by providing a "home away from home" for military families to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury.

All money raised above the actual cost of the race will go directly to the Fisher House organizations located in San Antonio, Texas. The MLA Long Mile 2 is **co-sponsored** by the **Military Law Association, Sister Grace Walle's Campus Ministry, the Student Bar**

**Association, Professor Bill Piatt, Centextruns.com, and the State Bar of Texas Military Law Section.** Thanks to the support of all sponsors we raised over \$2,600.00 last year. The MLA's goal is to exceed last year's donations and ask for your help.

Participants and volunteers are needed to make this event possible and obviously cannot do it without you. Registration for runners/walkers opens at 9:00 a.m. on the St. Mary's campus. The race will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end when the last person crosses the finish line. This year's race will have a professional timing company tracking the race. Volunteers are needed to help set up, organize, and break down the race equipment. Volunteers are asked to show up early and if possible, stay until the event is over for cleanup. Runners/walkers can register for the race on [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) or on race day (but race shirts may run out if not pre-ordered). Volunteers can register on the MLA TWEN site's signup sheets section. Whether you run, walk, or volunteer, Sister Grace states this event will count toward your community service certificate. Please contact Mark Poling [mark@mark-poling.com](mailto:mark@mark-poling.com) if you have any questions. See you at the race!

## **THE SCHOLAR**

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues* is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been selected for the 2012-2013 Editorial Board:

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Congratulations to those selected. We appreciate your dedication to our mission.

## **MANDATORY FALL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS For Students in the Class of 2014**

All students graduating in 2014 interested in participating in Fall Recruitment/On-Campus Interviews must attend ONE of the below listed sessions.

Wednesday, March 28, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m., Alumni Room

Thursday, April 5, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room

Attendance will be recorded. Both presentations will be a short 30-minute session to go over the processes, important dates and deadlines and other information needed to participate. Please RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS – OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

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 events; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

#### **SABA Mentoring Event: Appellate Law: Tips and Traps Affecting Pretrial, Trial, & Post-Trial Proceedings, OPEN TO ALL 2012 GRADUATES**

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

5:00 –6:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program is being done jointly with the San Antonio Bar Association's New Lawyer Mentoring Program. It will offer one hour of CLE. All 2012 students are eligible to receive the CLE credit.

#### **Alternative Careers: Getting to “There”**

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

12:00 –1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

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Getting to ‘There’ opens a door. Finding an alternative path takes work, commitment, research, dedication, relentless and creative networking, and, perhaps, some luck. Creating an alternative career is less like cooking ramen noodles (FAST!) and more like making barbecue (long, low, and slow).

Participants will:

- Distinguish among traditional, non-traditional and alternative career paths.
- Recognize and manage “frozen moment.”
- Learn the roadblocks for lawyers seeking alternative careers.

- Learn strategies and tactics for alternative career searches.
- Understand why a “legal” resume won’t work.
- Learn how legal skills and experience transfer to other settings.
- Understand the competition.

**Corporations in China: A Discussion with Mary Kay's Corporate Counsel**

Monday, March 19, 2012

12:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Nathan Moore will speak at Noon about Mary Kay’s China operations in the context of legal issues and challenges. This will be followed by a 10-15 minute Q and A session. After this session, Mr. Moore will discuss the career path of a corporate counsel. This will begin at approximately 1:15 p.m. and last to 2:30 p.m. with questions/answers following his talk. Please RSVP even if you can only attend one part so we can get an accurate headcount for lunch. This program is co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library.

**TYLA Presentation: How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story  
Presented by the TYLA Law Student Outreach Committee**

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

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 or her class? Do law students approach you asking what the “secret” is to finding employment upon graduation in 2012? 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 is pleased to present a luncheon seminar this spring semester at four law schools across Texas 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.

**State Bar of Texas Law Practice Management Program, OPEN TO CLASS OF 2012**

Saturday, March 31, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Ready for the real world? Planning to Conquer the Real World of Private Practice? Then this program is for you. Presented by the State Bar of Texas, it will give you the tools you need to hit the ground running as a solo practitioner.

**SABA Mentoring Event: Negotiating Program, OPEN TO ALL 2012 GRADUATES**

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program is being done jointly with the San Antonio Bar Association's New Lawyer Mentoring Program. It will offer one hour of CLE. All 2012 students are eligible to receive the CLE credit.

**Judicial Clerkship Information Session, Class of 2013**

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Attend this program to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors and students will be there to discuss the process and answer questions.

**TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

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

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

**FOURTH ANNUAL ENERGY LAW SYMPOSIUM**

Texas Wesleyan Law Review presents their **Fourth Annual Energy Law Symposium, March 29-30, 2012**. The symposium will focus on a wide array of emerging energy issues that

impact legal communities across the nation with a special emphasis on oil and gas law. The Energy Symposium will showcase:

- 20 Presenters Representing 9 Different States
- 12 CLE Credits
- \$75 for single day registration or \$140 for both days
- TWU's Inaugural 23-State Annual Survey on Oil & Gas

For program schedule or more information, please visit [www.texaswesleyanlawreview.org](http://www.texaswesleyanlawreview.org) or contact Kate Echols, Symposia Editor at [texwesenergysymposium@gmail.com](mailto:texwesenergysymposium@gmail.com).

## **ACADEMIC COURSE CREDIT FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Students who represent St. Mary's and compete in regional and national advocacy competitions are eligible to receive one-hour of academic credit for their participation. The student must have actually competed, or written a brief as a part of the competition, in order to receive the credit. Practicing with the team or traveling with a team as an alternate will not qualify. To apply for the credit, contact Professor Schlueter for a copy of the eligibility form, obtain the coach's signature certifying that you competed, and then get Professor Schlueter's signature. You will need to submit the completed form to Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Enrollment, Law Admissions, who will register you for the course. Once registered, you will need to pay tuition for the one-hour credit. **All of this must be done in the semester in which you competed.** Credit for the course will be on a pass-fail basis; your participation in the competition does not constitute an excused absence for any other classes; and the maximum number of credits available for regional and national competitions is three (3) hours of credit. Do not complete the form *until* after you have actually competed. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Schlueter, who is the Director of Advocacy Programs.

## **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The St. Mary's **Campus Recreation Department** is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Spring semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please contact Damian Medina, 210.431.2095 or email [dmedina9@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dmedina9@stmarytx.edu).

## **RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATE**

Sunday, March 18, 2012 – Spring Barbeque  
Saturday, March 24, 2012 – RHA Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, March 31, 2012 – Alumni Baby Bake  
Sunday, April 1, 2012 – Kappa Delta Chi Stroll Competition  
Saturday, April 14, 2012 – San Antonio Spurs vs. Phoenix Suns  
April 20-21, 2012 – Fiesta Oyster Bake Weekend  
Friday, April 27, 2012 – University Ministry Christian Concert

For more information on Rattler events, please contact the Student Activities and Transition Programs at [studentactivities@stmarytx.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3714 or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, 210. 431.4340, [academicssupport@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicssupport@stmarytx.edu).

## **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

### **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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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

The **2012 Robert Masur Fellowship** in civil liberties is now accepting applications. 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. The fellowship recipient receives a \$1,000 honorarium. Applications are due by mail on **March 23, 2012**. For more information, please click here: [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** – The Texas Energy Council and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to \$2,500 in various energy disciplines. For more information and application, please go to [www.txenergycouncil.org](http://www.txenergycouncil.org). Deadline to apply is **March 20, 2012**.

Entries for The Symposium XXV **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 \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded. For entry criteria, please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **March 31, 2012**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. Note this is a full scholarship. 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, 2012**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit brief is **April 16, 2012**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law. Additional information along with guidelines, rules, and an application can be found at [www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml). An entry form must be completed by **April 27, 2012**.

**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 27, 2012**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information please visit [http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf](http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf)

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2012 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, please go to <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is **May 31, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 1, 2012**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, [cdennis@innsofcourt.org](mailto:cdennis@innsofcourt.org) or visit [www.innsofcourt.org](http://www.innsofcourt.org).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?" 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its third year. 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>. Deadline to enter is **June 1, 2012**.

**NEW** – The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the nineteenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 4, 2012**.

The **Committee on Animals and the Law of the New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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 **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.

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## REGISTRATION FOR 1L STUDENTS – MANDATORY MEETINGS

**First year students** will register the **second week of April**. In order to prepare for registration, first year students are **required to attend one** of the meetings with Dean Mather to discuss the registration process. Meeting dates, time and location are as follow:

Wednesday, March 21	11:20 a.m.	LC 102
Thursday, March 22	3:00 p.m.	LC 102
Tuesday, March 27	11:20 a.m.	LC 101
Wednesday, March 28	3:00 p.m.	LC 102

## ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL INFORMATION SESSION

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 44 Editorial Board is seeking qualified applicants to serve as **Staff Writers** for the 2012-2013 academic year. All *Journal* applicants must complete a **write-on packet**, which will be available on the last day of 1L finals, **Friday, May 11, 2012**. Applicants will be selected based on grades alone, writing ability alone, or a combination of both. For more information about the *Journal*, please attend one of our **TWO INFORMATION SESSIONS: Monday, March 26, 8:00 p.m.**, Alumni Room OR **Wednesday, March 28, Noon**, Law Classroom 101. Food will be served. If you have questions, please contact: Charles Ipock, Editor in Chief, Volume 44, at [cipock@pga.com](mailto:cipock@pga.com).

## ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL WRITE-ON COMPETITION

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 44 Editorial Board is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2012–2013 academic year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the applicants with the top grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top weighted scores will be selected based on a combination of grades and writing ability.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of finals, **Friday, May 11**. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well developed and properly cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application deadline is Friday, June 1, 2012. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of Friday, June 1 or earlier or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, June 1 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to Charles Ipock at [cipock@pga.com](mailto:cipock@pga.com). It is requested that all prospective staff writers sign-up for the *Journal's* writing competition TWEN site.

### **INTERESTED IN LAW REVIEW?**

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues* invites all current 1Ls and 2Ls to apply to become **Staff Writers for 2012–2013**. We will hold two **OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION SESSIONS** for interested students **Thursday, March 22, 2012** from **11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** and from **4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** in *The Scholar* office, **LL 224**. Members of *The Scholar* will be available to answer questions and provide information about joining the law review. Applications will be available **Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** on TWEN. Refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact *The Scholar* at [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu) or (210) 431-4229.

### **TRYOUTS FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ADVOCACY TEAMS**

Each year the law school fields teams to compete in regional and national mock trial, moot court, negotiations, and arbitration competitions. These advocacy competitions are sometimes referred to as the External Advocacy Program (EAP). St. Mary's has an excellent national reputation in those competitions. In the upcoming weeks the coaches of the various teams will be posting announcements about the process that they will be using to select next year's teams, or candidates, for next year's teams. The coaches for the various teams decide on the procedures for selecting their team members. Being on one of these teams provides an excellent opportunity to sharpen your advocacy and negotiating skills and also represent St. Mary's on a national scale. Based on past years, those interviews and tryouts will probably be held the first two weeks in April. So please check the Witan, bulletin boards, and your e-mail for important information about those tryouts and interviews. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Dave Schlueter, Director of Advocacy Programs.

### **STRASBURGER CHINA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO FOUR STUDENTS**

Four students have been selected to receive the Strasburger China Scholarship. The students are: **Ryan Byrd (2L)**, **Macy Hunsaker (1L)**, **Naomi Howard (1L)**, and **Gerry Montefalcon (LL.M. student)**. The awards will support the students as they attend the law school's Institute on Chinese Law and Business in Beijing this summer. The Strasburger China Scholarship is established by the Strasburger Law Firm, in honor of Dean Charles E. Cantú for his vision in preparing law students for a global economy. Congratulations to all recipients of this scholarship.

### **ATTENTION ST. MARY'S LAW STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY GRADUATING 3LS PRO BONO HOUR TRACKING FORMS**

Please turn in your **pro bono hour tracking** forms to RA Victoria Bongat via the "Assignment Drop Box" located on the left side of the TWEN page, via e-mail to

[StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com), in person, or at her carrel (#130). You should then receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of your hours from Victoria within 48-hours. If you do not, feel free to send an e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) to make sure your hours were received.

Students who turn in their hours between Monday, March 5, and midnight on March 23, 2012 the Friday after Spring Break, will be entered into a drawing for two (2) tickets to Puttin' on the Writz. The drawing will take place on the evening of Monday, March 26, and the winner will be notified by e-mail (as well as TWEN announcement).

May 2012 graduates who wish to receive the Pro Bono Service Certificate must have earned at least 50-hours of pro bono or community service AND submitted their tracking forms to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) by **Friday, April 6**. Failure to meet this deadline may result in the omission of the symbol by graduates' names in the graduation program distinguishing them as recipients of the Pro Bono Service Certificate.

### **ARE YOU A GRADUATING 3L?**

Graduating 3L students who **did not attend** the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting with Deans Mather and Bracey and Director Tullos should get a copy of the handouts from that meeting. These handouts **contain important information about graduation and the bar exam**. Copies are available in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs, Raba 106.

### **STUDENT JUDGES NEEDED FOR 1L MOOT COURT**

Spring 2012 **1L Moot Court Preliminary Rounds** will be held **March 19-23, 2012** from **6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** The Board of Advocates is looking for learned, equitable, and mature law students to assist as Student Judges. If you are interested in serving as a Student Judge, please register under 'Sign-up Sheets' on the Board of Advocates TWEN site.

### **CORPORATIONS IN CHINA A Discussion With Mary Kay Counsel**

The **Institute on Chinese Law and Business** and the **Office of Career Services** is pleased to present Nathan P. Moore, Senior Vice-President and Chief Legal Officer for Mary Kay Inc., on **Monday, March 19, 2012**, from **12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room**. Lunch will be provided.

Mr. Nathan Moore, J.D., '95 will give a 2-hour presentation. The first hour of his talk will focus on Mary Kay China, and the second hour will be on corporate counsel career path. He will answer questions from the audience. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

## 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 graduating 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 **ten new members** each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the Faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning February 28th.** The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 13, 2012. 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 Wednesday, March 21, 2012.**

## WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION – SOCIAL AND SERVICE EVENT

Join the **Women's Law Association** for Happy Hour on **Friday, March 23, 2012, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.** Bring guests and come mingle with WLA members at **Flemings in the Quarry.** There will be a cash bar and free appetizers for members. On **Saturday, March 24,** join the WLA to serve a meal at **Haven for Hope, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.** Check out TWEN for more information and to sign up for these great events. We hope to see all of you there.

## KAPLAN BAR REVIEW: MBE WORKSHOP Sunday, March 25, 2012

Learn how to apply your knowledge the way the MBE portion of the bar exam will test it with Kaplan PMBR's MBE workshop. You will get:

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

Course Registration Info:

- Live Instructor: Professor Steve Bracci has over 25 years lecturing experience preparing students for the MBE on the bar exam.
- Date: Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- Time: 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Lunch will be provided.)
- Location: Law Classroom Building, Room 104
- Tuition: St. Mary's Students: \$95. First 50 students that enroll pay only \$45. (Non-St. Mary's students: \$125)

To enroll or for more information, please contact Patricia Solano at (210) 431-4340 or email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## **FINANCIAL AID MEETING**

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs and the Office of Career Services presents:

**2L & 3L Financial Aid Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**  
**and again from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in LC 102**

David Krause, Director of Financial Assistance for St. Mary's University will provide advice on making good student loan decisions during law school and how to manage your loans after graduation. Please RSVP through Symplicity if you plan to attend.

## **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 2012**. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should send a resume and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter, please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The **deadline for applications is 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 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 30, 2012 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).



## MLA LONG MILE 2

The Military Law Association (MLA) is pleased to announce its **second annual MLA Long Mile 2. The date has been moved to Sunday, April 1, 2012.** The MLA Long Mile is an annual 5k walk/run and 10k run, open to all classes, types, and skill levels. The track is stroller friendly. The goal of the MLA Long Mile 2 is to raise money and awareness of the **Fisher House** program, a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that which is normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Fisher House does this by providing a "home away from home" for military families to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury.

All money raised above the actual cost of the race will go directly to the Fisher House organizations located in San Antonio, Texas. The MLA Long Mile 2 is **co-sponsored** by the **Military Law Association, Sister Grace Walle's Campus Ministry, the Student Bar Association, Professor Bill Piatt, Centextruns.com, and the State Bar of Texas Military Law Section.** Thanks to the support of all sponsors we raised over \$2,600.00 last year. The MLA's goal is to exceed last year's donations and ask for your help.

Participants and volunteers are needed to make this event possible and obviously cannot do it without you. Registration for runners/walkers opens at 9:00 a.m. on the St. Mary's campus. The race will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end when the last person crosses the finish line. This year's race will have a professional timing company tracking the race. Volunteers are needed to help set up, organize, and break down the race equipment. Volunteers are asked to show up early and if possible, stay until the event is over for cleanup. Runners/walkers can register for the race on [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) or on race day (but race shirts may run out if not pre-ordered). Volunteers can register on the MLA TWEN site's signup sheets section. Whether you run, walk, or volunteer, Sister Grace states this event will count toward your community service certificate. Please contact Mark Poling [mark@mark-poling.com](mailto:mark@mark-poling.com) if you have any questions. See you at the race!

### **MANDATORY FALL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS For Students in the Class of 2014**

All students graduating in 2014 interested in participating in Fall Recruitment/On-Campus Interviews must attend ONE of the below listed sessions.

**Wednesday, March 28, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m., Alumni Room**  
**Thursday, April 5, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room**

Attendance will be recorded. Both presentations will be a short 30-minute session to go over the processes, important dates and deadlines and other information needed to participate. Please RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS – OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

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 events; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **Corporations in China: A Discussion with Mary Kay's Corporate Counsel**

Monday, March 19, 2012

12:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Nathan Moore will speak at Noon about Mary Kay’s China operations in the context of legal issues and challenges. This will be followed by a 10-15 minute Q and A session. After this session, Mr. Moore will discuss the career path of a corporate counsel. This will begin at approximately 1:15 p.m. and last to 2:30 p.m. with questions/answers following his talk. Please RSVP even if you can only attend one part so we can get an accurate headcount for lunch. This program is co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library.

### **TYLA Presentation: How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story Presented by the TYLA Law Student Outreach Committee**

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

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 or her class? Do law students approach you asking what the “secret” is to finding employment upon graduation in 2012? 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 is pleased to present a luncheon seminar this spring semester at four law schools across Texas 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.

### **State Bar of Texas Law Practice Management Program, OPEN TO CLASS OF 2012**

Saturday, March 31, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Ready for the real world? Planning to Conquer the Real World of Private Practice? Then this program is for you. Presented by the State Bar of Texas, it will give you the tools you need to hit the ground running as a solo practitioner.

**SABA Mentoring Event: Negotiating Program, OPEN TO ALL 2012 GRADUATES**

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program is being held jointly with the San Antonio Bar Association's New Lawyer Mentoring Program. It will offer one hour of CLE. All 2012 students are eligible to receive the CLE credit.

**Judicial Clerkship Information Session, Class of 2013**

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Attend this program to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors and students will be there to discuss the process and answer questions.

**Patent Law Information Session**

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Practicing Law Institute (PLI) invites you to a presentation by Mark Dighton, PLI's Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course. Topics for discussion include the latest information on the Patent Bar Exam, who can take it, 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, and recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam. Scholarships to PLI's other IP programs will also be discussed. This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Society.

**Class of 2012 Bar Lunch CLE: Surviving the Practice of Law as a Sole Practitioner**

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Sara E. Dysart will present Surviving the Practice of Law as a Sole Practitioner  
 Topics will cover: Business Plans, marketing plans, office logistics, finding clients, debt management and much more!

### TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

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

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

### FOURTH ANNUAL ENERGY LAW SYMPOSIUM

Texas Wesleyan Law Review presents their **Fourth Annual Energy Law Symposium, March 29-30, 2012**. The symposium will focus on a wide array of emerging energy issues that impact legal communities across the nation with a special emphasis on oil and gas law. The Energy Symposium will showcase:

- 20 Presenters Representing 9 Different States
- 12 CLE Credits
- \$75 for single day registration or \$140 for both days
- TWU's Inaugural 23-State Annual Survey on Oil & Gas

For program schedule or more information, please visit [www.texaswesleyanlawreview.org](http://www.texaswesleyanlawreview.org) or contact Kate Echols, Symposia Editor at [texwesenergysymposium@gmail.com](mailto:texwesenergysymposium@gmail.com).

### ACADEMIC COURSE CREDIT FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Students who represent St. Mary's and compete in regional and national advocacy competitions are eligible to receive one-hour of academic credit for their participation. The student must have actually competed, or written a brief as a part of the competition, in order to receive the credit. Practicing with the team or traveling with a team as an alternate will not qualify. To apply for the credit, contact Professor Schlueter for a copy of the eligibility form, obtain the coach's signature certifying that you competed, and then get Professor Schlueter's signature. You will need to submit the completed form to Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Enrollment, Law Admissions, who will register you for the course. Once registered, you will need to pay tuition for the one-hour credit. **All of this must be done in the semester in which**

**you competed.** Credit for the course will be on a pass-fail basis; your participation in the competition does not constitute an excused absence for any other classes; and the maximum number of credits available for regional and national competitions is three (3) hours of credit. Do not complete the form *until* after you have actually competed. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Schlueter, who is the Director of Advocacy Programs.

## **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The St. Mary's **Campus Recreation Department** is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Spring semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please contact Damian Medina, 210.431.2095 or email [dmedina9@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dmedina9@stmarytx.edu).

## **RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATE**

Sunday, March 18, 2012 – Spring Barbeque  
Saturday, March 24, 2012 – RHA Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, March 31, 2012 – Alumni Baby Bake  
Sunday, April 1, 2012 – Kappa Delta Chi Stroll Competition  
Saturday, April 14, 2012 – San Antonio Spurs vs. Phoenix Suns  
April 20-21, 2012 – Fiesta Oyster Bake Weekend  
Friday, April 27, 2012 – University Ministry Christian Concert

For more information on Rattler events, please contact the Student Activities and Transition Programs at [studentactivities@stmarytx.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3714 or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, 210. 431.4340, [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

## **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

## **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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the writing competitions

and scholarships listed, please contact Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

The **2012 Robert Masur Fellowship** in civil liberties is now accepting applications. 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. The fellowship recipient receives a \$1,000 honorarium. Applications are due by mail on **March 23, 2012**. For more information, please click here: [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/)

The Texas Energy Council and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to \$2,500 in various energy disciplines. For more information and application, please go to [www.txenergycouncil.org](http://www.txenergycouncil.org). Deadline to apply is **March 20, 2012**.

Entries for The Symposium XXV **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 \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded. For entry criteria, please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **March 31, 2012**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. Note this is a full scholarship. 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, 2012**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit brief is **April 16, 2012**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law. Additional information along with guidelines, rules, and an application can be found at [www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml). An entry form must be completed by **April 27, 2012**.

**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 27, 2012**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal

Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information please visit [http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf](http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf)

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2012 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, please go to <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is **May 31, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 1, 2012**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, [cdennis@innsofcourt.org](mailto:cdennis@innsofcourt.org) or visit [www.innsofcourt.org](http://www.innsofcourt.org).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law

Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?” 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its third year. 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>. Deadline to enter is **June 1, 2012**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the nineteenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 4, 2012**.

The **Committee on Animals and the Law** of the **New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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 **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.



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## REGISTRATION FOR 1L STUDENTS – MANDATORY MEETINGS

**First year students** will register the **second week of April**. In order to prepare for registration, first year students are **required to attend one** of the meetings with Dean Mather to discuss the registration process. Meeting dates, time and location are as follow:

Wednesday, March 21	11:20 a.m.	LC 102
Thursday, March 22	3:00 p.m.	LC 102
Tuesday, March 27	11:20 a.m.	LC 101
Wednesday, March 28	3:00 p.m.	LC 102

## 2012 RENNA AND JEFF EMBRY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION FINAL RESULTS

The **Board of Advocates** would like to congratulate **Albert Garcia** and **Amanda Finn** for winning this year's competition. The team of Mark Poling and Joe Ecke were runners up, and **Poling 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 Jimmy Derrick Moot Court Competition. More details will be announced at a later date, but mark **Saturday, April 14** on your calendars.

## CORPORATIONS IN CHINA A Discussion With Mary Kay Counsel

The **Institute on Chinese Law and Business** and the **Office of Career Services** is pleased to present Nathan P. Moore, Senior Vice-President and Chief Legal Officer for Mary Kay Inc., on **Monday, March 19, 2012**, from **12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room**. Lunch will be provided.

Mr. Nathan Moore, J.D., '95 will give a 2-hour presentation. The first hour of his talk will focus on Mary Kay China, and the second hour will be on corporate counsel career path. He will answer questions from the audience. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

## ASIA PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION EVENT Thursday, March 22, 2012 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Atrium

In the continuing series of introducing the **Asia Pacific Region**, APALSA presents Professor Addicott who will discuss **US interests and Terrorism** in the Asia Pacific Region.

Professor Addicott, the Director of the Center for Terrorism Law regularly appears in the national media commenting on homeland security issues and the law. Come and hear what Professor Addicott has to say about Jemaah Islamiah and the Bali bomber trial in Indonesia, Abu Sayaf in the Philippines, and the Al Qaeda connection. We might even hear about the Iranian plot in Thailand. This event is open to all St Mary's students and faculty.

**VETERANS' CLINIC**  
**Sponsored by the Military Law Association**

**Who?** YOU!  
**What?** Veterans' Clinics  
**When?** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Friday, March 23, 2012  
Friday, April 20, 2012  
Friday, May 18, 2012  
Friday, June 15, 2012  
Friday, July 20, 2012  
Friday, August 17, 2012  
Friday, September 21, 2012  
Friday, October 19, 2012  
Friday, November 16, 2012

**Where?** Audie Murphy Veterans' Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter St., San Antonio, TX 78229-4404

**Why?** This is a great pro bono opportunity for any level law student to help serve those who chose to serve us.

**How?** Go to the **Military Law Association's TWEN** site, click the "sign-up sheets" option on the left of the screen, and then pick the "Veterans' Clinic" option. Once on the Veterans' Clinic sign-up sheet screen, please register for the clinics by selecting the days you want to help. Additionally, if you know a veteran needing legal service, please have him or her call (210) 212-3740 or (210) 212-3718 to schedule an appointment at the clinic. If you have any other questions about the Veterans' Clinic pro-bono service opportunity, please contact Mark Poling at [mpoling@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:mpoling@mail.stmarytx.edu), or the San Antonio Bar Association Community Justice Program Director, Amanda Reimherr Buckert at [amandab@sabar.org](mailto:amandab@sabar.org) or Suzanne DeWalt at [SuzanneD@sabar.org](mailto:SuzanneD@sabar.org).

**ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL INFORMATION SESSION**

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 44 Editorial Board is seeking qualified applicants to serve as **Staff Writers** for the 2012-2013 academic year. All *Journal* applicants must complete a

**write-on packet**, which will be available on the last day of 1L finals, **Friday, May 11, 2012**. Applicants will be selected based on grades alone, writing ability alone, or a combination of both. For more information about the *Journal*, please attend one of our **TWO INFORMATION SESSIONS: Monday, March 26, 8:00 p.m.**, Alumni Room OR **Wednesday, March 28, Noon**, Law Classroom 101. Food will be served. If you have questions, please contact: Charles Ipock, Editor in Chief, Volume 44, at [cipock@pga.com](mailto:cipock@pga.com).

## **ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL WRITE-ON COMPETITION**

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 44 Editorial Board is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2012–2013 academic year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the applicants with the top grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top weighted scores will be selected based on a combination of grades and writing ability.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of finals, **Friday, May 11**. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well developed and properly cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application deadline is Friday, June 1, 2012. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of Friday, June 1 or earlier or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, June 1 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to Charles Ipock at [cipock@pga.com](mailto:cipock@pga.com). It is requested that all prospective staff writers sign-up for the *Journal's* writing competition TWEN site.

## **INTERESTED IN LAW REVIEW?**

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues* invites all current 1Ls and 2Ls to apply to become **Staff Writers for 2012–2013**. We will hold two **OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION SESSIONS** for interested students **Thursday, March 22, 2012** from **11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** and from **4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** in *The Scholar* office, **LL 224**. Members of *The Scholar* will be available to answer questions and provide information about joining the law review. Applications will be available **Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** on TWEN. Refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact *The Scholar* at [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu) or (210) 431-4229.

## TRYOUTS FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ADVOCACY TEAMS

Each year the law school fields teams to compete in regional and national mock trial, moot court, negotiations, and arbitration competitions. These advocacy competitions are sometimes referred to as the External Advocacy Program (EAP). St. Mary's has an excellent national reputation in those competitions. In the upcoming weeks the coaches of the various teams will be posting announcements about the process that they will be using to select next year's teams, or candidates, for next year's teams. The coaches for the various teams decide on the procedures for selecting their team members. Being on one of these teams provides an excellent opportunity to sharpen your advocacy and negotiating skills and also represent St. Mary's on a national scale. Based on past years, those interviews and tryouts will probably be held the first two weeks in April. So please check the Witan, bulletin boards, and your e-mail for important information about those tryouts and interviews. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Dave Schlueter, Director of Advocacy Programs.

### ATTENTION ST. MARY'S LAW STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY GRADUATING 3LS PRO BONO HOUR TRACKING FORMS

Please turn in your **pro bono hour tracking** forms to RA Victoria Bongat via the "Assignment Drop Box" located on the left side of the TWEN page, via e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com), in person, or at her carrel (#130). You should then receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of your hours from Victoria within 48-hours. If you do not, feel free to send an e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) to make sure your hours were received.

Students who turn in their hours between Monday, March 5, and midnight on March 23, 2012 the Friday after Spring Break, will be entered into a drawing for two (2) tickets to Puttin' on the Writz. The drawing will take place on the evening of Monday, March 26, and the winner will be notified by e-mail (as well as TWEN announcement).

May 2012 graduates who wish to receive the Pro Bono Service Certificate must have earned at least 50-hours of pro bono or community service AND submitted their tracking forms to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) by **Friday, April 6**. Failure to meet this deadline may result in the omission of the symbol by graduates' names in the graduation program distinguishing them as recipients of the Pro Bono Service Certificate.

### ARE YOU A GRADUATING 3L?

Graduating 3L students who **did not attend** the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting with Deans Mather and Bracey and Director Tullos should get a copy of the handouts from that meeting. These handouts **contain important information about graduation and the bar exam**. Copies are available in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs, Raba 106.

## 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 graduating 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 **ten new members** each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the Faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning February 28th.** The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball on Friday, April 20, 2012.** 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 Wednesday, March 21, 2012.**

## WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION – SOCIAL AND SERVICE EVENT

Join the **Women's Law Association** for Happy Hour on **Friday, March 23, 2012, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.** Bring guests and come mingle with WLA members at **Flemings in the Quarry.** There will be a cash bar and free appetizers for members. On **Saturday, March 24,** join the WLA to serve a meal at **Haven for Hope, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.** Check out TWEN for more information and to sign up for these great events. We hope to see all of you there.

## KAPLAN BAR REVIEW: MBE WORKSHOP Sunday, March 25, 2012

Learn how to apply your knowledge the way the MBE portion of the bar exam will test it with Kaplan PMBR's MBE workshop. You will get:

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

Course Registration Info:

- Live Instructor: Professor Steve Bracci has over 25 years lecturing experience preparing students for the MBE on the bar exam.
- Date: Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- Time: 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Lunch will be provided.)
- Location: Law Classroom Building, Room 104
- Tuition: St. Mary's Students: \$95. First 50 students that enroll pay only \$45. (Non-St. Mary's students: \$125)

To enroll or for more information, please contact Patricia Solano at (210) 431-4340 or email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## **FINANCIAL AID MEETING**

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs and the Office of Career Services presents:

**2L & 3L Financial Aid Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**  
**and again from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in LC 102**

David Krause, Director of Financial Assistance for St. Mary's University will provide advice on making good student loan decisions during law school and how to manage your loans after graduation. Please RSVP through Symplicity if you plan to attend.

## **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 2012**. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should send a resume and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter, please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The **deadline for applications is 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 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 30, 2012 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).



## MLA LONG MILE 2

The Military Law Association (MLA) is pleased to announce its **second annual MLA Long Mile 2. The date has been moved to Sunday, April 1, 2012.** The MLA Long Mile is an annual 5k walk/run and 10k run, open to all classes, types, and skill levels. The track is stroller friendly. The goal of the MLA Long Mile 2 is to raise money and awareness of the **Fisher House** program, a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that which is normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Fisher House does this by providing a "home away from home" for military families to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury.

All money raised above the actual cost of the race will go directly to the Fisher House organizations located in San Antonio, Texas. The MLA Long Mile 2 is **co-sponsored** by the **Military Law Association, Sister Grace Walle's Campus Ministry, the Student Bar Association, Professor Bill Piatt, Centextruns.com, and the State Bar of Texas Military Law Section.** Thanks to the support of all sponsors we raised over \$2,600.00 last year. The MLA's goal is to exceed last year's donations and ask for your help.

Participants and volunteers are needed to make this event possible and obviously cannot do it without you. Registration for runners/walkers opens at 9:00 a.m. on the St. Mary's campus. The race will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end when the last person crosses the finish line. This year's race will have a professional timing company tracking the race. Volunteers are needed to help set up, organize, and break down the race equipment. Volunteers are asked to show up early and if possible, stay until the event is over for cleanup. Runners/walkers can register for the race on [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) or on race day (but race shirts may run out if not pre-ordered). Volunteers can register on the MLA TWEN site's signup sheets section. Whether you run, walk, or volunteer, Sister Grace states this event will count toward your community service certificate. Please contact Mark Poling [mark@mark-poling.com](mailto:mark@mark-poling.com) if you have any questions. See you at the race!

### **MANDATORY FALL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS For Students in the Class of 2014**

All students graduating in 2014 interested in participating in Fall Recruitment/On-Campus Interviews must attend ONE of the below listed sessions.

**Wednesday, March 28, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m., Alumni Room**  
**Thursday, April 5, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room**

Attendance will be recorded. Both presentations will be a short 30-minute session to go over the processes, important dates and deadlines and other information needed to participate. Please RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS – OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

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 events; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **Corporations in China: A Discussion with Mary Kay's Corporate Counsel**

Monday, March 19, 2012

12:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Nathan Moore will speak at Noon about Mary Kay’s China operations in the context of legal issues and challenges. This will be followed by a 10-15 minute Q and A session. After this session, Mr. Moore will discuss the career path of a corporate counsel. This will begin at approximately 1:15 p.m. and last to 2:30 p.m. with questions/answers following his talk. Please RSVP even if you can only attend one part so we can get an accurate headcount for lunch. This program is co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library.

### **TYLA Presentation: How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story Presented by the TYLA Law Student Outreach Committee**

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

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 or her class? Do law students approach you asking what the “secret” is to finding employment upon graduation in 2012? 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 is pleased to present a luncheon seminar this spring semester at four law schools across Texas 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.

**State Bar of Texas Law Practice Management Program, OPEN TO CLASS OF 2012**

Saturday, March 31, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Ready for the real world? Planning to Conquer the Real World of Private Practice? Then this program is for you. Presented by the State Bar of Texas, it will give you the tools you need to hit the ground running as a solo practitioner.

**SABA Mentoring Event: Negotiating Program, OPEN TO ALL 2012 GRADUATES**

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program is being held jointly with the San Antonio Bar Association's New Lawyer Mentoring Program. It will offer one hour of CLE. All 2012 students are eligible to receive the CLE credit.

**Judicial Clerkship Information Session, Class of 2013**

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Attend this program to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors and students will be there to discuss the process and answer questions.

**Patent Law Information Session**

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Practicing Law Institute (PLI) invites you to a presentation by Mark Dighton, PLI's Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course. Topics for discussion include the latest information on the Patent Bar Exam, who can take it, 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, and recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam.

Scholarships to PLI's other IP programs will also be discussed. This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Society.

**Class of 2012 Bar Lunch CLE: Surviving the Practice of Law as a Sole Practitioner**

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Sara E. Dysart will present Surviving the Practice of Law as a Sole Practitioner

Topics will cover: Business Plans, marketing plans, office logistics, finding clients, debt management and much more!

### TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

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

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

### FOURTH ANNUAL ENERGY LAW SYMPOSIUM

Texas Wesleyan Law Review presents their **Fourth Annual Energy Law Symposium, March 29-30, 2012**. The symposium will focus on a wide array of emerging energy issues that impact legal communities across the nation with a special emphasis on oil and gas law. The Energy Symposium will showcase:

- 20 Presenters Representing 9 Different States
- 12 CLE Credits
- \$75 for single day registration or \$140 for both days
- TWU's Inaugural 23-State Annual Survey on Oil & Gas

For program schedule or more information, please visit [www.texaswesleyanlawreview.org](http://www.texaswesleyanlawreview.org) or contact Kate Echols, Symposia Editor at [texwesenergysymposium@gmail.com](mailto:texwesenergysymposium@gmail.com).

### ACADEMIC COURSE CREDIT FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Students who represent St. Mary's and compete in regional and national advocacy competitions are eligible to receive one-hour of academic credit for their participation. The student must have actually competed, or written a brief as a part of the competition, in order to receive the credit. Practicing with the team or traveling with a team as an alternate will not qualify. To apply for the credit, contact Professor Schlueter for a copy of the eligibility form, obtain the coach's signature certifying that you competed, and then get Professor Schlueter's signature. You will need to submit the completed form to Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Enrollment, Law Admissions, who will register you for the course. Once registered, you will

need to pay tuition for the one-hour credit. **All of this must be done in the semester in which you competed.** Credit for the course will be on a pass-fail basis; your participation in the competition does not constitute an excused absence for any other classes; and the maximum number of credits available for regional and national competitions is three (3) hours of credit. Do not complete the form *until* after you have actually competed. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Schlueter, who is the Director of Advocacy Programs.

## **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The St. Mary's **Campus Recreation Department** is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Spring semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please contact Damian Medina, 210.431.2095 or email [dmedina9@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dmedina9@stmarytx.edu).

## **RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, March 24, 2012 – RHA Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, March 31, 2012 – Alumni Baby Bake  
Sunday, April 1, 2012 – Kappa Delta Chi Stroll Competition  
Saturday, April 14, 2012 – San Antonio Spurs vs. Phoenix Suns  
April 20-21, 2012 – Fiesta Oyster Bake Weekend  
Friday, April 27, 2012 – University Ministry Christian Concert

For more information on Rattler events, please contact the Student Activities and Transition Programs at [studentactivities@stmarytx.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3714 or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, 210. 431.4340, [academicsupport@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmarytx.edu).

## **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

## **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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the writing competitions

and scholarships listed, please contact Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

The **2012 Robert Masur Fellowship** in civil liberties is now accepting applications. 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. The fellowship recipient receives a \$1,000 honorarium. Applications are due by mail on **March 23, 2012**. For more information, please click here: [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/)

The Texas Energy Council and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to \$2,500 in various energy disciplines. For more information and application, please go to [www.txenergycouncil.org](http://www.txenergycouncil.org). Deadline to apply is **March 20, 2012**.

Entries for The Symposium XXV **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 \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded. For entry criteria, please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **March 31, 2012**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. Note this is a full scholarship. 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, 2012**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit brief is **April 16, 2012**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law. Additional information along with guidelines, rules, and an application can be found at [www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml). An entry form must be completed by **April 27, 2012**.

**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 27, 2012**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal

Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information please visit [http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf](http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf)

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2012 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, please go to <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is **May 31, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 1, 2012**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, [cdennis@innsofcourt.org](mailto:cdennis@innsofcourt.org) or visit [www.innsofcourt.org](http://www.innsofcourt.org).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law

Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?” 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its third year. 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>. Deadline to enter is **June 1, 2012**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the nineteenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 4, 2012**.

The **Committee on Animals and the Law** of the **New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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 **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.



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## REGISTRATION FOR 1L STUDENTS – MANDATORY MEETINGS

**First year students** will register the **second week of April**. In order to prepare for registration, first year students are **required to attend one** of the meetings with Dean Mather to discuss the registration process. Meeting dates, time and location are as follow:

Tuesday, March 27	11:20 a.m.	LC 101
Wednesday, March 28	3:00 p.m.	LC 102

## ACADEMIC COURSE ADVISING

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will again offer **course advising** appointments to all law students. Come meet with us to ensure that you are taking the courses you need to pass the **Texas Bar Exam**, ensure that you are not taking an impossible course load, and get answers to any other questions you might have. Remember, all 1Ls who were required to participate in the **1L Fundamental Skills Workshop** are required to schedule a course advising appointment with our office. Failure to do so before you register will prevent you from registering for your summer and fall 2012 courses. Please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.4340 to schedule an appointment.

## SEEKING FALL 2012 ACADEMIC SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs is seeking to hire rising 2Ls and 3Ls to serve as **Academic Scholars** for the fall 2012 semester. Academic Scholars work with our office to teach 1Ls the skills necessary to succeed in law school. All applicants should pick up an application from our office in Raba 106, and turn in their completed application and supporting documentation no later than 12:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 6, 2012**.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM

Need money to study in Innsbruck this summer? The **Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship** is available to help fund participation in the Innsbruck summer program. All St. Mary's law students in good standing are eligible to apply. Recipients are chosen on the basis of need, and the awards may be used for transportation costs, tuition, books, room and board, or other expenses related to the program. **The application deadline is May 1, 2012**. For more information on the application process, please contact Ms. Guadalupe Valdez on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Faculty Building, or see or email Prof. Geary Reamey in LFB226. Don't miss your chance to study law with Justice Antonin Scalia this summer.

## RENOWNED SOLO PRACTITIONER AND CO-AUTHOR OF THE DTPA & SECTIONS OF THE TEXAS INSURANCE CODE TO SPEAK

Mr. Joe K. Longley — a renowned attorney and solo practitioner in Austin, Texas — will address a joint session of St. Mary's law students, who are enrolled in the DTPA and Insurance-

Law courses. He will speak in **LC 104 on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 11:00 a. m.** More than 40 years ago, Mr. Longley and John Hill — a former Attorney General of Texas and an esteemed former Texas Supreme Court justice — were the chief principals who lobbied to ensure the enactment of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA) in 1973. All guests are welcomed, *especially students who have contemplated opening a solo practice* after law school. If you have questions, please contact Professor W. E. Rice.

### **STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ELECTION MEETINGS**

The **Student Bar Association (SBA), Evening Student Bar Association (ESBA), LLM,** and **Honor Court** election meetings will be held **March 27-30, 2012.** Any student interested in running for a position on the SBA, ESBA, or LLM Senate, or Honor Court must attend one of the scheduled mandatory meetings to be eligible to run for office. Meeting times are available on the posted flyers on campus. The meetings will be held in the SBA office on the first floor of RABA. **Campaigning begins Monday, April 2, 2012.** Voting will occur electronically April 3-5. Please email [sbaspécialprosecutor@gmail.com](mailto:sbaspecialprosecutor@gmail.com) if you have any questions about the elections or meetings.

### **THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE FINANCIAL STRATEGIES FOR YOUNG ATTORNEYS SEMINAR**

Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
Raba, LFB 108, Lunch Will be Provided

The Student Bar Association (SBA) will host **guest speaker Davin Bell of North Star Consultants of Texas.** Mr. Bell has spoken throughout the U.S. and has more than 10 years' experience working in the financial industry. He has been distinguished in the top 1% of financial professionals worldwide by the Million Dollar Round Table, The Premier Association of Financial Professionals, and specializes in helping individuals and families overcome financial challenges unique to their chosen career. Research has shown that those who are successful in building their net worth are fastidious planners, budgeters, and investors. They set a goal, make a plan to reach that goal, and work hard to make it happen. Learn how to develop a sound financial strategy – one that covers all the financial bases, from life insurance to retirement strategies. This educational presentation will include information about: The foundation for financial health; Risk management and the importance of protecting your assets; Basic debt management strategies; the critical components of a sound investment strategy; and Steps you can take to help manage investment related taxes. For more information contact Jarred Gammon at (512) 610-1803 or [jarred.gammon@northstarfinancial.com](mailto:jarred.gammon@northstarfinancial.com)

### **VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THE VETERNAS HISTORY PROJECT**

Volunteers for the **Veterans History Project (VHP)** are urgently needed. The VHP works to preserve the living history of United States veterans. The VHP is a project of the Library of Congress's American Folk Life Center. The VHP collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear

directly from veterans, and better understand the realities of war. The Project collects first-hand accounts of U.S. Veterans from the following wars:

- World War I (1914-1920)
- World War II (1939-1946)
- Korean War (1950-1955)
- Vietnam War (1961-1975)
- Persian Gulf War (1990-1995)
- Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts (2001-present)

In addition, those U.S. citizen civilians who were actively involved in supporting war efforts (such as the USO, workers, flight instructors, technical experts, medical volunteers, etc.) share their valuable stories.

Volunteers will meet with and record the interviews of area veterans on **Saturday, March 31, 2012**, probably at Air Force Village, a local Air Force retirement community. Interviews should not last more than two hours long. Interviews will begin at 9:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m. with the last interview starting at 11:00 a.m. The plan is to complete all interviews no later than 1:00 p.m.

**Please sign-up by going to the Military Law Association's TWEN site**, clicking the "Sign-Up Sheets" link and selecting the "Veterans History Project". A drop box will appear asking you for your best phone contact information. You will receive a phone call giving you further instructions and information so please include your best phone contact information in that drop box.

If you have any questions please contact **Mr. Mark Poling** at [mark@mark-poling.com](mailto:mark@mark-poling.com), or **Ms. Victoria Gwynn**, at **210.335.2570**, or [vgwynn2@yahoo.com](mailto:vgwynn2@yahoo.com). Ms. Gwynn needs everyone who wants to volunteer to **register by noon on Wednesday, March 28, 2012** so that she can schedule the interviews accordingly. We hope you take part in this worthwhile project recording the living history of those who served our country in our time of need. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

### **ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL INFORMATION SESSION**

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 44 Editorial Board is seeking qualified applicants to serve as **Staff Writers** for the 2012-2013 academic year. All *Journal* applicants must complete a **write-on packet**, which will be available on the last day of 1L finals, **Friday, May 11, 2012**. Applicants will be selected based on grades alone, writing ability alone, or a combination of both. For more information about the *Journal*, please attend one of our **TWO INFORMATION SESSIONS: Monday, March 26, 8:00 p.m.**, Alumni Room OR **Wednesday, March 28, Noon**, Law Classroom 101. Food will be served. If you have questions, please contact: Charles Ipock, Editor in Chief, Volume 44, at [cipock@pga.com](mailto:cipock@pga.com).

## **MANDATORY FALL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS For Students in the Class of 2014**

All students graduating in 2014 interested in participating in Fall Recruitment/On-Campus Interviews must attend ONE of the below listed sessions.

**Wednesday, March 28, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m., Alumni Room**  
**Thursday, April 5, 2012, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room**

Attendance will be recorded. Both presentations will be a short 30-minute session to go over the processes, important dates and deadlines and other information needed to participate. Please RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops.

### **ASIA PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION (APALSA) EVENT**

Thursday, March 29, 2012  
12 – 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

In the continuing series of introducing the Asia Pacific Region, **APALSA presents Taiwan and Singapore**. Both island nations have been referred to as economic tigers of South East Asia. Shari Mao and Francis Nathan, both 3Ls, will present Taiwan and Singapore respectively. Shari is a native of Taiwan and Francis had his tertiary education in Singapore. The legal system in Singapore is based on English common law with the penal code originating from India. Come hear why the Chief Justice in a tiny nation makes five times more in salary than the Chief Justice of the USA. Have you had a Singapore Sling lately or perhaps some pot stickers? This event is open to all St. Mary's students and faculty.

### **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 2012**. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should send a resume and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter, please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The **deadline for applications is 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2012**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

## FOURTH ANNUAL ENERGY LAW SYMPOSIUM

Texas Wesleyan Law Review presents their **Fourth Annual Energy Law Symposium, March 29-30, 2012**. The symposium will focus on a wide array of emerging energy issues that impact legal communities across the nation with a special emphasis on oil and gas law. The Energy Symposium will showcase:

- 20 Presenters Representing 9 Different States
- 12 CLE Credits
- \$75 for single day registration or \$140 for both days
- TWU's Inaugural 23-State Annual Survey on Oil & Gas

For program schedule or more information, please visit [www.texaswesleyanlawreview.org](http://www.texaswesleyanlawreview.org) or contact Kate Echols, Symposia Editor at [texwesenergysymposium@gmail.com](mailto:texwesenergysymposium@gmail.com).

## 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 30, 2012 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).

## NEWLY RESCHEDULED DATE FOR FINANCIAL AID MEETING

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs and the Office of Career Services presents:

**2L & 3L Financial Aid Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 12, 2012 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in LC 101**  
**and again from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in LC 103**

David Krause, Director of Financial Assistance for St. Mary's University will provide advice on making good student loan decisions during law school and how to manage your loans after graduation. Please RSVP through Symplicity if you plan to attend.

## EVENING STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Evening Student Bar Association (ESBA) is accepting scholarship applications for law students with a minimum of 30 credit hours completed. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, community service and academic achievement. Applications are available in the SBA office or can be requested by e-mailing the ESBA at [StMarysESBA@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysESBA@gmail.com). The deadline for submission is **April 15, 2012** by 5:00 p.m.

## ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL WRITE-ON COMPETITION

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 44 Editorial Board is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2012–2013 academic year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the applicants with the top grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top weighted scores will be selected based on a combination of grades and writing ability.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of finals, **Friday, May 11**. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well developed and properly cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application deadline is Friday, June 1, 2012. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of Friday, June 1 or earlier or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, June 1 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to Charles Ipock at [cipock@pga.com](mailto:cipock@pga.com). It is requested that all prospective staff writers sign-up for the *Journal's* writing competition TWEN site.

## TRYOUTS FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ADVOCACY TEAMS

Each year the law school selects teams to compete in regional and national mock trial, moot court, negotiations, and arbitration competitions. These advocacy competitions are sometimes referred to as the External Advocacy Program (EAP). St. Mary's has an excellent national reputation in those competitions. In the upcoming weeks the coaches of the various teams will be posting announcements about the process that they will be using to select next year's teams, or candidates, for next year's teams. The coaches for the various teams decide on the procedures for selecting their team members. Being on one of these teams provides an excellent opportunity to sharpen your advocacy and negotiating skills and also represent St. Mary's on a national scale. Based on past years, those interviews and tryouts will probably be held the first two weeks in April. So please check the *Witan*, bulletin boards, and your e-mail for important information about those tryouts and interviews. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Dave Schlueter, Director of Advocacy Programs.



## **ATTENTION ST. MARY'S LAW STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY GRADUATING 3LS PRO BONO HOUR TRACKING FORMS**

Please turn in your **pro bono hour tracking** forms to RA Victoria Bongat via the "Assignment Drop Box" located on the left side of the TWEN page, via e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com), in person, or at her carrel (#130). You should then receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of your hours from Victoria within 48-hours. If you do not, feel free to send an e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) to make sure your hours were received.

Students who turn in their hours between Monday, March 5, and midnight on March 23, 2012 the Friday after Spring Break, will be entered into a drawing for two (2) tickets to Puttin' on the Writz. The drawing will take place on the evening of Monday, March 26, and the winner will be notified by e-mail (as well as TWEN announcement).

May 2012 graduates who wish to receive the Pro Bono Service Certificate must have earned at least 50-hours of pro bono or community service AND submitted their tracking forms to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) by **Friday, April 6**. Failure to meet this deadline may result in the omission of the symbol by graduates' names in the graduation program distinguishing them as recipients of the Pro Bono Service Certificate.

### **JAMES DERRICK, III CONSTITUTIONAL LAW DEBATE**

#### *Single Elimination Debate*

Sponsored by Law Ministry and Board of Advocates

At St. Mary's University School of Law

**Saturday, April 14, 2012**

**8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Sign up ends and packets will be distributed on **Friday, April 6, 2012**. Students may sign up outside Sr. Grace's door or by emailing Phillip Ripper at [MaverickRipper@gmail.com](mailto:MaverickRipper@gmail.com). The event is open to all law students and entry is capped at 20 competitors. Monetary prizes will be awarded. The prize money is donated by the family of James (Jimi) Derrick, who died in his second year of law school.

#### **What Competitors Will Debate**

Competitors will debate whether the Constitution's Double Jeopardy Clause is violated when a trial court vacates a guilty plea and forces the defendant to stand trial. This topic will require students to balance the rights of a defendant against the scope of the judiciary's authority.

**VETERANS' CLINIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**Sponsored by the Military Law Association**

**Who?** YOU!  
**What?** Veterans' Clinics  
**When?** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:

**Friday, April 20, 2012**

Friday, May 18, 2012

Friday, June 15, 2012

Friday, July 20, 2012

Friday, August 17, 2012

Friday, September 21, 2012

Friday, October 19, 2012

Friday, November 16, 2012

**Where?** Audie Murphy Veterans' Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter St., San Antonio, TX  
78229-4404

**Why?** This is a great pro bono opportunity for any law student to help serve those who chose to serve us. The San Antonio Bar Association's Community Justice Program (CJP) helps provide various pro bono needs in the area. The Veterans' Clinics are just one of the many CJP opportunities St. Mary's Law students can take part in to help those who would not otherwise be able to obtain legal services. Students who volunteer to help also help themselves in that the CJP legal service clinics are great learning opportunities. The student volunteers get a chance to meet and learn from local attorneys, judges, and other law oriented professionals while serving at the clinics. Don't miss these clinic opportunities to do some good for yourself and your community while in law school.

**How?** Go to the **Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site**, click the "sign-up sheets" option on the left of the screen, and then pick the "CJP Veterans Clinics" option. Once on the Veterans' Clinic sign-up sheet screen, please register for the clinics by selecting the days you want to help. Additionally, if you know a veteran needing legal service, please have him or her call 210.212.3740 or 210.212.3718 to schedule an appointment at the clinic. If you have any other questions about the Veterans' Clinic pro-bono service opportunity then please contact CJP Intern Jami Nance at [jami.nance@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nance@gmail.com), or the San Antonio Bar Association Community Justice Program Director, Amanda Reimherr Buckert at [amandab@sabar.org](mailto:amandab@sabar.org) or Suzanne DeWalt at [SuzanneD@sabar.org](mailto:SuzanneD@sabar.org). If you want to help in other areas the CJP has many other clinics which you can also access through the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site.

## MLA LONG MILE 2

The Military Law Association (MLA) is pleased to announce its **second annual MLA Long Mile 2**. **The date has been moved to Sunday, April 1, 2012.** The MLA Long Mile is an annual 5k walk/run and 10k run, open to all classes, types, and skill levels. The track is stroller friendly. The goal of the MLA Long Mile 2 is to raise money and awareness of the **Fisher House** program, a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that which is normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Fisher House does this by providing a "home away from home" for military families to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury.

All money raised above the actual cost of the race will go directly to the Fisher House organizations located in San Antonio, Texas. The MLA Long Mile 2 is **co-sponsored** by the **Military Law Association, Sister Grace Walle's Campus Ministry, the Student Bar Association, Professor Bill Piatt, Centextruns.com, and the State Bar of Texas Military Law Section**. Thanks to the support of all sponsors we raised over \$2,600.00 last year. The MLA's goal is to exceed last year's donations and ask for your help.

Participants and volunteers are needed to make this event possible and obviously cannot do it without you. Registration for runners/walkers opens at 9:00 a.m. on the St. Mary's campus. The race will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end when the last person crosses the finish line. This year's race will have a professional timing company tracking the race. Volunteers are needed to help set up, organize, and break down the race equipment. Volunteers are asked to show up early and if possible, stay until the event is over for cleanup. Runners/walkers can register for the race on [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) or on race day (but race shirts may run out if not pre-ordered). Volunteers can register on the MLA TWEN site's signup sheets section. Whether you run, walk, or volunteer, Sister Grace states this event will count toward your community service certificate. Please contact Mark Poling [mark@mark-poling.com](mailto:mark@mark-poling.com) if you have any questions. See you at the race!

### ATTENTION 3L'S - "PREPARING TO PRACTICE"

Thinking of starting your own practice after graduation? Join the Law Library Faculty as they present on the topic of "**Preparing to Practice**" on **April 12, 2012** in the **Alumni Room** at **12:00 p.m.** This session will cover evaluating and purchasing database subscriptions, the actual costs of performing legal research, options for low cost tools for solo and small firm practitioners, and effective use of free legal research sites. Please sign up with either Professor Mike Martinez [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu) or Professor Katy Stein [kstein2@stmarytx.edu](mailto:kstein2@stmarytx.edu). Lunch will be provided.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS – OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

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 events; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

**State Bar of Texas Law Practice Management Program, OPEN TO CLASS OF 2012**

Saturday, March 31, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Ready for the real world? Planning to Conquer the Real World of Private Practice? Then this program is for you. Presented by the State Bar of Texas, it will give you the tools you need to hit the ground running as a solo practitioner.

**SABA Mentoring Event: Negotiating Program, OPEN TO ALL 2012 GRADUATES**

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program is being held jointly with the San Antonio Bar Association's New Lawyer Mentoring Program. It will offer one hour of CLE. All 2012 students are eligible to receive the CLE credit.

**Judicial Clerkship Information Session, Class of 2013**

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Attend this program to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors and students will be there to discuss the process and answer questions.

**Patent Law Information Session**

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Practicing Law Institute (PLI) invites you to a presentation by Mark Dighton, PLI's Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course. Topics for discussion include the latest information on the Patent Bar Exam, who can take it, 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, and recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam. Scholarships to PLI's other IP programs will also be discussed. This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Society.

## Class of 2012 Bar Lunch CLE: Surviving the Practice of Law as a Sole Practitioner

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Sara E. Dysart will present Surviving the Practice of Law as a Sole Practitioner

Topics will cover: Business Plans, marketing plans, office logistics, finding clients, debt management and much more!

## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

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

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

## ACADEMIC COURSE CREDIT FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Students who represent St. Mary's and compete in regional and national advocacy competitions are eligible to receive one-hour of academic credit for their participation. The student must have actually competed, or written a brief as a part of the competition, in order to receive the credit. Practicing with the team or traveling with a team as an alternate will not qualify. To apply for the credit, contact Professor Schlueter for a copy of the eligibility form, obtain the coach's signature certifying that you competed, and then get Professor Schlueter's signature. You will need to submit the completed form to Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Enrollment, Law Admissions, who will register you for the course. Once registered, you will need to pay tuition for the one-hour credit. **All of this must be done in the semester in which you competed.** Credit for the course will be on a pass-fail basis; your participation in the competition does not constitute an excused absence for any other classes; and the maximum number of credits available for regional and national competitions is three (3) hours of credit. Do not complete the form *until* after you have actually competed. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Schlueter, who is the Director of Advocacy Programs.

## CAMPUS RECREATION

The St. Mary's **Campus Recreation Department** is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Spring semester, make physical fitness part of your overall

health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please contact Damian Medina, 210.431.2095 or email [dmedina9@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dmedina9@stmarytx.edu).

### **RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, March 31, 2012 – Alumni Baby Bake  
Sunday, April 1, 2012 – Kappa Delta Chi Stroll Competition  
Saturday, April 14, 2012 – San Antonio Spurs vs. Phoenix Suns  
April 20-21, 2012 – Fiesta Oyster Bake Weekend  
Friday, April 27, 2012 – University Ministry Christian Concert

For more information on Rattler events, please contact the Student Activities and Transition Programs at [studentactivities@stmarytx.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3714 or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, 210. 431.4340, [academicssupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicssupport@stmaryt.edu).

### **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

### **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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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

**NEW --** The **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) is proud to announce its 2012 Law Student Scholarships. AAJ offers more than \$20,000 in annual scholarship funds. For a list of scholarships, and to apply, please go to the below link [http://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email\\_web\\_version.cfm?recipient\\_id=964009580&message\\_id=1863969&user\\_id=ATLA&group\\_id=802885&jobid=9505641](http://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?recipient_id=964009580&message_id=1863969&user_id=ATLA&group_id=802885&jobid=9505641) or contact Nyounti Tuan at [Nyounti.Tuan@justice.org](mailto:Nyounti.Tuan@justice.org) or 202-965-3500, ext. 8467.

Entries for The Symposium XXV **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 \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded. For entry criteria, please contact Julie Rorie at (405)

556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **March 31, 2012**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. Note this is a full scholarship. 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, 2012**.

**NEW** -- The **Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas Chapter** is accepting applications for BLASK Fellowship Grants for summer federal interns. Grants up to \$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 2012 in the offices of a federal court or agency located within the Southern District of Texas. Eligibility – full-time students at any accredited law school who have completed at least 30 hours of course work by June 1, 2012; at the time of application, have a GPA which ranks in the top half of the applicant’s law school class; and have secured or will secure an internship with a federal court or agency within the district. **Deadline** to apply is **Friday, April 13, 2012**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit brief is **April 16, 2012**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law. Additional information along with guidelines, rules, and an application can be found at [www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml). An entry form must be completed by **April 27, 2012**.

**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 27, 2012**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information please visit [http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf](http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf)

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2012 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, please go to <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is **May 31, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 1, 2012**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, [cdennis@innsofcourt.org](mailto:cdennis@innsofcourt.org) or visit [www.innsofcourt.org](http://www.innsofcourt.org).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?" 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its third year. 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>. Deadline to enter is **June 1, 2012**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the nineteenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 4, 2012**.

The **Committee on Animals and the Law of the New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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 **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.

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## **NATIONAL CHAMPS – MOOT COURT TEAM WINS AT FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION COMPETITION**

This past weekend, the **EAP Moot Court Team** traveled to Washington, D.C. and competed in the 2012 Federal Bar Association Thurgood A. Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition. Thirty-six teams from all over the country competed in this prestigious national competition, with **St. Mary's fielding two of the thirty-six teams**. The competition is in its 16th year, and addresses emerging issues of federal statutory and constitutional law. The judges for the competition include distinguished members of the federal bench and bar from across the nation who were attending the FBA's mid-year meeting.

The team of **Erin Oglesby** (3L) and **Meagan Scott** (2L) reached the semi-finals of the competition, losing a hard fought round to a team from Georgetown Law School and finishing in third Place.

The team of **Phillip Ripper** (3L) and **Rachel Felderhoff** (2L) beat a solid team from SMU School of Law to advance to the finals of the competition, and proceeded to win the day against Georgetown Law School, earning the honor of being named the **2012 FBA Moot Court National Champion**.

This marks **St. Mary's EAP Moot Court team's third national title** and a **second national title in the last two years**. According to Adjunct Professor Ricky Poole, it is also the first time that two St. Mary's teams have been able to accomplish the amazing feat of taking two of the top three positions at a national competition. He adds that to the best of his knowledge, no other law school had both of its teams break to the round of eight at the tournament, much less reach the semi-finals of the competition.

Please join us in congratulating Professor Poole and the students in this remarkable achievement!

## **STUDENT ABA MEMBERSHIP**

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

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

- Watch your resume rise to the top of the stack through internships, fellowships, clerkships, public service volunteer opportunities and competitions.
- Discover your passion through free and affordable special interest groups with webinars and networking events.

- Get help through school and beyond with the Student Lawyer magazine, the ABA Journal, discounts on study aides and bar review courses and valuable health insurance.

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

## **SUMMER 2012 AND FALL 2012 ON-LINE REGISTRATION**

Students who have **EARNED** 36 credit hours and above at the **end of the fall 2011 semester** will begin on-line registration April 2, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. and continue through April 7, 2012 midnight. Registration will be for both Summer and Fall semesters.

Students who have **EARNED** 15-35 credit hours at the **end of the fall 2011 semester** will begin on-line registration April 9, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. and continue through April 14, 2012 midnight. Registration will be for both Summer and Fall semesters.

All students will have the opportunity to make changes to both Summer or Fall semesters beginning April 16, 2012 through April 21, 2012 midnight.

Go to Gateway at <http://gateway.stmarytx.edu> for on-line registration. You will find enrollment information by looking at the Course Schedule in Gateway. Be sure to check for **any holds that will prevent registration**. You may check on Gateway for confirmation of any holds.

It is important to understand this registration period is based on the number of hours **earned** at the **end of the fall semester**. The spring hours will not be calculated in determining registration access because they are classified as attempted hours; i.e., they have not been earned yet.

Registration for **inter-session** will be held in **the fall semester**. Registration dates will be announced at a later date. Contact Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu) with questions.

## **ACADEMIC COURSE ADVISING**

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will again offer **course advising** appointments to all law students. Come meet with us to ensure that you are taking the courses you need to pass the **Texas Bar Exam**, ensure that you are not taking an impossible course load, and get answers to any other questions you might have. Remember, all 1Ls who were required to participate in the **1L Fundamental Skills Workshop** are required to schedule a course advising appointment with our office. Failure to do so before you register will prevent you from registering for your summer and fall 2012 courses. Please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.4340 to schedule an appointment.

## TEXAS COURTS IN CRISIS

Join Texans for a Fair Judiciary, St. Mary's University School of Law, American Constitution Society Chapter, and U.S. Representatives Charlie Gonzalez and Lloyd Doggett for a discussion on the vacancy crisis in the Texas federal courts on **Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. **RSVP required** to [Texans4AFairJudiciary@gmail.com](mailto:Texans4AFairJudiciary@gmail.com). This event is co-sponsored by the American Constitution Society student chapter.

## FEDERALIST SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the [Federalist Society](#) will be **Wednesday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Atrium of the **Alkek Building**. This event entitled *Entrepreneurialism in America* will be a joint event hosted by the Federalist Society and St. Mary's SIFE. Sean O'Hare will share his personal experiences of working with (and against) laws, agency regulations, and government red tape in the various business ventures he has started. At age 18, O'Hare launched his first business, the contracting company SPO Enterprises, for which he received the 2003 East Coast Collegiate Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Mr. O'Hare is currently founder/principal of Right Energies Management, LLC, acquiring several manufacturers in the lighting fixture manufacturing industry. To date, the company has a top-line revenue greater than \$75M. Sean's other business investments include restaurants and real estate.

## MANDATORY FALL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSION For Students in the Class of 2014

One remaining Mandatory Fall Recruitment information session is available on **Thursday, April 5, 2012, 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room**, for students graduating in 2014 who are interested in participating in the Fall Recruitment/On-Campus Interviews. Attendance will be recorded. The presentation will go over the processes, important dates and deadlines and other information needed to participate. Please RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops.

## THE GREEHEY M.B.A. INFORMATION SESSION

Have you ever considered getting a JD/MBA? A recent article in Bloomberg Businessweek states that JD/MBA's have higher median salaries (\$104,000) when compared with a JD alone. Come learn more about the newest MBA in town – the Greehey MBA for Values Driven Leaders. The Business Law Association welcomes Earnie Broughton, Director of the MBA and Executive Education Programs at St. Mary's to present a brief overview of the JD/MBA track at St. Mary's and answer questions. Join us on **Thursday, April 5** in the **Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library from **12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

## SEEKING FALL 2012 ACADEMIC SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs is seeking to hire rising 2Ls and 3Ls to serve as **Academic Scholars** for the fall 2012 semester. Academic Scholars work with our office to teach 1Ls the skills necessary to succeed in law school. All applicants should pick up an application from our office in Raba 106, and turn in their completed application and supporting documentation no later than 12:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 6, 2012**.

### **FIESTA FAREWELL**

**Fiesta Farewell** will honor the **Class of 2012** as “Almost Alumni” on **Monday, April 16, 2012**. **The program will begin at 12:00 p.m. in the Law School Plaza**. Remarks will be given by Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., L.L.M., Dean and St. Mary’s University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law and David C. Courreges, J.D., Parnter at Hay Compere PLLC. Presentation of various awards and Blessing of Third Year Students will be given. Everyone is invited to a fiesta lunch and service awards. Graduation picture will follow the program. All graduating seniors are asked to dress appropriately.

### **TRYOUTS FOR MOCK TRIAL TEAMS (EAP)**

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

The application procedures for the EAP Mock Trial teams begins on **Monday, April 2, 2012**. If you are interested in being considered for the 2012-2013 mock trial teams, you should fill out an application — which can be picked up from Professor Schlueter (LFB 270) — and turn it back in to him not later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012. When you turn in your application, you should sign up for a 15-minute interview, which will be conducted by the mock trial coaches on April 16th-18th. For the interview, you must be prepared to deliver an opening statement and cross examination on any topic for any case.

If you have previously participated in the EAP Mock Trial competitions **you need not fill out an application**. But you must e-mail Adjunct Professor Matt Cole ([mgcole@coxsmith.com](mailto:mgcole@coxsmith.com)), inform him NLT Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, of your desire to participate, and send him a current resume.

**Those selected for the 2012-2013 teams will be announced at the Barristers’ Ball on Friday, April 20, 2012**. Those students will be required to attend a Mock Trial Academy, to be held shortly before the fall semester begins. That academy will familiarize students with basic litigation techniques and styles.

If you have any questions about the tryout procedures, please contact Ken Bell at [kenbelllaw@gmail.com](mailto:kenbelllaw@gmail.com).

## **RESCHEDULED DATE FOR FINANCIAL AID MEETING**

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs and the Office of Career Services presents:

### **2L & 3L Financial Aid Meeting**

**Thursday, April 12, 2012 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in LC 101  
and again from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in LC 103**

David Krause, Director of Financial Assistance for St. Mary's University will provide advice on making good student loan decisions during law school and how to manage your loans after graduation. Please RSVP through Symplicity if you plan to attend.

## **EVENING STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Evening Student Bar Association (ESBA) is accepting scholarship applications for law students with a minimum of 30 credit hours completed. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, community service and academic achievement. Applications are available in the SBA office or can be requested by e-mailing the ESBA at [StMarysESBA@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysESBA@gmail.com). The deadline for submission is **April 15, 2012** by 5:00 p.m.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM**

Need money to study in Innsbruck this summer? The **Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship** is available to help fund participation in the Innsbruck summer program. All St. Mary's law students in good standing are eligible to apply. Recipients are chosen on the basis of need, and the awards may be used for transportation costs, tuition, books, room and board, or other expenses related to the program. **The application deadline is May 1, 2012.** For more information on the application process, please contact Ms. Guadalupe Valdez on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Faculty Building, or see or email Prof. Geary Reamey in LFB226. Don't miss your chance to study law with Justice Antonin Scalia this summer.

## **ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL WRITE-ON COMPETITION**

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 44 Editorial Board is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2012–2013 academic year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the applicants with the top grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top weighted scores will be selected based on a combination of grades and writing ability.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of finals, **Friday, May 11**. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building



between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well developed and properly cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application deadline is Friday, June 1, 2012. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of Friday, June 1 or earlier or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, June 1 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to Charles Ipock at [cipock@pga.com](mailto:cipock@pga.com). It is requested that all prospective staff writers sign-up for the *Journal's* writing competition TWEN site.

### **ATTENTION ST. MARY'S LAW STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY GRADUATING 3LS PRO BONO HOUR TRACKING FORMS**

Please turn in your **pro bono hour tracking** forms to RA Victoria Bongat via the "Assignment Drop Box" located on the left side of the TWEN page, via e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com), in person, or at her carrel (#130). You should then receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of your hours from Victoria within 48-hours. If you do not, feel free to send an e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) to make sure your hours were received.

May 2012 graduates who wish to receive the Pro Bono Service Certificate must have earned at least 50-hours of pro bono or community service AND submitted their tracking forms to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) by **Friday, April 6**. Failure to meet this deadline may result in the omission of the symbol by graduates' names in the graduation program distinguishing them as recipients of the Pro Bono Service Certificate.

### **JAMES DERRICK, III CONSTITUTIONAL LAW DEBATE**

#### *Single Elimination Debate*

Sponsored by Law Ministry and Board of Advocates

At St. Mary's University School of Law

**Saturday, April 14, 2012**

**8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Sign up ends and packets will be distributed on **Friday, April 6, 2012**. Students may sign up outside Sr. Grace's door or by emailing Phillip Ripper at [MaverickRipper@gmail.com](mailto:MaverickRipper@gmail.com). The event is open to all law students and entry is capped at 20 competitors. Monetary prizes will be awarded. The prize money is donated by the family of James (Jimi) Derrick, who died in his second year of law school.

#### **What Competitors Will Debate**

Competitors will debate whether the Constitution's Double Jeopardy Clause is violated when a trial court vacates a guilty plea and forces the defendant to stand trial. This topic will require students to balance the rights of a defendant against the scope of the judiciary's authority.

## **VETERANS' CLINIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Sponsored by the Military Law Association**

**Who?** YOU!  
**What?** Veterans' Clinics  
**When?** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:

### **Friday, April 20, 2012**

Friday, May 18, 2012

Friday, June 15, 2012

Friday, July 20, 2012

Friday, August 17, 2012

Friday, September 21, 2012

Friday, October 19, 2012

Friday, November 16, 2012

**Where?** Audie Murphy Veterans' Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter St., San Antonio, TX 78229-4404

**Why?** This is a great pro bono opportunity for any law student to help serve those who chose to serve us. The San Antonio Bar Association's Community Justice Program (CJP) helps provide various pro bono needs in the area. The Veterans' Clinics are just one of the many CJP opportunities St. Mary's Law students can take part in to help those who would not otherwise be able to obtain legal services. Students who volunteer to help also help themselves in that the CJP legal service clinics are great learning opportunities. The student volunteers get a chance to meet and learn from local attorneys, judges, and other law oriented professionals while serving at the clinics. Don't miss these clinic opportunities to do some good for yourself and your community while in law school.

**How?** Go to the **Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site**, click the "sign-up sheets" option on the left of the screen, and then pick the "CJP Veterans Clinics" option. Once on the Veterans' Clinic sign-up sheet screen, please register for the clinics by selecting the days you want to help. Additionally, if you know a veteran needing legal service, please have him or her call 210. 212.3740 or 210.212.3718 to schedule an appointment at the clinic. If you have any other questions about the Veterans' Clinic pro-bono service opportunity then please contact CJP Intern Jami Nance at [jami.nance@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nance@gmail.com), or the San Antonio Bar Association Community Justice Program Director, Amanda Reimherr Buckert at [amandab@sabar.org](mailto:amandab@sabar.org) or Suzanne DeWalt at [SuzanneD@sabar.org](mailto:SuzanneD@sabar.org). If you want to

help in other areas the CJP has many other clinics which you can also access through the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site.

### **ATTENTION 3L'S - "PREPARING TO PRACTICE"**

Thinking of starting your own practice after graduation? Join the Law Library Faculty as they present on the topic of "**Preparing to Practice**" on **April 12, 2012** in the **Alumni Room** at **12:00 p.m.** This session will cover evaluating and purchasing database subscriptions, the actual costs of performing legal research, options for low cost tools for solo and small firm practitioners, and effective use of free legal research sites. Please sign up with either Professor Mike Martinez [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu) or Professor Katy Stein [kstein2@stmarytx.edu](mailto:kstein2@stmarytx.edu). Lunch will be provided.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS – OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

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 events; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

#### **SABA Mentoring Event: Negotiating Program, OPEN TO ALL 2012 GRADUATES**

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

This program is being held jointly with the San Antonio Bar Association's New Lawyer Mentoring Program. It will offer one hour of CLE. All 2012 students are eligible to receive the CLE credit.

#### **Judicial Clerkship Information Session, Class of 2013**

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Attend this program to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors and students will be there to discuss the process and answer questions.

#### **Patent Law Information Session**

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Practicing Law Institute (PLI) invites you to a presentation by Mark Dighton, PLI's Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course. Topics for discussion

include the latest information on the Patent Bar Exam, who can take it, 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, and recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam.

Scholarships to PLI's other IP programs will also be discussed. This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Society.

**Class of 2012 Bar Lunch CLE: Surviving the Practice of Law as a Sole Practitioner**

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Sara E. Dysart will present Surviving the Practice of Law as a Sole Practitioner

Topics will cover: Business Plans, marketing plans, office logistics, finding clients, debt management and much more!

**TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

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

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

**ACADEMIC COURSE CREDIT FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Students who represent St. Mary's and compete in regional and national advocacy competitions are eligible to receive one-hour of academic credit for their participation. The student must have actually competed, or written a brief as a part of the competition, in order to receive the credit. Practicing with the team or traveling with a team as an alternate will not qualify. To apply for the credit, contact Professor Schlueter for a copy of the eligibility form, obtain the coach's signature certifying that you competed, and then get Professor Schlueter's signature. You will need to submit the completed form to Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Enrollment, Law Admissions, who will register you for the course. Once registered, you will need to pay tuition for the one-hour credit. **All of this must be done in the semester in which you competed.** Credit for the course will be on a pass-fail basis; your participation in the competition does not constitute an excused absence for any other classes; and the maximum number of credits available for regional and national competitions is three (3) hours of credit. Do not complete the form *until* after you have actually competed. If you have any questions, please

contact Professor Schlueter, who is the Director of Advocacy Programs.

## **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The St. Mary's **Campus Recreation Department** is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Spring semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please contact Damian Medina, 210.431.2095 or email [dmedina9@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dmedina9@stmarytx.edu).

## **RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, April 14, 2012 – San Antonio Spurs vs. Phoenix Suns  
April 20-21, 2012 – Fiesta Oyster Bake Weekend  
Friday, April 27, 2012 – University Ministry Christian Concert

For more information on Rattler events, please contact the Student Activities and Transition Programs at [studentactivities@stmarytx.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3714 or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, 210. 431.4340, [academicssupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicssupport@stmaryt.edu).

## **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

## **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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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

The **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) is proud to announce its 2012 Law Student Scholarships. AAJ offers more than \$20,000 in annual scholarship funds. For a list of scholarships, and to apply, please go to the below link [http://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email\\_web\\_version.cfm?recipient\\_id=964009580&message\\_id=1863969&user\\_id=ATLA&group\\_id=802885&jobid=9505641](http://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?recipient_id=964009580&message_id=1863969&user_id=ATLA&group_id=802885&jobid=9505641) or contact Nyounti Tuan at [Nyounti.Tuan@justice.org](mailto:Nyounti.Tuan@justice.org) or 202-965-3500, ext. 8467.

The **Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas Chapter** is accepting applications for BLASK Fellowship Grants for summer federal interns. Grants up to \$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 2012 in the offices of a federal court or agency located within the Southern District of Texas. Eligibility – full-time students at any accredited law school who have completed at least 30 hours of course work by June 1, 2012; at the time of application, have a GPA which ranks in the top half of the applicant’s law school class; and have secured or will secure an internship with a federal court or agency within the district. **Deadline** to apply is **Friday, April 13, 2012.**

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit brief is **April 16, 2012.**

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law. Additional information along with guidelines, rules, and an application can be found at [www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml). An entry form must be completed by **April 27, 2012.**

**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 27, 2012.** Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information please visit [http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf](http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf)

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012.**

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles

must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2012 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, please go to <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is **May 31, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 1, 2012**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, [cdennis@innsofcourt.org](mailto:cdennis@innsofcourt.org) or visit [www.innsofcourt.org](http://www.innsofcourt.org).

The **American Judges Association** (AJA) announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?" 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its third year. 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>. Deadline to enter is **June 1, 2012**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the nineteenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 4, 2012**.



The **Committee on Animals and the Law** of the **New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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).

**NEW --** Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A. is committed to the advancement of diverse law students. Fostering diversity in the legal profession contributes to the quality of the profession and strengthens our ability to serve our clients and communities. As part of Cole Schotz's continuing commitment to inclusion in the legal community, we have created the **Cole Schotz Diversity Scholarship** and is open to a diverse, second-year, full time law student in good standing. It is a one-time \$5,000 scholarship. For eligibility requirements and an application, please email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Deadline to apply is **July 1, 2012**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.



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## FIESTA FAREWELL

**Fiesta Farewell** will honor the **Class of 2012** as “Almost Alumni” on **Monday, April 16, 2012**. **The program will begin at 12:00 p.m. in the Law School Plaza**. Remarks will be given by Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., L.L.M., Dean and St. Mary’s University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law and David C. Courreges, J.D., Partner at Hay Compere PLLC. Presentation of various awards and Blessing of Third Year Students will be given. Everyone is invited to a fiesta lunch and service awards. Graduation picture will follow the program. All graduating seniors are asked to dress appropriately.

## SUMMER 2012 AND FALL 2012 ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Students who have **EARNED** 15-35 credit hours at the **end of the fall 21011 semester** will begin on-line registration April 9, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. and continue through April 14, 2012 midnight. Registration will be for both Summer and Fall semesters.

All students will have the opportunity to make changes to both Summer or Fall semesters beginning April 16, 2012 through April 21, 2012 midnight.

Go to Gateway at <http://gateway.stmarytx.edu> for on-line registration. You will find enrollment information by looking at the Course Schedule in Gateway. Be sure to check for **any holds that will prevent registration**. You may check on Gateway for confirmation of any holds.

It is important to understand this registration period is based on the number of hours **earned** at the **end of the fall semester**. The spring hours will not be calculated in determining registration access because they are classified as attempted hours; i.e., they have not been earned yet.

Registration for **inter-session** will be held in **the fall semester**. Registration dates will be announced at a later date. Contact Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu) with questions.

## INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION

The **International Law Association (ILA)** is proud to host **Mr. Ken Saks**, B.B.A., J.D., LL.M. (St. Mary’s), a named partner in the international law firm of Oliva, Saks, Garcia and Curiel, next **Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in the Atrium** of the Law Administration building. Mr. Saks will talk about his private international law practice and answer questions about it. A light lunch will be served. The ILA faculty advisor is Professor Summers who can be reached at 210.618.5014 if you have questions about this event.

## FEDERALIST SOCIETY DEBATE ON OBAMACARE

The next meeting of the **Federalist Society** will be **Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at noon** in Law **Classroom 101**. This event entitled *Somebody Get Me a Doctor!* will be a debate about the

pros and cons of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (a.k.a. Obamacare). The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments on this issue two weeks ago and is expected to release its holding later this summer. **Dr. Merrill Matthews** will represent that the Act is unconstitutional. He is a resident scholar at the Institute for Policy Innovation (a think tank in Lewisville, Texas, founded by Congressman Dick Armey) and is a frequent contributor to *Forbes* and the *Wall Street Journal*. **Prof. Reams**, also a scholar on health care reform who recently published *Health Care Reform: A Legislative History of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law No. 111-148*, will defend the act. All students are welcome to attend and lunch will be provided.

The chapter's last meeting of the semester will be a joint presentation with the Center for Terrorism Law on **Tuesday, April 17 at 8:30 a.m. in Law Classroom 101**. **Prof. Bob Turner**, Associate Director for the Center for National Security Law at the University of Virginia, will be on hand to debate our own **Prof. Jeffrey Addicott** on the use of torture and enhanced interrogation techniques in the War on Terror. The event will occur within Prof. Addicott's National Security Law class, but all students (not just those enrolled in the class) are encouraged to attend.

### **WINNERS - 2012 LINDA AND DAVE SCHLUETER FIRST YEAR MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

The winners of 2012 Linda and Dave Schlueter First Year Moot Court Competition were **Mallory Myers and Dena Richardson**. **Raven Bady and Veronica Bonhamgregory** were the runners up with Raven Bady recognized as the best speaker in the final round.

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

#### Donors

Linda and David Schlueter  
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David McQuade Leibowitz, P.C.

#### Judges

Honorable Patrick E. Higginbotham  
Honorable Xavier Rodriguez  
Honorable Phil Hardberger

### **MANDATORY FALL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSION For Students in the Class of 2014**

One remaining Mandatory Fall Recruitment information session is available and has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room**. This session is for students graduating in 2014 who are interested in participating in the Fall Recruitment/On-Campus Interviews. Attendance will be recorded. The presentation will go over the processes, important dates and deadlines and other information needed to participate. Please RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops.

## ATTENTION 3L'S - "PREPARING TO PRACTICE"

Thinking of starting your own practice after graduation? Join the Law Library Faculty as they present on the topic of "**Preparing to Practice**" on **April 12, 2012** in the **Alumni Room** at **12:00 p.m.** This session will cover evaluating and purchasing database subscriptions, the actual costs of performing legal research, options for low cost tools for solo and small firm practitioners, and effective use of free legal research sites. Please sign up with either Professor Mike Martinez [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu) or Professor Katy Stein [kstein2@stmarytx.edu](mailto:kstein2@stmarytx.edu). Lunch will be provided.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - CJP CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The third annual **CJP Celebrity Golf Tournament** at The Golf Club of Texas at Briggs Ranch will take place on **Thursday, April 12, 2012**. **Volunteers are needed** to help in 3 areas:

- Longest drive (standing at the hole and marking locations/selling raffle tickets);
- Closest to the pin (standing at the pin and marking locations/selling raffle tickets);
- Registration (7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.).

The Best part: **FREE food and BEER!** Western breakfast, prime rib lunch, on-course BBQ and refreshments, roving keg driven by CJP co-founders Justice Phylis Speedlin and Judge Karen Pozza; all FREE to our volunteers!

**Please consider volunteering for this great event and sign up on our TWEN site.** You may earn community service hours that will go toward the Pro Bono Service Certificate. It would be difficult to raise money or put on events like this without your help. Feel free to e-mail Jami Nance <[jami.nance@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nance@gmail.com)> with questions or for more information.

## THANK YOU FROM THE MLA LONG MILE 2

The **Military Law Association (MLA)** wants to thank everyone who competed in, volunteered to help with, and purchased t-shirts for the **Second Annual MLA Long Mile 2**. The second annual MLA Long Mile 2, a 5k walk/run and 10k run occurred on Sunday, April 1, 2012. It was open to all classes, types, and skill levels. The stroller friendly course ran through the campus of St. Mary's University, and for those of you interested in getting a little exercise between work and studies, is on Google Maps at the following link:  
<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=206103104762789113776.0004bc1ba809503eeb405&msa=0>

With the help of the San Antonio community, and **especially the help of our sponsors and competitors we accomplished the goal of the MLA Long Mile 2, which was to raise money and awareness of the Fisher House program, a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need.** The Fisher House program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by

meeting a humanitarian need beyond that which is normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Fisher House does this by providing a “home away from home” for military families to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury.

All money raised above the actual cost of the race will go directly to the Fisher House organizations located in San Antonio, Texas, and thanks to our sponsors, and especially the Student Bar Association, all our are event costs are covered. This means every penny raised from t-shirt sales and race registrations will go to the Fisher House organizations here in San Antonio.

The MLA wishes to thank Sister Grace Walle’s Campus Ministry, the Student Bar Association, Professor Bill Piatt, Centexruns.com, Mr. Allen K. DuBois, the Federal Bar Association, and the State Bar of Texas Military Law Section for their support. Special thanks go to the Student Bar Association in their outstanding support of the race and its goals for the past two years.

We still have more to do. The MLA still has race t-shirts available for sale at the reduced cost of \$15. Please help us out by showing your support for Fisher House by buying an event t-shirt. Last year, thanks to the support of all sponsors we raised over \$2,600.00 that went to the Lackland and BAMC Fisher House organizations. This year our goal is to exceed last year’s donations, and divide the support between Lackland, BAMC, and the new Fisher House location at the Audie Murphy V.A. Hospital. We still need your help to meet and, hopefully, beat our goal. Stop in and buy a t-shirt in the Law Classroom Building on the following days, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, April 16, 17, 18, & 19, 2012, or contact Mark Poling [mark@mark-poling.com](mailto:mark@mark-poling.com) if you’d like to reserve a size. Thank you again for your support and consideration.

### **CHINA PROGRAM REGISTRATION EXTENDED**

Applications for the China program this summer are still being accepted, although the recommended deadline has passed. Students are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible if you are planning to attend this summer. Do you have any questions or concerns? Please see Professor Bob Hu ([rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu)) or Prof. Vincent Johnson ([vjohnson@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vjohnson@stmarytx.edu)).

The China program combines serious legal studies with an enriching cultural experience, plus a possibility of internship with a Chinese or American firm. This will better prepare you for your career. And you get this whole package in a supportive environment and at a reasonable price. If you talk to any of the fifty students who attended the program in the last two years, they will tell you that the China program was a transforming experience for them.

### **2012-2013 SALDF OFFICERS ANNOUNCED**

The Student Animal League Defense Fund (SALDF) is pleased to announce their 2012-

2013 Officer Elects.

Meagan Scott – President  
Kelly O’Neil – Vice President  
Jessie Garner – Secretary  
Kathryn McNeil – Treasurer

SALDF would like to thank everyone for their participation in the officer elections and a special thank you to those who ran for an officer position. Please remember everyone’s participation in the organization is welcome and highly encouraged.

### **STUDENT ABA MEMBERSHIP**

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

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

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

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

### **ACADEMIC COURSE ADVISING**

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will again offer **course advising** appointments to all law students. Come meet with us to ensure that you are taking the courses you need to pass the **Texas Bar Exam**, ensure that you are not taking an impossible course load, and get answers to any other questions you might have. Remember, all 1Ls who were required to participate in the **1L Fundamental Skills Workshop** are required to schedule a course advising appointment with our office. Failure to do so before you register will prevent you from registering for your summer and fall 2012 courses. Please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.4340 to schedule an appointment.

### **TRYOUTS FOR MOCK TRIAL TEAMS (EAP)**

Each year the Law School sends teams to participate in regional and national advocacy

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

The application procedures for the EAP Mock Trial teams begin on Monday, April 2, 2012. If you are interested in being considered for the 2012-2013 mock trial teams, you should fill out an application — which can be picked up from Professor Schlueter (LFB 270) — and turn it back in to him no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 11, 2012**. When you turn in your application, you should sign up for a 15-minute interview, which will be conducted by the mock trial coaches on April 16th-18th. For the interview, you must be prepared to deliver an opening statement and cross examination on any topic for any case.

If you have previously participated in the EAP Mock Trial competitions **you need not fill out an application**. But you must e-mail Adjunct Professor Matt Cole ([mgcole@coxsmith.com](mailto:mgcole@coxsmith.com)), inform him NLT Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, of your desire to participate, and send him a current resume.

**Those selected for the 2012-2013 teams will be announced at the Barristers' Ball on Friday, April 20, 2012.** Those students will be required to attend a Mock Trial Academy, to be held shortly before the fall semester begins. That academy will familiarize students with basic litigation techniques and styles.

If you have any questions about the tryout procedures, please contact Ken Bell at [kenbelllaw@gmail.com](mailto:kenbelllaw@gmail.com).

### **RESCHEDULED DATE FOR FINANCIAL AID MEETING**

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs and the Office of Career Services presents:

**2L & 3L Financial Aid Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 12, 2012 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in LC 101**  
**and again from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in LC 103**

David Krause, Director of Financial Assistance for St. Mary's University will provide advice on making good student loan decisions during law school and how to manage your loans after graduation. Please RSVP through Symplicity if you plan to attend.

### **EVENING STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Evening Student Bar Association (ESBA) is accepting scholarship applications for law students with a minimum of 30 credit hours completed. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, community service and academic achievement. Applications are available in the SBA office or can be requested by e-mailing the ESBA at [StMarysESBA@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysESBA@gmail.com). The deadline for submission is **April 15, 2012** by 5:00 p.m.



## BARRISTER'S BALL

The **Board of Advocates** cordially invites you to the **Barrister's Ball Advocacy Awards Banquet** on **Friday, April 20, 2012, Pearl Brewery Stables, 307 Park Parkway**, San Antonio, Texas 78215. Tickets are \$35 each or \$60 for 2. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and awards at 7:00 p.m. Attire will be semi-formal.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM

Need money to study in Innsbruck this summer? The **Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship** is available to help fund participation in the Innsbruck summer program. All St. Mary's law students in good standing are eligible to apply. Recipients are chosen on the basis of need, and the awards may be used for transportation costs, tuition, books, room and board, or other expenses related to the program. **The application deadline is May 1, 2012.** For more information on the application process, please contact Ms. Guadalupe Valdez on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Faculty Building, or see or email Prof. Geary Reamey in LFB226. Don't miss your chance to study law with Justice Antonin Scalia this summer.

## TEXAS LAWYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Interested law students are invited to attend the **Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program** convention, which will be held **June 1-3, 2012** at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** here in **San Antonio**. The convention is an opportunity to attend sessions dealing with recovery and the legal profession and to network with lawyers who are in recovery and participating in 12-step programs. **Scholarships are available.** For more information, contact any one of the following: the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program ([www.texasbar.org/tlap](http://www.texasbar.org/tlap)), local attorney Tom Keyser ([tgk@keyserlawfirm.com](mailto:tgk@keyserlawfirm.com)), or Kathryn Tullos in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs ([ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu)).

## ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL WRITE-ON COMPETITION

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 44 Editorial Board is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2012–2013 academic year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the applicants with the top grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top weighted scores will be selected based on a combination of grades and writing ability.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of finals, **Friday, May 11**. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing.

The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well developed and properly cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application deadline is Friday, June 1, 2012. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of Friday, June 1 or earlier or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, June 1 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to Charles Ipock at [cipock@pga.com](mailto:cipock@pga.com). It is requested that all prospective staff writers sign-up for the *Journal's* writing competition TWEN site.

**VETERANS' CLINIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**Sponsored by the Military Law Association**

- Who?** YOU!
- What?** Veterans' Clinics
- When?** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:  
**Friday, April 20, 2012**  
Friday, May 18, 2012  
Friday, June 15, 2012  
Friday, July 20, 2012  
Friday, August 17, 2012  
Friday, September 21, 2012  
Friday, October 19, 2012  
Friday, November 16, 2012
- Where?** Audie Murphy Veterans' Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter St., San Antonio, TX 78229-4404
- Why?** This is a great pro bono opportunity for any law student to help serve those who chose to serve us. The San Antonio Bar Association's Community Justice Program (CJP) helps provide various pro bono needs in the area. The Veterans' Clinics are just one of the many CJP opportunities St. Mary's Law students can take part in to help those who would not otherwise be able to obtain legal services. Students who volunteer to help also help themselves in that the CJP legal service clinics are great learning opportunities. The student volunteers get a chance to meet and learn from local attorneys, judges, and other law oriented professionals while serving at the clinics. Don't miss these clinic opportunities to do some good for yourself and your community while in law school.
- How?** Go to the **Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site**, click the "sign-up sheets" option on the left of the screen, and then pick the "CJP Veterans Clinics" option. Once on the Veterans' Clinic sign-up sheet screen, please register for the clinics

by selecting the days you want to help. Additionally, if you know a veteran needing legal service, please have him or her call 210. 212.3740 or 210.212.3718 to schedule an appointment at the clinic. If you have any other questions about the Veterans' Clinic pro-bono service opportunity then please contact CJP Intern Jami Nance at [jami.nance@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nance@gmail.com), or the San Antonio Bar Association Community Justice Program Director, Amanda Reimherr Buckert at [amandab@sabar.org](mailto:amandab@sabar.org) or Suzanne DeWalt at [SuzanneD@sabar.org](mailto:SuzanneD@sabar.org). If you want to help in other areas the CJP has many other clinics which you can also access through the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS – OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

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 events; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **Patent Law Information Session**

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Practicing Law Institute (PLI) invites you to a presentation by Mark Dighton, PLI's Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course. Topics for discussion include the latest information on the Patent Bar Exam, who can take it, 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, and recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam. Scholarships to PLI's other IP programs will also be discussed. This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Society.

### **Class of 2012 Bar Lunch CLE: Surviving the Practice of Law as a Sole Practitioner**

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Sara E. Dysart will present Surviving the Practice of Law as a Sole Practitioner

Topics will cover: Business Plans, marketing plans, office logistics, finding clients, debt management and much more!

## **TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

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

### **ACADEMIC COURSE CREDIT FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Students who represent St. Mary's and compete in regional and national advocacy competitions are eligible to receive one-hour of academic credit for their participation. The student must have actually competed, or written a brief as a part of the competition, in order to receive the credit. Practicing with the team or traveling with a team as an alternate will not qualify. To apply for the credit, contact Professor Schlueter for a copy of the eligibility form, obtain the coach's signature certifying that you competed, and then get Professor Schlueter's signature. You will need to submit the completed form to Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Enrollment, Law Admissions, who will register you for the course. Once registered, you will need to pay tuition for the one-hour credit. **All of this must be done in the semester in which you competed.** Credit for the course will be on a pass-fail basis; your participation in the competition does not constitute an excused absence for any other classes; and the maximum number of credits available for regional and national competitions is three (3) hours of credit. Do not complete the form *until* after you have actually competed. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Schlueter, who is the Director of Advocacy Programs.

### **CAMPUS RECREATION**

The St. Mary's **Campus Recreation Department** is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Spring semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please contact Damian Medina, 210.431.2095 or email [dmedina9@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dmedina9@stmarytx.edu).

### **RATTLER WEEKENDS – SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, April 14, 2012 – San Antonio Spurs vs. Phoenix Suns  
 April 20-21, 2012 – Fiesta Oyster Bake Weekend  
 Friday, April 27, 2012 – University Ministry Christian Concert

For more information on Rattler events, please contact the Student Activities and Transition Programs at [studentactivities@stmarytx.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3714 or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, 210. 431.4340, [academicsupport@stmaryt.edu](mailto:academicsupport@stmaryt.edu).

## ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

The **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) is proud to announce its 2012 Law Student Scholarships. AAJ offers more than \$20,000 in annual scholarship funds. For a list of scholarships, and to apply, please go to the below link [http://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email\\_web\\_version.cfm?recipient\\_id=964009580&message\\_id=1863969&user\\_id=ATLA&group\\_id=802885&jobid=9505641](http://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?recipient_id=964009580&message_id=1863969&user_id=ATLA&group_id=802885&jobid=9505641) or contact Nyounti Tuan at [Nyounti.Tuan@justice.org](mailto:Nyounti.Tuan@justice.org) or 202-965-3500, ext. 8467.

The **Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas Chapter** is accepting applications for BLASK Fellowship Grants for summer federal interns. Grants up to \$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 2012 in the offices of a federal court or agency located within the Southern District of Texas. Eligibility – full-time students at any accredited law school who have completed at least 30 hours of course work by June 1, 2012; at the time of application, have a GPA which ranks in the top half of the applicant's law school class; and have secured or will secure an internship with a federal court or agency within the district. **Deadline** to apply is **Friday, April 13, 2012**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2012 Brief-Writing 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 Chicago on August 3, 2012. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email [platen@cooley.edu](mailto:platen@cooley.edu) or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 2607. Deadline to submit brief is **April 16, 2012**.

**NEW** - The **National Law Review** (NLR) is pleased to announce they are accepting

submissions for the NLR 2012 Law Student Writing Competition. Suggested topics are: Tax, Bankruptcy & Restructuring, and Healthcare Law. Submission deadline is **Monday, April 23, 2012**. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law. Additional information along with guidelines, rules, and an application can be found at [www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml). An entry form must be completed by **April 27, 2012**.

**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 27, 2012**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information please visit [http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf](http://nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf).

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2012 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, please go to <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is **May 31, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 1, 2012**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, [cdennis@innsocourt.org](mailto:cdennis@innsocourt.org) or visit [www.innsocourt.org](http://www.innsocourt.org).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?" 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its third year. 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>. Deadline to enter is **June 1, 2012**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the nineteenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 4, 2012**.

The **Committee on Animals and the Law of the New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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).

**NEW --** Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A. is committed to the advancement of diverse law students. Fostering diversity in the legal profession contributes to the quality of the profession and strengthens our ability to serve our clients and communities. As part of Cole Schotz's continuing commitment to inclusion in the legal community, we have created the **Cole Schotz Diversity Scholarship** and is open to a diverse, second-year, full time law student in good standing. It is a one-time \$5,000 scholarship. For eligibility requirements and an application, please email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Deadline to apply is **July 1, 2012**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.



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## FIESTA FAREWELL

**Fiesta Farewell** will honor the **Class of 2012** as “Almost Alumni” on **Monday, April 16, 2012**. **The program will begin at 12:00 p.m. in the Law School Plaza**. Remarks will be given by Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., L.L.M., Dean and St. Mary’s University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law and David C. Courreges, J.D., Partner at Hay Compere PLLC. Presentation of various awards and Blessing of Third Year Students will be given. Everyone is invited to a fiesta lunch and service awards. Graduation picture will follow the program. All graduating seniors are asked to dress appropriately.

## SUMMER 2012 AND FALL 2012 ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Registration for Summer and Fall semesters will be ongoing Monday, April 16, through Saturday, April 21, 2012 midnight. Go to Gateway at <http://gateway.stmarytx.edu> for on-line registration. You will find enrollment information by looking at the Course Schedule in Gateway. Be sure to check for **any holds** that **will prevent registration**. You may check on Gateway for confirmation of any holds.

Registration for **inter-session** will be held in **the fall semester**. Registration dates will be announced at a later date. Contact Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu) with questions.

## FEDERALIST SOCIETY DEBATE

The last meeting of the [Federalist Society](#) this year will be **Tuesday, April 17 at 8:30 a.m.** in Law **Classroom 101**. This event will be a joint presentation with the Center for Terrorism Law. **Prof. Bob Turner**, Associate Director for the Center for National Security Law at the University of Virginia, will be on hand to debate our own **Prof. Jeffrey Addicott** on the use of torture and enhanced interrogation techniques in the War on Terror. The event will occur within Prof. Addicott’s National Security Law class, but all students (not just those enrolled in the class), faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend. Breakfast tacos, orange juice, and coffee will be available.

The Federalist Society hosted 16 different events on campus this year, each featuring at least one distinguished guest addressing a timely legal or policy issue. **Many thanks** to the student body, administration, staff, and faculty who have helped make this a successful year for us. Faculty members who participated in debates and discussion panels include Professors Addicott, Ariens, Lund, Lytton, Reamey, and Reams.

**Officers for next year** will be President Joshua Wilson and Vice Presidents Paul Downey, Sandra Garant, Amanda James, Jamie Mathis, and Sayers Owen.

## MLA RACE T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

The **Military Law Association (MLA)** wants to thank everyone who competed in, volunteered to help with, and purchased t-shirts for the Second Annual MLA Long Mile 2. **The MLA still has race t-shirts available for sale at the reduced cost of \$15.** The goal of the MLA Long Mile 2 was to raise money and awareness of the Fisher House program. The Fisher House program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that which is normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. **Please help us out by showing your support for Fisher House by buying an event t-shirt.** Last year, thanks to the support of all sponsors we raised over \$2,600.00 that went to the Lackland and BAMC Fisher House organizations. This year our goal is to exceed last year's donations, and divide the support between Lackland, BAMC, and the new Fisher House location at the Audie Murphy V.A. Hospital. We still need your help to meet and hopefully beat our goal. **Stop in and buy a t-shirt in the Law Classroom Building on the following days, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, April 16, 17, 18, & 19, 2012,** or contact Mark Poling [mark@mark-poling.com](mailto:mark@mark-poling.com) if you'd like to reserve a size. Thank you again for your support and consideration.

## BARRISTER'S BALL

The **Board of Advocates** cordially invites you to the **Barrister's Ball Advocacy Awards Banquet** on **Friday, April 20, 2012, Pearl Brewery Stables, 307 Park Parkway, San Antonio, Texas 78215.** Tickets are \$35 each or \$60 for 2. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and awards at 7:00 p.m. Attire will be semi-formal.

## PRO BONO & PUBLIC INTEREST OPPORTUNITIES

**Attention students** - please continue to turn in your **pro bono hour tracking forms** via e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com), to the Assignment Drop Box located on the left side of the "Pro Bono Clinics / Community Service" TWEN page, or at carrel #130. You should then receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of your hours within 48 hours. If you do not, feel free to send an e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) to make sure your hours were received.

Student's who still wish to volunteer and earn hours that will count toward the Pro Bono Service Certificate should sign up on TWEN and mark their calendars to attend the following pro bono events:

- Tuesday, April 17 - Wills Clinic, St. Mary's Center for Legal & Social Justice, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 20 - Veterans' Clinic, Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 24 - CJP Clinic, Wesley Community Center, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 8 - CJP Clinic, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA), 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 18 - Veteran's Clinic, Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 12 - CJP Clinic, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA), 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 15 - Veteran's Clinic, Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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For more information, please visit TWEN or send an e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

## **CHINA PROGRAM REGISTRATION EXTENDED**

Applications for the China program this summer are still being accepted, although the recommended deadline has passed. Students are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible if you are planning to attend this summer. Do you have any questions or concerns? Please see Professor Bob Hu ([rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu)) or Prof. Vincent Johnson ([vjohnson@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vjohnson@stmarytx.edu)).

The China program combines serious legal studies with an enriching cultural experience, plus a possibility of internship with a Chinese or American firm. This will better prepare you for your career. And you get this whole package in a supportive environment and at a reasonable price. If you talk to any of the fifty students who attended the program in the last two years, they will tell you that the China program was a transforming experience for them.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM**

Need money to study in Innsbruck this summer? The **Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship** is available to help fund participation in the Innsbruck summer program. All St. Mary's law students in good standing are eligible to apply. Recipients are chosen on the basis of need, and the awards may be used for transportation costs, tuition, books, room and board, or other expenses related to the program. **The application deadline is May 1, 2012.** For more information on the application process, please contact Ms. Guadalupe Valdez on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Faculty Building, or see or email Prof. Geary Reamey in LFB226. Don't miss your chance to study law with Justice Antonin Scalia this summer.

## **ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL WRITE-ON COMPETITION**

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 44 Editorial Board is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2012–2013 academic year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the applicants with the top grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top weighted scores will be selected based on a combination of grades and writing ability.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of finals, **Friday, May 11**. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well developed and properly cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application deadline is Friday, June 1, 2012. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of Friday, June 1 or earlier or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, June 1 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to Charles Ipock at [cipock@pga.com](mailto:cipock@pga.com). It is requested that all prospective staff writers sign-up for the *Journal's* writing competition TWEN site.

**VETERANS' CLINIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**Sponsored by the Military Law Association**

- Who?** YOU!
- What?** Veterans' Clinics
- When?** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:  
**Friday, April 20, 2012**  
Friday, May 18, 2012  
Friday, June 15, 2012  
Friday, July 20, 2012  
Friday, August 17, 2012  
Friday, September 21, 2012  
Friday, October 19, 2012  
Friday, November 16, 2012
- Where?** Audie Murphy Veterans' Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter St., San Antonio, TX 78229-4404
- Why?** This is a great pro bono opportunity for any law student to help serve those who chose to serve us. The San Antonio Bar Association's Community Justice Program (CJP) helps provide various pro bono needs in the area. The Veterans' Clinics are just one of the many CJP opportunities St. Mary's Law students can take part in to help those who would not otherwise be able to obtain legal services. Students who volunteer to help also help themselves in that the CJP legal service clinics are great learning opportunities. The student volunteers get a chance to meet and learn from local attorneys, judges, and other law oriented professionals while serving at the clinics. Don't miss these clinic opportunities to do some good for yourself and your community while in law school.

## How?

Go to the **Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site**, click the “sign-up sheets” option on the left of the screen, and then pick the “CJP Veterans Clinics” option. Once on the Veterans’ Clinic sign-up sheet screen, please register for the clinics by selecting the days you want to help. Additionally, if you know a veteran needing legal service, please have him or her call 210. 212.3740 or 210.212.3718 to schedule an appointment at the clinic. If you have any other questions about the Veterans’ Clinic pro-bono service opportunity then please contact CJP Intern Jami Nance at [jami.nance@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nance@gmail.com), or the San Antonio Bar Association Community Justice Program Director, Amanda Reimherr Buckert at [amandab@sabar.org](mailto:amandab@sabar.org) or Suzanne DeWalt at [SuzanneD@sabar.org](mailto:SuzanneD@sabar.org). If you want to help in other areas the CJP has many other clinics which you can also access through the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site.

## STUDENT ABA MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

## ACADEMIC COURSE ADVISING

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will again offer **course advising** appointments to all law students. Come meet with us to ensure that you are taking the courses you need to pass the **Texas Bar Exam**, ensure that you are not taking an impossible course load, and get answers to any other questions you might have. Remember, all 1Ls who were required to participate in the **1L Fundamental Skills Workshop** are required to schedule a course advising appointment with our office. Failure to do so before you register will prevent you from registering for your summer and fall 2012 courses. Please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.4340 to schedule an appointment.

## TEXAS LAWYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Interested law students are invited to attend **the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program** convention, which will be held **June 1-3, 2012** at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** here in **San Antonio**. The convention is an opportunity to attend sessions dealing with recovery and the legal profession and to network with lawyers who are in recovery and participating in 12-step programs. **Scholarships are available**. For more information, contact any one of the following: the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program ([www.texasbar.org/tlap](http://www.texasbar.org/tlap)), local attorney Tom Keyser ([tgk@keyserlawfirm.com](mailto:tgk@keyserlawfirm.com)), or Kathryn Tullos in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs ([ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu)).

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The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its third year. 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>. Deadline to enter is **June 1, 2012**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the nineteenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 4, 2012**.

**NEW - Latham & Watkins** is pleased to announce the Latham Diversity Scholars Program which will award a \$10,000 non-renewable scholarship to six law students for use during their second year of law school. Details and application forms may be found at <http://www.lw.com/upload/aboutLatham/upload/docs/doc196.pdf>. Deadline to apply is **June 15, 2012**.

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The winner of the 2012 James Derrick III Constitutional Law Debate was **Meagan Scott (2L)**. **Nick Guinn (2L)** was the runner-up. **Outstanding 3L** was **Dexter Jordan** and **Outstanding 1L** was **Stephen Bachran**.

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

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Students who still wish to volunteer and earn hours that will count toward the Pro Bono Service Certificate should sign up on TWEN and mark their calendars to attend the following pro bono events:

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The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 44 Editorial Board is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2012–2013 academic year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the applicants with the top grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top weighted scores will be selected based on a combination of grades and writing ability.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of finals, **Friday, May 11**. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well developed and properly cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application deadline is Friday, June 1, 2012. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of Friday, June 1 or earlier or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, June 1 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to Charles Ipock at [cipock@pga.com](mailto:cipock@pga.com). It is requested that all prospective staff writers sign-up for the *Journal's*



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- Who?** YOU!
- What?** Veterans' Clinics
- When?** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:  
**Friday, May 18, 2012**  
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- Where?** Audie Murphy Veterans' Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter St., San Antonio, TX 78229-4404
- Why?** This is a great pro bono opportunity for any law student to help serve those who chose to serve us. The San Antonio Bar Association's Community Justice Program (CJP) helps provide various pro bono needs in the area. The Veterans' Clinics are just one of the many CJP opportunities St. Mary's Law students can take part in to help those who would not otherwise be able to obtain legal services. Students who volunteer to help also help themselves in that the CJP legal service clinics are great learning opportunities. The student volunteers get a chance to meet and learn from local attorneys, judges, and other law oriented professionals while serving at the clinics. Don't miss these clinic opportunities to do some good for yourself and your community while in law school.
- How?** Go to the **Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site**, click the "sign-up sheets" option on the left of the screen, and then pick the "CJP Veterans Clinics" option. Once on the Veterans' Clinic sign-up sheet screen, please register for the clinics by selecting the days you want to help. Additionally, if you know a veteran needing legal service, please have him or her call 210. 212.3740 or 210.212.3718 to schedule an appointment at the clinic. If you have any other questions about the Veterans' Clinic pro-bono service opportunity then please contact CJP Intern Jami Nance at [jami.nance@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nance@gmail.com), or the San Antonio Bar Association Community Justice Program Director, Amanda Reimherr Buckert at [amandab@sabar.org](mailto:amandab@sabar.org) or Suzanne DeWalt at [SuzanneD@sabar.org](mailto:SuzanneD@sabar.org). If you want to help in other areas the CJP has many other clinics which you can also access through the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site.



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On Friday, June 1, 2012, the San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will partner with the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association (SAYLA), the United States District Clerk's Office, and a Planning Committee comprised of lawyers from a wide variety of the San Antonio legal community to host its sixth annual program designed for summer associates, summer law clerks, law students, and young lawyers who are interested in a comprehensive overview of the work of the United States District Court and federal practice. Expected speakers include: Chief U.S. District Judge Fred Biery; U.S. District Judge Xavier Rodriguez; U.S. Magistrate Judge Pamela Mathy; U.S. District Clerk William Putnicki; San Antonio Divisional Office Manager Michael Oakes of the U.S. District Clerk's Office; and a panel of civil and criminal practitioners who will discuss the work of young lawyers in federal practice.

The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom No. 2 of the John H. Wood Jr. U.S. Courthouse, 655 E. Durango Boulevard. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. Law students are welcomed free. Business dress is recommended.

A Happy Hour sponsored by SAYLA and local law firms will follow. The social event will include beverages and appetizers at Azuca Nuevo Latino bar on 713 S. Alamo and will take place after the program until 6:30 p.m.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP via email by 12:00 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2011, with your contact information to: Rachael Rubenstein, St. Mary's University, Center for Legal and Social Justice, Ph: (210) 431-5757 fax: (210) 431-5700, [rrubenstein@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rrubenstein@stmarytx.edu).

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**Attention students** - please continue to turn in your **pro bono hour tracking forms** via e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com), to the Assignment Drop Box located on the left side of the "Pro Bono Clinics / Community Service" TWEN page, or at carrel #130. You should then receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of your hours within 48 hours. If you do not, feel free to send an e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) to make sure your hours were received.



Student's who still wish to volunteer and earn hours that will count toward the Pro Bono Service Certificate should sign up on TWEN and mark their calendars to attend the following pro bono events:

**Tuesday, May 8 - CJP Clinic, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA), 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Friday, May 18 - Veteran's Clinic, Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Friday, July 20 - Veteran's Clinic, Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 24 - CJP Clinic, Wesley Community Center, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

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Friday, August 17 - Veteran's Clinic, Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit TWEN or send an e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

### **CHINA PROGRAM REGISTRATION EXTENDED**

Applications for the China program this summer are still being accepted, although the recommended deadline has passed. Students are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible if you are planning to attend this summer. Do you have any questions or concerns? Please see Professor Bob Hu ([rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu)) or Prof. Vincent Johnson ([vjohnson@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vjohnson@stmarytx.edu)).

The China program combines serious legal studies with an enriching cultural experience, plus a possibility of internship with a Chinese or American firm. This will better prepare you for your career. And you get this whole package in a supportive environment and at a reasonable price. If you talk to any of the fifty students who attended the program in the last two years, they will tell you that the China program was a transforming experience for them.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM**

Need money to study in Innsbruck this summer? The **Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship** is available to help fund participation in the Innsbruck summer program. All St. Mary's law students in good standing are eligible to apply. Recipients are chosen on the basis of need, and the awards may be used for transportation costs, tuition, books, room and board, or other expenses related to the program. **The application deadline is May 1, 2012.** For more information on the application process, please contact Ms. Guadalupe Valdez on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Faculty Building, or see or email Prof. Geary Reamey in LFB226. Don't miss your chance to study law with Justice Antonin Scalia this summer.

### **ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL WRITE-ON COMPETITION**

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 44 Editorial Board is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified



applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2012–2013 academic year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the applicants with the top grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top weighted scores will be selected based on a combination of grades and writing ability.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of finals, **Friday, May 11**. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well developed and properly cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application deadline is Friday, June 1, 2012. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of Friday, June 1 or earlier or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, June 1 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to Charles Ipock at [cipock@pga.com](mailto:cipock@pga.com). It is requested that all prospective staff writers sign-up for the *Journal's* writing competition TWEN site.

**VETERANS' CLINIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**Sponsored by the Military Law Association**

- Who?** YOU!
- What?** Veterans' Clinics
- When?** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:  
**Friday, May 18, 2012**  
Friday, June 15, 2012  
Friday, July 20, 2012  
Friday, August 17, 2012  
Friday, September 21, 2012  
Friday, October 19, 2012  
Friday, November 16, 2012
- Where?** Audie Murphy Veterans' Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter St., San Antonio, TX 78229-4404
- Why?** This is a great pro bono opportunity for any law student to help serve those who chose to serve us. The San Antonio Bar Association's Community Justice Program (CJP) helps provide various pro bono needs in the area. The Veterans' Clinics are just one of the many CJP opportunities St. Mary's Law students can

take part in to help those who would not otherwise be able to obtain legal services. Students who volunteer to help also help themselves in that the CJP legal service clinics are great learning opportunities. The student volunteers get a chance to meet and learn from local attorneys, judges, and other law oriented professionals while serving at the clinics. Don't miss these clinic opportunities to do some good for yourself and your community while in law school.

**How?** Go to the **Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site**, click the "sign-up sheets" option on the left of the screen, and then pick the "CJP Veterans Clinics" option. Once on the Veterans' Clinic sign-up sheet screen, please register for the clinics by selecting the days you want to help. Additionally, if you know a veteran needing legal service, please have him or her call 210. 212.3740 or 210.212.3718 to schedule an appointment at the clinic. If you have any other questions about the Veterans' Clinic pro-bono service opportunity then please contact CJP Intern Jami Nance at [jami.nance@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nance@gmail.com), or the San Antonio Bar Association Community Justice Program Director, Amanda Reimherr Buckert at [amandab@sabar.org](mailto:amandab@sabar.org) or Suzanne DeWalt at [SuzanneD@sabar.org](mailto:SuzanneD@sabar.org). If you want to help in other areas the CJP has many other clinics which you can also access through the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site.

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

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

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Interested law students are invited to attend **the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program** convention, which will be held **June 1-3, 2012** at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** here in **San Antonio**. The convention is an opportunity to attend sessions dealing with recovery and the legal

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

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

<u><i>Examination Dates</i></u>	<u><i>File No Earlier Than</i></u>	<u><i>Timely Postmark Deadline</i></u>	<u><i>Absolute Postmark Deadline</i></u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
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Students who represent St. Mary’s and compete in regional and national advocacy competitions are eligible to receive one-hour of academic credit for their participation. The student must have actually competed, or written a brief as a part of the competition, in order to receive the credit. Practicing with the team or traveling with a team as an alternate will not qualify. To apply for the credit, contact Professor Schlueter for a copy of the eligibility form, obtain the coach’s signature certifying that you competed, and then get Professor Schlueter’s signature. You will need to submit the completed form to Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Enrollment, Law Admissions, who will register you for the course. Once registered, you will need to pay tuition for the one-hour credit. **All of this must be done in the semester in which you competed.** Credit for the course will be on a pass-fail basis; your participation in the competition does not constitute an excused absence for any other classes; and the maximum number of credits available for regional and national competitions is three (3) hours of credit. Do not complete the form *until* after you have actually competed. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Schlueter, who is the Director of Advocacy Programs.

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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.

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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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

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## PRO BONO AND SERVICE RECOGNITION WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Pro Bono and Community Service programs** this year. The Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) is always grateful for the time you donate to our programs and community. Student participation in the pro bono programs is key to keeping the clinics running to better serve the community. The CLSJ would like to recognize several students for their outstanding service this year. All awards are based, at least in part, on accurate pro bono and community service hours submitted.

The **Pro Bono Service Award** is given to one graduating student at graduation, and awards the student's service throughout his or her law school career. This year's Award recipient was an active volunteer in the pro bono programs during her entire law school career. She initiated St. Mary's participation with the CJP's Veterans Clinic and served as student coordinator for that clinic. Because of her efforts, the Veterans Clinic is now one of the most active Clinics in our pro bono program. She was always willing to volunteer her time and energy to pro bono efforts with an attitude of humble service to those in need. The Center for Legal and Social Justice proudly congratulates **Ann Marie Matonak** as our Pro Bono Service Award recipient for the 2011-2012 year.

The **1L and 2L Service Recognitions** are given to students who report the most hours of volunteer work through the year. The 1L with the most reported pro bono hours is **Margaret L. Swyers** and the 1L with the most reported pro bono and community service hours combined is **Stephanie May**. The 2L with the most reported pro bono hours is **Jason Hebert** and the 2L with the most reported pro bono and community service hours combined is **Elizabeth Gutierrez**. Thank you to these students for donating and tracking their time.

As a reminder, the CLSJ collects pro bono and community service hours all year, but our deadline for awards recognition is early April. Keep up the hard work and keep tracking your hours.

## INNSBRUCK SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to the below named recipients of the 2012 Innsbruck scholarships.

### **Flint Fund**

Aaron Culp, 1L  
Jordan Davisson, 2L  
Lauren Kleinschmidt, 1L

### **Sara Thompson Scholarship**

Matthew Powell, 1L  
Julie Wilson, 2L

## STUDENT LOCKERS

It is time to **renew** your rental locker agreement. The 2012-2013 **locker renewal fee is \$35**. Checks should be made payable to the Student Bar Association. If you will not be renewing your agreement, please **return your locker key** no later than **Friday, May 11, 2012 to the Student Bar Association office in Raba**. Student accounts will be charged \$50 for any



locker key not returned. Any locker that is not renewed will be emptied on **June 1, 2012**. Third year students who need their locker for bar purposes, please email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) so that your locker items are not discarded.

## **SUMMER ASSOCIATE/CLERK AND YOUNG LAWYER AFTERNOON IN THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE**

On **Friday, June 1, 2012**, the San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will partner with the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association (SAYLA), the United States District Clerk's Office, and a Planning Committee comprised of lawyers from a wide variety of the San Antonio legal community to host its **sixth annual program** designed for summer associates, summer law clerks, law students, and young lawyers who are interested in a **comprehensive overview of the work of the United States District Court and federal practice**. Expected speakers include: Chief U.S. District Judge **Fred Biery**; U.S. District Judge **Xavier Rodriguez**; U.S. Magistrate Judge **Pamela Mathy**; U.S. District Clerk **William Putnicki**; San Antonio Divisional Office Manager **Michael Oakes** of the U.S. District Clerk's Office; and a panel of civil and criminal practitioners who will discuss the work of young lawyers in federal practice.

The program will begin at **1:00 p.m.** in Courtroom No. 2 of the John H. Wood Jr. U.S. Courthouse, 655 E. Durango Boulevard. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. Law students are welcomed free. Business dress is recommended.

A Happy Hour sponsored by SAYLA and local law firms will follow. The social event will include beverages and appetizers at Azuca Nuevo Latino bar on 713 S. Alamo and will take place after the program until 6:30 p.m.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP via email by 12:00 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2011, with your contact information to: Rachael Rubenstein, St. Mary's University, Center for Legal and Social Justice, Ph: (210) 431-5757 fax: (210) 431-5700, [rrubenstein@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rrubenstein@stmarytx.edu).

## **PRO BONO & PUBLIC INTEREST OPPORTUNITIES**

**Attention students** - please continue to turn in your **pro bono hour tracking forms** via e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com), to the Assignment Drop Box located on the left side of the "Pro Bono Clinics / Community Service" TWEN page, or at carrel #130. You should then receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of your hours within 48 hours. If you do not, feel free to send an e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) to make sure your hours were received.

Student's who still wish to volunteer and earn hours that will count toward the Pro Bono Service Certificate should sign up on TWEN and mark their calendars to attend the following pro bono events:

**Tuesday, May 8 - CJP Clinic, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA), 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.**  
Friday, May 18 - Veteran's Clinic, Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 12 - CJP Clinic, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA), 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, June 15 - Veteran's Clinic, Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 17 - Wills Clinic, St. Mary's Center for Legal & Social Justice, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Friday, July 20 - Veteran's Clinic, Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 24 - CJP Clinic, Wesley Community Center, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 14 - CJP Clinic, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA), 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
Friday, August 17 - Veteran's Clinic, Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit TWEN or send an e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

## **CHINA PROGRAM REGISTRATION EXTENDED**

Applications for the China program this summer are still being accepted, although the recommended deadline has passed. Students are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible if you are planning to attend this summer. Do you have any questions or concerns? Please see Professor Bob Hu ([rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu)) or Prof. Vincent Johnson ([vjohnson@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vjohnson@stmarytx.edu)).

The China program combines serious legal studies with an enriching cultural experience, plus a possibility of internship with a Chinese or American firm. This will better prepare you for your career. And you get this whole package in a supportive environment and at a reasonable price. If you talk to any of the fifty students who attended the program in the last two years, they will tell you that the China program was a transforming experience for them.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM**

Need money to study in Innsbruck this summer? The **Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship** is available to help fund participation in the Innsbruck summer program. All St. Mary's law students in good standing are eligible to apply. Recipients are chosen on the basis of need, and the awards may be used for transportation costs, tuition, books, room and board, or other expenses related to the program. **The application deadline is May 1, 2012.** For more information on the application process, please contact Ms. Guadalupe Valdez on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Faculty Building, or see or email Prof. Geary Reamey in LFB226. Don't miss your chance to study law with Justice Antonin Scalia this summer.

## **ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL WRITE-ON COMPETITION**

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 44 Editorial Board is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2012–2013 academic year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the applicants with the top grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top weighted scores will be selected based on a

combination of grades and writing ability.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of finals, **Friday, May 11**. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well developed and properly cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application deadline is Friday, June 1, 2012. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of Friday, June 1 or earlier or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, June 1 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to Charles Ipock at [cipock@pga.com](mailto:cipock@pga.com). It is requested that all prospective staff writers sign-up for the *Journal's* writing competition TWEN site.

**VETERANS' CLINIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**Sponsored by the Military Law Association**

- Who?** YOU!
- What?** Veterans' Clinics
- When?** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:  
**Friday, May 18, 2012**  
Friday, June 15, 2012  
Friday, July 20, 2012  
Friday, August 17, 2012  
Friday, September 21, 2012  
Friday, October 19, 2012  
Friday, November 16, 2012
- Where?** Audie Murphy Veterans' Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter St., San Antonio, TX 78229-4404
- Why?** This is a great pro bono opportunity for any law student to help serve those who chose to serve us. The San Antonio Bar Association's Community Justice Program (CJP) helps provide various pro bono needs in the area. The Veterans' Clinics are just one of the many CJP opportunities St. Mary's Law students can take part in to help those who would not otherwise be able to obtain legal services. Students who volunteer to help also help themselves in that the CJP legal service clinics are great learning opportunities. The student volunteers get a chance to meet and learn from local attorneys, judges, and other law oriented professionals while serving at the clinics. Don't miss these clinic opportunities to do some good for yourself and your community while in law school.

**How?** Go to the **Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site**, click the “sign-up sheets” option on the left of the screen, and then pick the “CJP Veterans Clinics” option. Once on the Veterans’ Clinic sign-up sheet screen, please register for the clinics by selecting the days you want to help. Additionally, if you know a veteran needing legal service, please have him or her call 210. 212.3740 or 210.212.3718 to schedule an appointment at the clinic. If you have any other questions about the Veterans’ Clinic pro-bono service opportunity then please contact CJP Intern Jami Nance at [jami.nance@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nance@gmail.com), or the San Antonio Bar Association Community Justice Program Director, Amanda Reimherr Buckert at [amandab@sabar.org](mailto:amandab@sabar.org) or Suzanne DeWalt at [SuzanneD@sabar.org](mailto:SuzanneD@sabar.org). If you want to help in other areas the CJP has many other clinics which you can also access through the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site.

## STUDENT ABA MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

## TEXAS LAWYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Interested law students are invited to attend **the Texas Lawyers’ Assistance Program** convention, which will be held **June 1-3, 2012** at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** here in **San Antonio**. The convention is an opportunity to attend sessions dealing with recovery and the legal profession and to network with lawyers who are in recovery and participating in 12-step programs. **Scholarships are available**. For more information, contact any one of the following: the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program ([www.texasbar.org/tlap](http://www.texasbar.org/tlap)), local attorney Tom Keyser ([tgk@keyserlawfirm.com](mailto:tgk@keyserlawfirm.com)), or Kathryn Tullos in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs ([ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu)).

## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

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

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

## ACADEMIC COURSE CREDIT FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Students who represent St. Mary's and compete in regional and national advocacy competitions are eligible to receive one-hour of academic credit for their participation. The student must have actually competed, or written a brief as a part of the competition, in order to receive the credit. Practicing with the team or traveling with a team as an alternate will not qualify. To apply for the credit, contact Professor Schlueter for a copy of the eligibility form, obtain the coach's signature certifying that you competed, and then get Professor Schlueter's signature. You will need to submit the completed form to Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Enrollment, Law Admissions, who will register you for the course. Once registered, you will need to pay tuition for the one-hour credit. **All of this must be done in the semester in which you competed.** Credit for the course will be on a pass-fail basis; your participation in the competition does not constitute an excused absence for any other classes; and the maximum number of credits available for regional and national competitions is three (3) hours of credit. Do not complete the form *until* after you have actually competed. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Schlueter, who is the Director of Advocacy Programs.

## CAMPUS RECREATION

The St. Mary's **Campus Recreation Department** is promoting **fitness classes** for all students, faculty and staff. This Spring semester, make physical fitness part of your overall health and well-being. For a schedule of classes, please contact Damian Medina, 210.431.2095 or email [dmedina9@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dmedina9@stmarytx.edu).

## ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GRAFFITI ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN

Join the St. Mary's University **Neighborhood Graffiti Abatement Campaign** every **first**

**Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. Please email, Burke at [bcmarold@gmail.com](mailto:bcmarold@gmail.com) for more information.

## **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, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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

The **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) is proud to announce its 2012 Law Student Scholarships. AAJ offers more than \$20,000 in annual scholarship funds. For a list of scholarships, and to apply, please go to the below link [http://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email\\_web\\_version.cfm?recipient\\_id=964009580&message\\_id=1863969&user\\_id=ATLA&group\\_id=802885&jobid=9505641](http://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?recipient_id=964009580&message_id=1863969&user_id=ATLA&group_id=802885&jobid=9505641) or contact Nyounti Tuan at [Nyounti.Tuan@justice.org](mailto:Nyounti.Tuan@justice.org) or 202-965-3500, ext. 8467.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXV **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a 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 **May 7, 2012**.

**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. Competition rules are at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2012**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2012 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 18, 2012**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2012 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, please go to <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>. Application deadline is **May 31, 2012**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php](http://www.ilstexas.org/ttlq.php). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2012**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 1, 2012**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, [cdennis@innsofcourt.org](mailto:cdennis@innsofcourt.org) or visit [www.innsofcourt.org](http://www.innsofcourt.org).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fourth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?" 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, 2012**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its third year. 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>. Deadline to enter is **June 1, 2012**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the nineteenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 4, 2012**.

**Latham & Watkins** is pleased to announce the Latham Diversity Scholars Program which will award a \$10,000 non-renewable scholarship to six law students for use during their second year of law school. Details and application forms may be found at <http://www.lw.com/upload/aboutLatham/upload/docs/doc196.pdf>. Deadline to apply is **June 15, 2012**.

**NEW -- Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship Application** is now available. *Application deadline is June 22, 2012*. Baker Donelson is committed to fostering an inclusive environment where the individual differences among us are understood, respected, appreciated and recognized as sources of strength of the Firm. Baker Donelson will award three scholarships to diverse law students who will complete their first year of law school by June 2012. Recipients

will be awarded a six-week, salaried 2L Summer Associate position for the summer of 2013 in one of our following offices: Birmingham, AL; Orlando, FL; Atlanta, GA; Baton Rouge and New Orleans, LA; Jackson, MS; Chattanooga, Johnson City, Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville, TN; or Houston, TX. Additionally, each recipient will be awarded \$10,000 which will be paid prior to the student's third year of law school to help defray the cost of law school tuition and related expenses. **For complete eligibility criteria, instructions, and to apply please visit: [www.bakerdonelson.com/diversity-scholarship-diversity-practices](http://www.bakerdonelson.com/diversity-scholarship-diversity-practices).** Deadline to apply is **June 22, 2012**.

The **Committee on Animals and the Law** of the **New York State Bar Association** announces 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 a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **June 29, 2012**. 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).

Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A. is committed to the advancement of diverse law students. Fostering diversity in the legal profession contributes to the quality of the profession and strengthens our ability to serve our clients and communities. As part of Cole Schotz's continuing commitment to inclusion in the legal community, we have created the **Cole Schotz Diversity Scholarship** and is open to a diverse, second-year, full time law student in good standing. It is a one-time \$5,000 scholarship. For eligibility requirements and an application, please email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Deadline to apply is **July 1, 2012**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2012 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 3, 2012**.

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 **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**.