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WITAN

St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue 1 August 23, 2004 By VRJ

WELCOME BACK **By Dean Bill Piatt**

It's that time of the year again. We are filled with the excitement of a brand new academic year. We welcome back our veteran 2L and 3L students, as we bring 295 enthusiastic 1L's into our community. There are some very good things going on here. We recently learned that we have received an additional \$100,000 grant to continue the tremendous work of the Center for Terrorism Law. Congratulations to Professors Addicott and Summers, and their staff, for this excellent achievement. We will soon receive important national recognition from another source. Stay tuned for further details. Sister Grace continues preparations for our Red Mass in October, as Assistant Dean Al Hartman gathers the troops for our Distinguished Alumni dinner in that same month. In the meantime, I am meeting with our alumni throughout the state, as we continue our recruitment, placement, and development efforts. This is going to be a great year, and we look forward to sharing the adventure with you. Please let me know how we can assist you.

COURSE CHANGES FOR FALL 2004 SEMESTER ONLY

Wednesday, August 25 and **Thursday, August 26.** Course Change forms, downloaded from the web page, <http://law.stmarytx.edu> (click "Students o Ms. Bebe Gonzales, Law Administration Building, Room 105 between 8:00 and 5:00 pm on Wednesday and Thursday. Listing of class closures is located in the hallway outside of the Admissions Office. Approximately one hour after the form is submitted, students may check ATROX for verification of the change. If you plan to change classes, please begin attending the "right" class from the first day of the semester.

Miscellaneous:

1. You cannot be enrolled for more than 16 hours in the fall or spring semesters.
2. In rare cases, written permission may be granted to enroll for more than the number of credit hours allowed per semester. See Associate Dean Johnson for approval. Dean

Johnson's signature on registration form will suffice.

3. You cannot be enrolled for classes that meet at the same time or if scheduled meeting times overlap.

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ATTENTION FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Mandatory Meeting with the Texas Board of Law Examiners

Mr. Jack Marshall from the Texas Board of Law Examiners will hold a **mandatory meeting** for all first-year students on **Wednesday, August 25, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. in LC101-102-103 in the Law Classroom Building.** At this time, he will explain the procedure for filing the

Declaration of Intention To Study Law and will answer student questions about the process.

FINGERPRINTING FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

To assist first-year students in completing their Declaration of Intent To Study Law (the filing deadline is October 1, 2004), the University Police provides the fingerprinting service at no charge. Officers will be available: **Law Classroom Building, West Lobby, Thursday, August 25, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Friday, August 26, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Fingerprint cards will be available on site.

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UNIVERSITY STUDENT HEALTH PLAN ENROLLMENT

The University has arranged to make available a student tailored health plan for a fraction of the cost of an outside individual plan.”

COMPARE & DECIDE

University Student Health Plan.....\$393. for 12 months (\$197 per semester and \$98 Summer)
Individual Blue Cross Plan.....\$2,316. for 12 months (male)
 \$2,988. for 12 months (female)

PLUS: Family coverage can be included at an additional cost.

Contact the Student Health Center for details.....436-3506
Enrollment deadline is **September 19, 2004.**

FACULTY NOTES

Assistant Professor Jeffrey Addicott spoke on terrorism law to the international and operational judge advocates in the Israeli Defense Force. The address took place on July 27, 2004 and was in conjunction with formal meetings with subject matter experts from Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv University, the Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs and the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism. The presentations and meetings were conducted under the auspices of St. Mary’s University School of Law, Center for Terrorism Law.

WRITING COMPETITIONS

Unless otherwise noted, copies of detailed information regarding any writing competitions, fellowships and scholarships are located in the office of Ms. Bebe Gonzales, Room 105 of the law administration building.

The **Philadelphia Legal Assistance Center, Inc. (PLA)** is interested in sponsoring eligible law students for a **Skadden, Independence or Equal Justice Works** fellowship. Applicants are asked to submit the following information, with at least the first two items in the initial application:

1. Cover letter describing applicant’s interest and career goals;
2. Complete resume;
3. Three references, including written letters of references;
4. Two legal writing samples;
5. Law school transcript.

This material should be sent to PLA as soon as possible but no later than **September 3, 2004**. Applications should be mailed to: Anita Santos-Singh, Executive Director, Philadelphia Legal Assistance, 1424 Chestnut Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102. Questions may be directed to Ms. Santos-Singh at Asantos@philalegal.org or (215) 981-3808.

Soros Justice Advocacy, Senior & Media Fellowships. The Criminal Justice Initiative of the Open Society Institute supports individuals who will further its mission of reducing the nation's over-reliance on policies of punishment and incarceration, restoring discretion and fairness to the U.S. criminal justice system, and encouraging the successful reentry and reintegration of former prisoners. Since its inception in 1997, the Fellowship program has awarded grants to nearly 150 outstanding individuals, including dynamic grassroots advocates and organizers, nationally and internationally known criminal justice experts, investigative journalists, former prisoners and other professionals who have demonstrated tremendous promise at the outset of their careers in law, public health, and public policy. Stipends range from \$45,000-70,000.00 annually for one to three-year projects. For more information, or the Fellowship program's application, please visit the Open Society Institute website at www.soros.org/crime. Deadline to apply is **September 26, 2003**.

The **American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers** is pleased to announce an award to be presented for the best publishable article or substantial book review, the best book chapter or book, and the best student case note or comment on a topic dealing with consumer financial services law. The awards include a cash payment of, respectively, \$2000, \$2500, and \$1000, a Certificate of Recognition from the College, and travel expenses to attend the Spring 2005 meeting of the College to receive the award. In any year, depending on submissions, all three awards, or fewer, may be made. Entries for an award may be published or unpublished, and must be submitted to the College before **December 1, 2004**. Eight copies of each entry should be submitted to: Fred H. Miller, Kenneth E. McAfee Chair in Law and Centennial Professor of Law, George Lynn Cross Research Professor, University of Oklahoma College of Law, 300 Timberdell Road, Norman OK 73019.

The **NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund** is currently sponsoring two contests. The **Law Student Essay Contest 2004-2005** will commence June 1, 2004 and conclude **May 31, 2005**. The subject of this contest is "The Right of the Individual to Keep and Bear Arms as a Federally Protected Right." Cash prizes will be awarded to First, Second, Third and Fourth place winners in the amounts of \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively. The contest is open to all individuals who are law students at the date of submission and who have not been previously admitted to practice law in the United States. Admission to practice after submission of the students paper is not disqualifying. Papers should be double spaced, not exceed 30 pages in length, exclusive of endnotes, of law review quality, and cannot have been previously published. Citations should conform with A Uniform System of Citation, current edition.

The second contest is **Scholarships For Law Students**. Scholarships are being awarded to law students who submit articles on the constitutional right to keep and bear arms of quality

suitable for publication in a law review journal. The contest is open to all individuals who are law students at the date of submission and who have not been previously admitted to practice law in the United States; such students shall be in good standing in an accredited law school as third-year law school students as of Fall, 2004. Admission to practice after submission of the students paper is not disqualifying. Papers cannot have been previously published. Publication subsequent to submission is encouraged. Citations should conform with *A Uniform System of Citation*, current edition. The article must be received on or before **June 1, 2005**. Prizes are as follows: First Place: \$12,500 toward tuition, Second Place: \$5,000; Third Place: \$2,500. Papers are to be submitted to: NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund, Office of General Counsel, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. For any additional information, please call (703) 267-1252 or visit the NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund webpage at www.nradefensefund.org.

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ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL

The Editorial Board of the *St. Mary's Law Journal* is pleased to announce the following students have been selected as Staff Writers for Volume 36.

Angelle Adams	Zachary O. Luce
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Justin M. Jackson	Fredricka A. Smith
Michael Y. Kim	Ryan M. Smith
Lorien K. Little	Jay Paul Warren
Wayne S. Livingstone	Marc K. Whyte
Gabriel E. Lopez	Nathaniel D. Wong

ADVOCACY PROGRAMS ORIENTATION

St. Mary's is justifiably proud about the accomplishments in its advocacy programs. If you would like to hear more information about the opportunities presented in those programs, then please attend a special orientation session on Thursday, **September 2, 2004** in law classroom 101 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Representatives of the Board of Advocates and the External Advocacy Program will provide helpful information on how to get involved in the advocacy programs and will also provide dates and information on up-coming internal and

external competitions.

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FACULTY NOTES

Assistant Professor Jeffrey Addicott presented five formal sessions on terrorism law to over 600 attendees in Bogotá, Colombia, from August 12-13, 2004. The sessions were for three hours each and were given to the DAS (the equivalent of our FBI), senior military Colonel and General officers at the Colombian War College (2 sessions), civilian law students, and officer cadets at the Colombian War College (the equivalent of our West Point). As the Director of the Center for Terrorism Law, Professor Addicott spoke on various legal issues associated with the War on Terror to include narco-terrorism.

Associate Dean Vincent R. Johnson, during the summer, participated in the American Bar Association's Asia Law Initiative Legal Reform Program in Mongolia. He conducted workshops on legal ethics in Ulaanbaatar for more than one-tenth of the 1000 lawyers in Mongolia. He also spoke at three universities in Beijing, China, about recent developments in American tort law relating to products liability and public nuisance.

PRO BONO FAIR

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Law students should bring copies of their resume and submit them with the organizations they are interested in volunteering with. Students are encouraged to meet with each organization's lawyer, inquire about the type of law the attorneys practice, and find out what type of legal work they would be doing as a volunteer. After reviewing the resumes, each organization will select a student or students to volunteer. The organization will call the student to make the student an offer for a volunteer position. If the student accepts then the organization and student plan a volunteer work schedule. Should students have any questions please call Joaquin Amaya, Director of the Public Interest Law Program, at 431-5765.

Student Organization Guidelines **St. Mary's University School of Law**

August 27, 2004

I. Organization Funding

- A. In order to receive funds from the law school, a student organization must:
- I. Be officially approved by the law faculty;
 - II. Have submitted to the Office of the Dean a current list of officers and contact information; and
 - III. Comply with the rules on fundraising, publicity, and use of facilities stated below.

All funding requests shall be submitted in writing to the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs with the appropriate form, which can be obtained in the Administration Building from Ms. Bebe Gonzales in room 105.

- B. **Initial Activity Grants.** Each semester, each officially approved student organization is entitled to receive an initial activity grant of \$150 to support an event on campus, open to the law school community, that contributes to the intellectual life of the law school, such as speakers, panels, and the like. The money may be used for refreshments to help draw a crowd or for other costs of the event. A closed meeting of organization membership or party does not qualify for a grant. Two or more organizations may pool their funds to sponsor an event, although amounts spent on food for an event ordinarily may not exceed \$150. An organization that uses less than \$150 of an initial activity grant may use the balance of the grant for similar purposes later in the semester. No entitlements are carried over from semester to semester or year to year. For all purposes of these guidelines, "contributing to the intellectual life of the law school" shall be construed broadly.
- C. **Additional Activity Grants.** Each semester a limited number of additional discretionary activity grants in the amount of \$150, for the purpose of supporting activities open to the law school community that contribute to the intellectual life of the law school, may be made to organizations that have already used their initial grants to support successful events. The merits of such applications will be judged not on the subject matter of the proposal, but on the basis of whether the event is well planned and not duplicative of other recent events.
- D. **Public Service Grants.** Each semester, 15 grants in the amount of \$150 will be

available to support public service projects of student organizations. In an appropriate case, two or more organizations may receive grants to work on the same project.

- E. **Extraordinary Grants.** Limited funds may be available each semester to support extraordinarily meritorious student organization activities, including religious activities, that deserve financial support beyond that available through activity grants. Travel to conferences not involving participation in advocacy competitions will not be funded.

- F. **Banquet Funding.** The law school will contribute \$6000 (plus the cost of faculty tickets) to an annual awards banquet organized and conducted under the auspices of the Board of Advocates. Awards eligible for presentation at the banquet include not only those relating to competitions sponsored by the Board of Advocates, but also any other advocacy competition in which St. Mary's law students participate.

Individual organization banquets will not be funded. However, organizations may hold banquets for their members, the costs of which may be financed through ticket sales, membership dues, sales of goods or services, and fundraising.

II Fundraising by Organizations

All fundraising by student organizations (including solicitation of banquet sponsorships) must obtain prior written approval from the Assistant Dean for Alumni Relations and Development (Al Hartman). This rule applies to solicitation of both cash and in-kind contributions. Failure to comply with this rule is a violation of university policy and subject to sanctions under the terms of the university Student Handbook. A request for approval of fundraising should identify with reasonable precision the nature of the fundraising activity, its magnitude, and the individuals, businesses, or firms who will be solicited.

III Publicity for Student Organization Events (Posting of Notices)

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IV. Use of Facilities

- A. With appropriate notice, housekeeping can be called upon to set up or take down chair and tables. The charges for these services will be paid by the law school, rather than the organization, provided that the services requested are minimal. A request for services may be placed by contacting the Dean's Office.
- B. If members of an organization move furniture in connection with an event, they must return the furniture to its original location immediately after the event, unless other arrangements have been made.
- C. Organization members should exercise primary responsibility for ensuring that the venue of an event or meeting is left in a clean and orderly condition.

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**THE ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION
AND THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION
PRESENT A
SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE ON
RECENT LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA**

Professor Chenglin Liu will discuss his new book about the “Chinese Law on SARS” on *Friday September 10, 2004, in the Alumni Room, from 11:30 to 12:20. Lunch will be provided.* The program is co-sponsored by the International Law Association and the Asian-Pacific American Law Student Association. Liu is an adjunct professor and the foreign and international law librarian at the University of Houston. He is the recipient of academic degrees from Renmin (People’s) University in China, Lund University in Sweden, and Washington University in St. Louis and the University of Illinois.

In 2000 and 2001, Professor Liu taught “European Union Law” for the St. Mary’s University Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck, Austria. He also spoke at the St. Mary’s San Antonio campus in February 2002 about the introduction of the euro in the EU. Liu’s new book discusses the SARS epidemic that swept through China last year and the legislation that was passed by the National People’s Congress to respond to the crisis. The book is published by William S. Hein & Co. It tells the story of China’s initial missteps in dealing with the SARS crisis and how the new legal regime attempts to use information and legal restraints to address threats to public health.

NO CELL PHONES DURING EXAMS

The following amendment to the Student Handbook is effective immediately:

“During a non-take-home examination, a student may not use a cell phone without express permission from the professor administering the examination or the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs.”

FACULTY NOTES

Professor Gerald S. Reamey has published the 7th edition of *Texas Criminal Procedure* (Academia Press 2004) (with Professor Charles Bubany of Texas Tech University). The casebook is used by nearly all the Texas law schools and some undergraduate universities.

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The **Women's Law Association (WLA)** is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. The first meeting of the year will be held **Tuesday September 7**, in LC 101 from 11-12 noon. Lunch will be provided and we will introduce our new officers. Come meet some of the female faculty members, and learn about what the WLA has planned for this exciting year. Treasurer, Historian & 1L Senator elections, the BCWBA Mentor Program, Wills Clinic, and our upcoming Silent Auction will all be discussed. You can also come talk to us at Docket Call this Thursday. T-shirts and messenger bags will be available for sale, and membership forms will be available.

Christian Legal Society will have its second meeting of the semester on **Tuesday, September 7**, from 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Alumni Room. Join us as we seek the Lord Jesus Christ and share fellowship with one another. Everyone is welcome. Lunch will be served.

International Law Association (ILA) will meet on **Wednesday, September 8**, 2004 in the Law Library, room 224 at 12:00 noon. For questions please contact Professor Summers at 436-3606.

Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association is having an informal meeting at Fuddrucker's at 9845 IH10 (Wurzbach and IH10) from 7-9 p.m. on **Friday, September 10**. All law students interested in Technology Law or Intellectual Property are welcome. Free drinks and some appetizers will be provided. Maps will be available on the Tech & IP Law Association bulletin board.

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FLU VACCINE

The **Student Health Center** will offer the flu vaccine to all law students, staff, and faculty.

Friday, September 17, 2004 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Raba Building Lobby

Friday, September 24, 2004 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Raba Building Lobby

Cost will be \$10.00 for students (may be billed to student account) and \$15.00 for staff and faculty (cash or check). The cost will be \$20.00 at the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. You may get more information about the flu vaccine by visiting the following website: <http://www.immunize.org/vis/2flu.pdf>.

ALCOHOL POLICY

As intramural and recreation sports season gets underway, it is important to remember that alcohol is not permitted at any event, whether the event is held indoors or on one of the outdoor athletic fields. Possessing or consuming alcohol outside approved events is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. The Code can be found at www.stmarytx.edu/handbook. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

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NO CELL PHONES DURING EXAMS

The following amendment to the Student Handbook is effective immediately:

“During a non-take-home examination, a student may not use a cell phone without express permission from the professor administering the examination or the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs.”

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Law Democrats Association will host its first meeting on **Monday, September 13, 2004**, 11:00 a.m. in the Atrium.

Whether back to school, or just starting, the **Family Law Association** hopes your year has started off on the right foot. In keeping with this theme, we will be kicking off our fun-filled year with an amazing speaker, Charles Hardy, in the Atrium, **Tuesday September 14, 2004** at 12:00 noon. He will shed some light on the mysteries of networking. As this is not offered in class, we hope those interested in job hunting will attend. Yummy food and drinks will be provided! Plus, if you missed us at Docket Call, you'll have another opportunity to join.

The **International Law Association (ILA)** will meet on **Wednesday, September 15, 2004**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Law Library room 224. The selection of the OAS team will occur during this meeting.

Hispanic Law Student Association - Wednesday, September 15, 2004. First General Membership Meeting. 11:30 a.m. in LC 104. Please come and listen introduce yourself to the Law School's Hispanic faculty. Find out what HLSA is committed to this year. This is the first opportunity to also introduce yourself to second and third year members of HLSA as well as eat a free lunch.

Christian Legal Society will have its next meeting **Wednesday, September 15**, from

11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Law Faculty (Raba) 103. Join us as we share in fellowship and seek to encounter Jesus Christ, who gave his life as a ransom for many. Everyone is welcome. Lunch will be served. Also, please join us for "See you at the Pole" on Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. in front of St. Louis Hall as we gather to pray for the world, our nation, our leaders, and one another.

Employment & Labor Law Association (ELLA). Interested in learning more about employment and labor law or joining ELLA? The Employment & Labor Law Association invites you to attend our information meeting on **Thursday, September 16th**, at 12:30 p.m. in LF108. Our distinguished faculty guests, Associate Dean Roberts and Professor Teeter, will be discussing the various issues encountered in the areas of employment and labor law. Lunch will be provided.

Law Democrats Association. Thursday, September 16, 2004 - 16 de septiembre celebracion! 8:00 a.m. in the Law Alumni Room. Our guest speakers are Texas Representative Joaquin Castro and Councilman Julian Castro.

Friday, September 17, 2004 - Hispanic Fest 2004!!! 7:00 p.m. at the home of Professor Valencia. Please join us and help us celebrate the 16th and kick off Hispanic Heritage Month. Tickets are \$10, or included as part of paid HLSA membership.

FACULTY NOTES

Professor Jeffrey F. Addicott published *Into the Star Chamber: Does the United States Engage in the Use of Terror or Similar Illegal Practices in the War on Terror*, 92 Ky. L.J. 849-912 (2004).

POLICY ON ABSENCES

The Dean and Associate Deans have no power to excuse an absence. There are two absence rules:

The Three-Five Rule is discretionary with the professor. The Professor MAY deduct one grade level for three absences and another grade level if absences total five.

The One-Fifth Rule is mandatory. If a student misses one-fifth of the scheduled class meetings, the professor MUST report that information to the administration and the student MUST be withdrawn from the course.

ALCOHOL POLICY

As intramural and recreation sports season gets underway, it is important to remember that alcohol is not permitted at any event, whether the event is held indoors or on one of the outdoor athletic fields. Possessing or consuming alcohol outside approved events is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. The Code can be found at www.stmarytx.edu/handbook. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

NOISE

Complaints have been raised that when classes in the Law Classroom Building let out, while other classes are still in session, there is too much noise in the halls. Please be considerate of your classmates and move outdoors to carry on conversations.

SECURITY AND PARKING

The Chief of Campus Security has asked the university community to be alert at all times to ensure personal safety, as well as safety of your vehicles, laptops, and other personal items. It is a good idea to park in areas where there are other vehicles and good lighting during evening and early morning hours. Avoid leaving purses, laptops and/or backpacks unattended, even for “only a few moments.” If you see a crime in progress, or suspicious activity, contact campus security promptly (436-3330).

If parking is unavailable in Lot D, there is always space available in the lot on the far side of V.J. Keefe Field, which is only an addition minute's walking time from the law center. Also bear in mind that parking decals require annual renewal, so anyone with a decal from the prior academic year should replace it promptly. The police office is located in the basement of Treadaway Hall (facing the tennis courts); you will need your Rattler ID, proof of insurance, driver's license, and license plate number.

Professional behavior is important at all times; be sure to conduct yourselves accordingly in dealings with campus security and all other staff members in the university.

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WRITING COMPETITION

Asian Law Journal is sponsoring a student writing competition to encourage legal scholarship addressing the legal issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans. The author of the winning entry will receive a cash award of \$250, courtesy of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area, and have his or her paper published in the May 2005 issue of the *Asian Law Journal*. Submissions must be original, unpublished works exploring legal issues that impact the Asian Pacific American community. Possible topics include, but are not limited to: Asian Pacific American political empowerment, the use of "cultural defenses" in criminal law, racial profiling, or Asian Pacific Americans and affirmative action. Submission deadline is **Friday, October 22, 2004**. For more details, please stop by Room 105 in the law administration building or contact Nikki Vo at (510) 643-9643, email asianlj@law.berkeley.edu.

Student Organization Guidelines **St. Mary's University School of Law**

August 27, 2004

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All Students and Faculty are invited to attend!
St. Mary's University School of Law
Center for Terrorism Law

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES PROGRAM

Presents

BRIAN MARCUS

Director of Internet Monitoring for Anti-Defamation League
Cyberterrorism: How Terrorists Use the Internet

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Alumni Room
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm (pizza will be served)

This specific program event is presented in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League and the Community Council of the Jewish Federation

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Delta Theta Phi elections for the remaining 2004-2005 officer positions will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2004. Please check the organization bulletin board for more information, including officer nomination forms, voting times, and locations.

FACULTY NOTES

Professor Placido Gomez' law review article *The Struggle Against Unwarranted Uniformity: The Evolution of the Federal Sentencing Departures Based On Extraordinary Family Circumstances - The Case of Low-Level Drug Offenders* was recently cited in *United States v. Davis*, a case out of the Northern District of Illinois. The case involved sentencing Kim Davis, a 34 year-old single mother of five who had pled guilty to Conspiracy to Possess With Intent To Distribute in Excess of One Kilogram of PCP. Gomez' article argues that courts should consider downward departures and alternatives to incarceration when sentencing low-level drug offenders with unusual family responsibilities. Professor Gomez indicates that the article has been cited by numerous federal courts to support downward departures from the federal sentencing guidelines in cases involving drug offenders. The evidence in *United States v. Davis* showed that Ms. Davis was involved in an "extremely abusive and destructive" relationship with a man 20 years her senior who "forced Davis to sell drugs by beating her and threatening to leave her and her children if she refused." The court used Professor Gomez' article to support a downward departure from the 70 - 87 month sentence prescribed by the federal sentencing guidelines.

Assistant Professor Jeffrey Addicott presented a formal lecture to over 250 senior military officers at the United States Air Force War College, Montgomery, Alabama. The lecture took place on September 13, 2004. After the lecture, he provided separate instruction blocks at three seminars. As the Director of the Center for Terrorism Law, the lecture was on his latest law review article entitled: *Into the Star Chamber: Does the United States Engage in the Use of Torture or Other Similar Illegal Practices in the War on Terror?* 92 Kentucky Law Journal 4 (2003-2004).

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WRITING COMPETITION

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The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) is sponsoring a student writing competition in Bioethics. First prize is \$1,000, second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. In addition, the ACLM will pay the costs of travel and lodging for the winner of the first prize to present his or her paper at the ACLM Annual Meeting, March 5, 2005, in San Diego, California. Travel and lodging arrangement will be made by the ACLM. For applicant criteria, format, content, and judging guidelines, please stop by room 105 in the Law Administration building. Deadline is **January 5, 2005**.

Time For The Annual Courthouse Tour and Judicial Reception
An event essential for Bexar County lawyers

The 17th Annual Courthouse Tour and Judicial Reception have been scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2004.

The Courthouse Tour has become an essential seminar for young lawyers beginning their practice in Bexar County. Lawyers and law students are encouraged to participate and benefit from instruction on the practical aspects of courthouse procedure. Attendees will receive insight into litigation practice from judges and/or experienced lawyers. A useful course book will also be provided.

The Courthouse Tour will take place from 1:30-5:30 P.M. It begins in the Presiding District Courtroom, Room 218 of the Bexar County Courthouse and concludes in 4th Court of Appeals Courtroom. The topics will include the Bexar County presiding and monitoring system, motion practice, local appellate practices, the district clerk's office, probate courts, criminal courts, dispute resolution, and more.

This years speakers include: Judge Andy Mireles, Bexar County District Clerk, Margaret Montemayor, Ms. Sandra Hackard from the Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center, Judge Polly Jackson Spencer, Judge Irene Rios, Judge David J. Rodriguez, Judge Raymond Angelini and a panel discussion by the Fourth Court of Appeals.

The cost of the Courthouse Tour will be \$25.00 per person or \$20.00 for law students, with approval for 4 hours of CLE credit anticipated.

The Courthouse Tour will be followed by the Judicial Reception beginning at 5:30 P.M. at Club Giraud, where judges, lawyers and law students can enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a light buffet, cold beverages and conversation between the judiciary, bar and students.

Tickets for the Judicial Reception can be purchased for \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door.

This year, Bryan Lopez, 354-4300 and Sylvia C. Huckabay, 253-7170, will chair the Courthouse Tour & the Judicial Reception Committee.

Both events have been very successful in the past and are expected to be well attended this year. It is recommended that you promptly make your reservations. If you have attended these events in the past, SAYLA asks that you relay the news of these events to the newer lawyers in your office to promote attendance. We look forward to a great turnout and successful events.

Please complete the registration form below and return to Sylvia C. Huckabay, Langley & Banack, Incorporated, 745 E. Mulberry, #900, San Antonio, Texas 78212, along with your check made payable to SAYLA, for an individual event or both the Courthouse Tour and Judicial Reception.

2004 Courthouse Tour/Judicial Reception
Registration Form

Name: _____ Other persons attending: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Fax: _____

<u>Activity</u>	<u>No. of Persons</u>	<u>Cost per Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
Courthouse Tour	_____	\$ 25.00	\$ _____
Courthouse Tour (students)	_____	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
Judicial Reception	_____	\$ 25.00	\$ _____
Both events	_____	\$ 40.00	\$ _____
Both events (students)	_____	\$ 35.00	\$ _____

Students should include their student ID number

Make checks payable to SAYLA

Mail payments to Sylvia C. Huckabay, Langley & Banack, Inc., 745 E. Mulberry, #900, San Antonio, Texas, 78212

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MPRE REVIEW

The deadline to enroll in BarBri's Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) Review is **October 5, 2004**. This is also the deadline to register for the November 12th exam: see www.ncbex.org. To enroll, stop by the BarBri table on Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., or print out an enrollment form at <http://www.barbri.com/states/tx/index.htm> and click on November 2004 MPRE Review Course Application. Print out the form and return to your BarBri rep or Box # 207. Students must have paid \$175 toward their BarBri balance to take the review course. Review is **Saturday, October 23, 2004**; registration is from 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Hispanic Law Student Association will meet on **Monday, September 27, 2004**, 11:30 a.m. LC 104. Presentation will be given by the Mexican American Bar Association .

Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association is having a presentation on Intellectual Property Law by Professor Thiele at the Alumni Room in the Law Library from noon to 1:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 28, 2004**. All students interested in learning more about Intellectual Property Law should attend. Professor Thiele will be teaching the Intellectual Property Course next semester. Free food and drinks will be provided at 11:45 a.m. to noon in the break room upstairs.

Christian Legal Society will have its next meeting **Wednesday, September 29, 2004**, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Law Faculty (Raba) 103. Join us as we seek Jesus Christ and seek to live lives worthy of the calling with which we have been called. Everyone is welcome. Lunch will be served.

St. Thomas Moore Society is having a viewing of "A Man for All Seasons" on **Thursday, September 30, 2004** at 6:30 p.m. in law classroom 104. All students interested in learning more about St. Thomas Moore or the St. Thomas Moore Society should attend. Free food and drinks will be provided.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Hispanic Scholarship Fund: Applications are available for students of Hispanic heritage under the College Scholarship Program (National). The student must have a 3.0 cum GPA and have applied for Federal financial aid. The application may be downloaded at www.hsf.net, and must be **postmarked by October 15th**. Amounts of awards range from \$1000 to \$3000. Please note that the application will require copies of original transcripts as well as a faculty recommendation form. Selections and award notifications will be made between March and May of 2005.

FACULTY NOTES

Professor L. Wayne Scott was again named one of the "Super Lawyers of Texas" by Texas Lawyer.

Associate Dean Vincent R. Johnson has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the *Journal of College and University Law*. The Editorial Board is chaired by Jan Alan Nieger, Associate General Counsel of the University of Cincinnati; the Vice Chair is William Thro, State Solicitor General of Virginia.

WRITING COMPETITION

The Marbury Institute of Piper Rudnick LLP is sponsoring the second annual *Legal Affairs* writing contest for law students. In 1,500 words, make an argument about a significant topic in the law and send it to us before **December 1, 2004**. Entries will be judged for ingenuity, clarity, strength of support for the argument, and style. The winning piece will be published in the "Arguments" section of *Legal Affairs*. First place: \$2,000 and publication in *Legal Affairs*, second place, \$1,000 and third place, \$500. For contest guidelines and more information, please visit www.legalaffairs.org or send a SASE to: *Legal Affairs*, 254 Elm St., New Haven, CT 06511.

The American Immigration Law Foundation is sponsoring their 22nd Annual Edward L. Dubroff Memorial Legal Writing Contest. The Dubroff award promotes scholarship and excellence in analytical writing on immigration law subjects. Unpublished scholarly manuscripts on any aspect of immigration and nationality law may be submitted for competition. The competition is limited to law school students. The winning author will receive an honorarium of \$1,000. Past winners are not eligible to participate. Submission deadline is **March 14, 2005**. For entry details, please visit the AILF website: www.ailf.org or send an email inquiry to: info@ailf.org.

THE SCHOLAR

The faculty has approved new bylaws for The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues. The bylaws are posed on the website. The new line-up of editors, advisors, and writers is as follows:

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THE 4 MILE TRIAL

A Four Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9:00 on October 23 at Woodlawn Park to Benefit:
**St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice
& Phi Delta Phi's Charitable Community Projects**

Registration Information:

Individuals: \$15 through October 22; \$20 on day of race
Teams: \$50 for Teams of 5 Runners (\$5 savings/person)

On Campus:

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MPRE REVIEW

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FLORIDA BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS

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Technology and Intellectual Property (Tech & IP) Law Association is having a presentation on Patent and Trademark Law by Professor Hanor at the Atrium in the Law Administration Building from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. on **Thursday, October 14, 2004**. All students interested in learning more about Patent and Trademark Law should attend. Food and drinks will be provided.

Chopstick Event! Tech & IP and Employment and Labor Law Association (ELLA) are having an informal gathering at Pho's, a Vietnamese restaurant located on 6180 Wurzbach Drive at Evers Road, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., **Friday, October 15, 2004**. Free drinks will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Maps for viewing are available on the Tech&IP and ELLA boards.

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A Four Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9:00 on October 23 at Woodlawn Park to
Benefit:

**St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice
& Phi Delta Phi's Charitable Community Projects**

Registration Information:

**Individuals: \$15 through October 22; \$20 on day of race
Teams: \$50 for Teams of 5 Runners (\$5 savings/person)**

On Campus:

**Phi Delta Phi members will be registering students in the law classroom building from 11-1 two weeks prior
to event**

Contact:

the4miletrial@yahoo.com

for any questions or comments

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

San Antonio Young Lawyers Association (SAYLA) will be sponsoring a luncheon in the Law Alumni room next **Tuesday, October 26, 2004** from 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. SAYLA membership is not required and is open to everyone.

Employment & Labor Law (ELLA) Event - Workplace Matters: Interested in learning more about employment and labor law or joining ELLA? We invite you to attend our "Workplace Matters" event on **Tuesday, October 26**, at 12:30 p.m. in the Atrium. A distinguished panel of attorneys will be discussing the various issues encountered in the areas of employment and labor law. Lunch will be provided.

Grub and Grumble: The Student Relations Committee of the Student Bar Association will be in the courtyard this **Wednesday, October 27** from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. handing out free snacks and drinks for all law students. We will also be taking down your concerns and addressing them to the appropriate administrative official. Please make it a point to stop by and tell us how you think things are going.

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

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FACULTY NOTES

Assistant Professor Jeffrey Addicott presented a formal two hour lecture to the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin, Ireland. The lecture took place on October 16, 2004. The lecture was based on bioterrorism. After the lecture, he participated in two workshops on legal issues associated with terrorism.

Professor Gerry W. Beyer recently published *Wills & Trusts*, 57 SMU L. Rev. 1293 (2004), which analyzes recent legislative and judicial developments relating to the Texas law of intestate succession, wills, estate administration, trusts, and other estate planning matters, and *The Basics of Texas Intestate Succession Law -- Part I*, Est. Plan. Dev. Tex. Profs. (Sept. 2004), which explains what every lawyer needs to know about Texas intestate law. He also authored an article entitled *Case Law Update* for the Wills and Probate Institute sponsored by the South Texas College of Law which was held in September. Portions of Professor Beyer's law review article on estate planning for pet animals were reproduced in *Pet Trusts & Estate Law: How to Prevent Your Companion from Becoming a Statistic in the Event of Your Death, Disability or a Catastrophic Event* published by The Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Beyer has been appointed chair of the Electronic Wills, Trusts and Probate Committee (2004-2005) by the Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law of the Probate and Trust Division of the American Bar Association.

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THE 4 MILE TRIAL PROVES TO BE A SUCCESS!

Phi Delta Phi would like to thank all students, student organizations, and members of the administration and faculty who joined us last weekend for **The 4 Mile Trial**, a first annual event for St. Mary's Law School and Phi Delta Phi. Despite some questionable weather earlier that morning, our turnout of around 100 runners was more than we expected, and we raised over \$4,800 from sponsorships and registration fees. After deducting expenses, we are estimating that we are going to be able to contribute over \$800 to St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice and \$800 to Phi Delta Phi community projects. We would like to recognize Brianna Winterhalter for placing third in the female division, Professor Reamey for taking first place in the faculty division, and Dean Al Hartman for taking first place in the administration division. Thanks again for the support of many individuals among the law school community, and we are looking forward to hosting this event again next year.

COMING EVENTS

All Saints Day Eucharistic Celebration: Monday, November 1, 2004 at the New Gateway Entrance (in front of St. Louis Hall), 10:20 a.m. The service includes the blessing of the New Gateway Entrance.

Silent Auction: The Annual WLA Silent Auction will take place on **Tuesday, November 2, 2004**. Come bid on some great items. We have Christmas gifts: James Avery items, a frame for your diploma, an Obsession gift pack, a printer, shawls, a round of golf. We have great date ideas: dinner certificates, bowling, mini-golf. We have items just for YOU: ½ off Bar-Bri, PMBR 6-day and 3-day courses, an Oyster Bake package. And we have the favorites: lunches, dinners, racquetball games with your professors. Our raffle item this year is perfect for those post-finals blues. It's a basket jam-packed with great destressing items -- pizza, wine, a movie, chocolate, even a nice new polo shirt to relax in! Tickets are just \$1 and can be bought at the

auction. There are lots more items for you to bid on and we will also have food! So come by and take a look at the items. We will be in the Alumni Room from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **You can come get your auction items at 2:15 p.m., and we'll announce the winner of the raffle at that time too!**

Fall Date Night: Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, Spouses need Support and Law Students Too.....come together for free drinks, and buffet. Meet new people. Have a fun evening out. Speaker provides insights into keeping love into your life of law. Open to all Law student's and their spouses or significant other – Fall Date Night – 6:30ish to 9:00ish, **Friday, November 5, 2004** – Raba Building. Babysitting provided if you RSVP by November 3, 2004 to Sr. Grace, 436-3063.

FACULTY NOTES

Instructor of Law **Roberto Rosas's** recent article on formation of electronic contract was presented at the IV World Congress of Computer Law in Peru, held from October 11 to 15. The citation to the article is: *Comparative Study of the Formation of Electronic Contract in American Law with References to International and Mexican Law*, 26 HOUSTON JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, No. 1 (Fall 2003), *reprinted in* 8 NEWCASTLE LAW REVIEW No.2 (2004) (Australia), and published in Spanish in Spain (REVISTA DE LA CONTRATACIÓN ELECTRÓNICA (RCE núm.50-2004)), Argentina (REVISTA JURÍDICA EL GRAN CUYO, from Editorial La Ley (forthcoming 2004)), and Mexico (REVISTA DE DERECHO PRIVADO, UNAM (forthcoming 2004)).

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first place, US\$1,000 for second, and US\$500 for third will be awarded. The judges may also award honorable mentions. Winning and honorable mention entries will be made available to the IADC's quarterly, *Defense Counsel Journal*, for consideration for publication. Entries must be postmarked on or before **April 18, 2005**. Contest announcement, rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms are available on the IADC website, www.iadclaw.org.http://www.iadclaw.rog.

THE WITAN

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Submit articles to Ms. Bebe Gonzales (bgonzales@stmarytx.edu) in electronic format by noon Thursday.

Celebration!

By
Dean Bill Piatt

Please join us on **Tuesday, November 9**, at noon in the courtyard (or Raba building in case of rain) as we celebrate success on the Texas Bar Examination. We will have food, beer, and all around good feelings as we celebrate our highest summer bar passage rate since 1995. Congratulations to our students, our faculty, and our staff!

ALUMNI ELECTION RESULTS

Matthew R. Cox, Class of 2000, was elected Judge of the Union County Circuit Court in Union County, Indiana. At age 29, he won with 71% of the vote, defeating an attorney with 15+ years experience.

Tom Corbett, Class of 1975, was elected Attorney General of Pennsylvania. The vote was Tom Corbett (GOP) 2,690,931 (51%); Jim Eisenhower (Dem) 2,564,296 (48%).

Michael T. McCaul, Class of 1987, was elected to Congress (Tex. Dist. 10) with 79% of the vote.

Paul Green, Class of 1977, was elected to the Texas Supreme Court without opposition in the general election.

Peter D. Kinder, Class of 1979, won election to a first term as Missouri Lieutenant Governor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENT AUTHORS

Alejandro Moreno, M.D., Class of 2006, co-authored "Posttraumatic Seizure in Survivors of Torture: Manifestations, Diagnosis, and Treatment," 6 Journal of Immigrant Health No. 4, p. 179-86 (Oct. 2004). The article argues that because torture victims have an increased risk of seizures (due to often having been beaten repeatedly around the head), there is a particular need for specialist investigations to diagnose and treat resulting medical problems.

Danielle M. Copes, Class of 2005, co-authored "And During the Inquisition, How Many Witches?", which was published in State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Section Newsletter. The article discusses the Security and Exchange Commission's practice of filing proof of claims in significant Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases to recover funds which can then be paid to shareholders ahead of unsecured creditors.

INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On **Wednesday, November 17, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in Law Classroom Building 102**, Innsbruck Co-Directors Professors Michael Ariens and Mark Cochran will hold an informational meeting concerning the 2005 Innsbruck summer program. Topics that will be discussed include: courses and credits, travel, housing, financial aid and costs, extracurricular activities and co-curricular events. This year's Distinguished Visiting Jurist is Justice Richard J. Goldstone, Chief Prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for crimes in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, and recently retired from the South Africa Constitutional Court. Justice Goldstone is a recipient of the American Bar Association's International Human Rights Award, as well as numerous honorary degrees. Learn more about the flagship international program at St. Mary's, which will celebrate its 20th annual program in 2005, and how to earn law school credits while studying with world-class faculty in the Austrian Alps. If you are unable to make this informational meeting, please feel free to contact either Prof. Ariens or Prof. Cochran with any questions you may have.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED

Research Assistant needed to do legal research for the Judiciary at the San Antonio Municipal Court. Particularly interested in research relating to the constitutional doctrine of separation of powers as it applies in the city government context relative to the relationship between the legislative (City Council and Mayor), Executive (City Manager) and the Judiciary (municipal court) and the appropriateness of establishing the court as a “department” under the City Manager’s office. Initial research produced the case of Thompson vs. City of Austin, 979 S.W. 2d 676, (Tex. App. Austin 1998) referencing the fundamental doctrine of the separation of powers and its applicability in the city government context. This is a short term project anticipated to require no more than 40 hours. For more information please contact Professor David Schlueter at 431-2212.

ADD/DROP FOR SPRING 2005

Wednesday, November 17, 2004	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Law Admin 105
Thursday, November 18, 2004	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Law Admin 105

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The **Public Interest Law Association** will be holding the last general membership meeting for the Fall Semester on **Thursday, November 11, 2004** at 2:00 p.m., location and guest speaker to be announced. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served! Make your classroom a brighter place with a PILA Tie-Dye shirt, only a few left (\$10.00).

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Lawyers in practice are subject to professional discipline (e.g., reprimand, suspension, or disbarment) if they engage in misconduct. The same is true of law students at St. Mary's. Sanctions may include:

expulsion, suspension for a specified period of time, loss of course credit, probation with appropriate conditions, recommendation for withdrawal of an awarded degree, withholding of the J.D. degree pending disposition of charges, public or private admonition, warning, reprimand, censure, counseling, and personal notification of affected persons.

The Code of Student Conduct is available on the website (law.stmarytx.edu, under the section on "Students and Alumni"). The Handbook defines academic misconduct as follows:

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4. A student shall not *hide, mutilate, deface, or remove*, without permission, library materials or the materials of another student.

5. A student *shall not breach the security maintained for the preparation and storage of exam materials*. If a student learns, even inadvertently, of information concerning an examination, other than that released or authorized by the professor, the student must notify the professor and shall not take the examination without the professor's permission.

6. A student *shall not discuss an examination he or she has already taken* with a student scheduled to take a deferred examination in the same course or with any other person under circumstances likely to endanger the security of examination questions.

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CLASS OF 2005 APPLICATION FOR DEGREE CARDS

If you have not yet completed and returned the *Application for Degree* card, a second notice was placed in your student box last week. This very important document serves as your official notice to the law school of your intention to graduate this 2004-05 academic year. To ensure a diploma at the time of graduation, the completed card must be turned in to Ms. Yvonne Olfers, Director of Student Records (Law Administration Building Room 123) **by Friday, November 12, 2004**. If you do not intend to graduate this year, please notify Ms. Olfers so your name does not appear on the graduation lists.

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CHIEF JUSTICE JEFFERSON OFFERS CONGRATULATIONS!

By Dean Bill Piatt

On Thursday, November 11, 2004, Instructor of Law Rosanne Piatt and I had the honor of witnessing Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson take the oath of office. Justice Antonin Scalia of the Supreme Court of the United States administered the oath. It was an historic, and a moving event, conducted in the House Chambers of the Capitol in Austin and witnessed by leaders of the judiciary and the bar.

Although he did not attend St. Mary's, Chief Justice Jefferson has long been a friend to us. He practiced law in San Antonio, has frequently been involved in our activities, and most recently offered reflections at Red Mass. When I first arrived as Dean in 1998, he graciously agreed to serve as an advisor to me. His insights and support over the years have been instrumental in the success of our school.

When we spoke to Chief Justice Jefferson at the reception following his swearing in ceremony, his first words were to offer congratulations for our bar exam success. He had been informed of our results within minutes of their release, and had immediately expressed to bar officials his happiness regarding our achievement. I am honored to pass along his congratulations to you. Many, many judges, bar leaders and attorneys who were also present at this event enthusiastically extended their congratulations to us for our bar results, and I gladly pass those along to you as well.

Success on the bar exam remains our continuing goal. Through the efforts of our faculty and staff, and with the help of our alumni, we can also enhance our efforts in other areas. We want to help all of our students find good jobs upon graduation. Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, President of the Law Alumni Association has made this one of the Association's priorities. We want to continue, with the help of Sister Grace, to address spiritual concerns. Through our

clinical and pro bono programs, we hope to continue to instill a commitment to serving those who cannot afford legal assistance. In general, we can all look forward now, and plan the very good things to come at our law school.

Next Monday, I will attend the swearing in ceremony of our recent examinees and I will have lunch with the Supreme Court of Texas and bar leaders. I will keep you updated on all these events.

May God bless all of you in your very good works.

INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On Wednesday, November 17, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in Law Classroom Building 102, Innsbruck Co-Directors Professors Michael Ariens and Mark Cochran will hold an informational meeting concerning the 2005 Innsbruck summer program. Topics that will be discussed include: courses and credits, travel, housing, financial aid and costs, extracurricular activities and co-curricular events. This year's Distinguished Visiting Jurist is Justice Richard J. Goldstone, Chief Prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for crimes in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, and recently retired from the South Africa Constitutional Court. Justice Goldstone is a recipient of the American Bar Association's International Human Rights Award, as well as numerous honorary degrees. Learn more about the flagship international program at St. Mary's, which will celebrate its 20th annual program in 2005, and how to earn law school credits while studying with world-class faculty in the Austrian Alps. If you are unable to make this informational meeting, please feel free to contact either Prof. Ariens or Prof. Cochran with any questions you may have.

THE 4th ANNUAL LONE STAR CLASSIC NATIONAL MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT

From November 18-21, 2004, St. Mary's University School of Law, in coordination with the External Advocacy Mock Trial Team is proud to host the 4th Annual Lone Star Classic Invitational Mock Trial Tournament being held here in San Antonio at the Bexar County Courthouse. Once again there are teams from across the county competing for the national title. We encourage anyone who is interested in advocacy to come observe the mock trial rounds which are at the Bexar County Courthouse at the following times: Thursday, November 18, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.; Friday, November 19, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; and the Final Round on Sunday, November 21, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. In addition, if you are participating as a bailiff or helper, please email Adjunct Professor and Coach of the Mock Trial Team, Martin Phipps at mphipps@langandkustoff.com. St. Mary's has won this competition the last three years. Please come see some of the best mock trial teams from around the county!

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ATTENTION 1Ls

If you wish to enroll in Bar/Bri to lock-in your tuition price and to receive the First Year Outline Book to study for finals, please see your section representative by **November 17, 2004**.

- A: Scott Davis
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Tech & IP Law Association is having a Fish & Chips Event at Joe's Crab Shack, 4711 NW Loop 410 at Callaghan Rd. on **Friday, November 19, 2004** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please see the Tech&IP board for a map. Drinks are free. Everyone is welcome!

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ST. MARY'S LAW ALUMNI WINNERS OF 2004 GENERAL ELECTION

FEDERAL OFFICES

US Congress, Texas 10th District

Michael McCaul (JD 1987), Republican – **won election to first term**

US Congress, Texas 20th District

Rep. Charles Gonzalez (JD 1972), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

OUT OF STATE

Missouri Lieutenant Governor

State Senate President Pro Tem Peter D. Kinder (JD 1979), Republican – **won election to first term**

Pennsylvania Attorney General

Thomas W. Corbett Jr. (JD 1975), Republican – **won election to first term**

Union Circuit Court (Union County, Indiana)

Matthew Cox (JD 2000), Republican – **won election to first term**

TEXAS STATEWIDE

Texas Supreme Court

Place 5: Justice Paul Green (JD 1977), Republican – **won election to first term**

TEXAS REGIONAL/LOCAL

Texas 28th House District (Katy)

Rep. Glenn A. Hegar Jr. (MA/JD 1997), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 73rd House District (New Braunfels)

Rep. Carter Casteel (JD 1985), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 117th House District (San Antonio)

David Leibowitz (JD 1982), Democrat – **won election to first term**

(Possible recount pending)

Texas 118th House District (San Antonio)

Rep. Carlos Uresti (BA/JD 1992), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 133rd House District (Houston)

Rep. Joe Nixon (JD ???), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas Fourth Court of Appeals Place 6

Justice Sandee Bryan Marion (JD 1980), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas Fourth Court of Appeals Place 7

Justice Phylis J. Speedlin (JD 1983), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 18th District Court (Johnson County)

Judge John E. Neill (JD 1986), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 37th District Court (Bexar County)

Judge David Berchelmann (JD 1973), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 38th District Court (Uvalde County)

Judge Mickey R. Pennington (JD 1977), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 41st District Court (El Paso County)

Judge Mary Anne Bramblett (JD 1982), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 57th District Court (Bexar County)

Judge Pat Boone (JD 1984), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 63rd District Court (Val Verde County)

Judge Thomas F. Lee (JD 1973), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 67th District Court (Tarrant County)

Judge Donald J. Cosby (JD 1980), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 73rd District Court (Bexar County)

Judge Andy Mireles (JD 1975), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 79th District Court (Jim Wells County)

Richard C. Terrell (JD 1980), Democrat – **won election to first term**

Texas 88th District Court (Hardin County)

Judge Earl B. Stover III (JD 1978), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 145th District Court (Nacogdoches County)

Judge N. Campbell Cox II (JD 1987), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 166th District Court (Bexar County)

Judge Martha Tanner (JD 1968), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 175th District Court (Bexar County)

Judge Mary Roman (JD 1984), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 178th District Court (Harris County)

Judge William T. Harmon (JD 1977), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 332nd District Court (Hidalgo County)

Judge Mario E. Ramirez Jr. (JD 1974), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 341st District Court (Webb County)

Judge Elma Teresa Salinas Ender (JD 1978), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 379th District Court (Bexar County)

Judge Bert Richardson (JD 1987), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 381st District Court (Starr County)

Judge John A. Pope III (JD 1955), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 386th District Court (Bexar County)

Judge Laura Parker (JD 1992), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 388th District Court (El Paso County)

Judge Patricia A. Macias (JD 1989), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 390th District Court (Travis County)

Judge Julie Kocurek (JD 1990), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 393rd District Court (Denton County)

Judge Vicki Barbee Isaacks (JD 1982), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 396th District Court (Tarrant County)

Judge George W. Gallagher (JD 1982), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 405th District Court (Galveston County)

Judge Wayne Mallia (JD 1987), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 407th District Court (Bexar County)

Judge Karen Pozza (JD 1991), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

Texas 413th District Court (Johnson County)

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Texas 415th District Court (Parker County)

Judge R. Graham Quisenberry (JD 1981), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

District Attorney, Texas 32nd Judicial District (Nolan County)

DA Mark Edwards (JD 1983), Democrat [incumbent] – won re-election

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Bexar County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, Pl. 1

Judge Marcia S. Weiner (BA/JD 1970), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

Burnet County Attorney

Eduardo Arredondo (JD 1994), Republican – **won election to first term**

Comal County Court at Law #2

Stephen A. Charles II (JD), Republican [incumbent] – won re-election

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By Dean Bill Piatt

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THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE MINI BAR PREP SERIES – FALL 2004 – SPRING 2005

ATTENTION: ALL MINI BAR PREP PARTICIPANTS

The Office of Academic Excellence' Mini Bar Prep Series is well underway. Please mark your calendars for the following lectures, workshops and simulated testing:

- Evidence II Saturday November 20, 2004 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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- MPT Workshop Thursday January 13, 2005 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
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- Contracts I Sunday January 23, 2005 1:00 pm - 4:17 pm
- Contracts II Saturday January 29, 2005 9:00 am - 12:15 pm

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Christian Legal Society will have its final meeting of the semester on **Wednesday, December 1**, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Atrium. We will spend the time sharing and praying for one another. Everyone is welcome. Lunch will be provided.

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MILLION DOLLAR GIFT

By Dean Bill Piatt

Assistant Dean Al Hartman and I are very pleased to share this great news with you. A donor who has asked to remain anonymous has given us \$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars) for the Center for Terrorism Law. On December 2, Professor Jeff Addicott and I presented the check to the university, and President Cotrell announced the gift at the alumni reconnect that night. Jeff is doing a tremendous job, and is to be congratulated for his vision and his hard work. I also want to thank Professor Summers, Grace Uzomba, and all of the students who have served, and who are serving, as research fellows with the Center. Please join me in offering all of them our thanks and congratulations.

TRIAL ADVOCACY - SPRING 2005

We have added another section of Trial Advocacy for the Spring 2005 semester. Judge Pat Boone will teach a section on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bexar County Courthouse. Judge Boone has taught the course for the last four years.

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National Center for Nonsmokers’ Rights is sponsoring a new and unique Legal Research & Writing Competition. Twenty-three cash prizes will be awarded. Prizes include \$5,000 for First Place, \$3,000 for Second, and \$1,000 for Third, all in addition to 20 special \$1,000 travel grants, and publication. Deadline for entry submissions is **January 15, 2005**. Complete rules and entry forms are available online at <http://nosmokingcontest.org>.

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Wisconsin Women's Law Journal, 975 Bascom Mall, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin 53706 or submitted via an electronic submission through <http://law.bepress.com/expresso/>. For more information, contact the *Journal* office at (608) 265-2497 or e-mail mtsteele@wisc.edu.

The Oklahoma Supreme Court, in cooperation with the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, the Sovereignty Symposium Inc. and the Oklahoma Arts Council are offering several types of scholarships: As part of the Symposium, the sponsors are offering one fully funded scholarship in honor of Susan J. Ferrell, one hundred (100) tuition fee-waiver Ed Edmondson scholarships, and prizes in the Chief Justice John B. Doolin writing competition. Cash prizes of \$500.00, \$300.00 and \$200.00 will be awarded for the writing competition. For information and application, contact Julie L. Rorie, Esq. at (405) 522-7875.

The Roscoe Pound Institute is offering three awards for law students and law professors.

The Elaine Osborne Jacobson Award for Women Working in Health Care Law, is a \$3,000 award. Candidates for the award must be women currently enrolled in an accredited American law school on a full or part-time basis who through their law school academic and clinical work and other related activities, demonstrates their aptitude for and a long-term commitment to a legal career of advocacy on behalf of the health care needs of children, women, the elderly or the disabled.

The Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest, is a \$5,000 award, given to the author of the winning essay. The 2005 topic is *Speak Softly, but How Big of a Stick? The Availability of Punitive Damages to Protect the Environment*. Any student currently enrolled in an accredited American law school may submit a legal essay for the competition. Essays can only be written during the academic year covered by the competition and may not be prepared as part of paid legal work outside of law school. The Institute has an exclusive online publishing agreement with *Res Communes*, the Vermont Journal of the Environment, where the winning paper will be published.

The Richard S. Jacobson Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy, a \$5,000 award, is given to a teacher of the principles and techniques of trial advocacy at an accredited American law school on a full-time basis. All nominees must have demonstrated excellence in teaching a course at the law school for a minimum of three years. The nominee's course, which should be in a classroom and/or clinic setting, must form part of the school's published curriculum and entitle students to course credits applicable to degree requirements.

Each of these competitions will be judged by a panel of nationally known trial lawyers and law professors. For entry deadlines, rules, criteria, as well as more information about these contests and their past winners you may visit www.roscoepound.org.

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THIRD-YEAR GRADUATION CHECKLIST

For those students who completed their first year of studies in May 2003 or thereafter, and who plan on graduating in May, please make certain you will fulfill your graduation requirements by the end of the spring semester. Those requirements are found at pp. 7-11 in the 2004-05 Student Handbook (which is available on the law school website in the section on "Students and Alumni"). Please pay particular attention to those upper-level requirements found at pp. 11-12. You are responsible for ensuring you have met all requirements for graduation. Pursuant to University policy, only those students who have graduated are permitted to walk across the stage at the graduation ceremony in May.

COURSE CHANGES FOR SPRING 2005

Classes resume on Monday, January 10, 2005. Course changes may be made on **Wednesday and Thursday January 12 and 13**. (See the information below.) If you anticipate adding a course, begin attending that class when it first meets. If space is available in the course, you will be able to formally add the course on add-drop days. In the meantime, you may also want to attend the class you intend to drop—just in case the class you want to add does not have space available for you to register for it.

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PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL

The eleventh annual People's Law School will be held here at St. Mary's on **Saturday, February 5, 2005** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The People's Law School is a free public seminar featuring local attorneys who are experts in their fields. This year's agenda includes presentations in the following areas: wills, grandparents' rights, social security, bankruptcy, employment law, and immigration. Volunteers are needed for this event, which is co-sponsored by the San Antonio Bar Foundation and Sister Grace's Campus Ministry. It is an excellent opportunity to meet local attorneys while providing a valuable service to the community. Volunteer hours also qualify for pro bono credit from the law school. Assistance is needed for set up on Friday afternoon February 4th, registration on Saturday morning February 5th, and clean up early Saturday afternoon. Volunteers are welcome for any or all of these times! Email gstoltz@stmarytx.edu to sign up.

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW BAR TAKERS

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Payment of tuition and fees: Payment Confirmation Forms for spring 2005 tuition and fees was due December 15, 2004. However, the Business Office is accepting Payment Confirmation Forms through January 15th. The forms are available on the St. Mary's Financial Aid website, www.stmarytx.edu/finaid. The forms are found under the Graduate/PhD icon, Financial Aid Forms. This form is specifically for students whose financial aid does not cover the total cost of tuition and fees or for students who are not on financial aid. Submission by January 15th will prevent the addition of a \$150 late fee.

Bookstore charge: Please be advised that a bookstore charge was added to your tuition and fee bill on 12/6/04 for the Spring 05 semester. The amount added was the difference between any remaining balance that you had available on the bookstore charge and \$650. If you wish to remove this charge from your account, please notify the Business Office through fax at (210) 431-6749, or email them at businessoffice@stmarytx.edu, or by phone at (210) 436-3731 or in person. If you wish to add this charge, you may notify the Business Office through the same means.

Tuition and fee charges for 1Ls: The reason that the spring 2005 bills are greater than the fall semester is due to the students taking 16 hours instead of 15 and that there were no

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Alternative Loans: If you still have unmet need after your Federal Stafford Loan, you may want to process an alternative loan. You may visit our office to get the amount of remaining eligibility and to pick up the information sheet listing the loans available. You may choose to process any amount up to the maximum eligibility.

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Tax benefits for education for tax year 2004: Students may be eligible to reduce their tax liability or their Adjusted Gross Income through the Lifetime Learning Credit or the Tuition and Fees Deduction. Complete information on all types of tax benefits for education is available at www.irs.gov in Publication 970. Use their search engine for that publication and review their index for the topics related to your situation. Appendix B has a good breakdown of the tax benefits.

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Course Change Information Spring 2005

→Wednesday, January 12, 2005 8:00 pm to 5:00 pm Turn in Bebe Gonzales
→Thursday, January 13, 2005 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Law Admin 105

First-come, first served.
Enrollment numbers posted in the Law Admin Bldg

Tuition and Fees

Per credit hour	\$690.00
Student Service Fee per semester (none in the summer)	86.00
Parking Fee per semester (Summer = \$17)	30.00
AAC University Fee per semester (none in the summer)	100.00
Late Registration Fee	50.00
Health Insurance (Fall/Spring)	197.00 (optional)
Course Change Fee	10.00
Late Payment Fee	150.00*

[*Assessed by Business Office if tuition payment agreement is not honored. This fee is not imposed by the law school.]

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1. Complete the Course Change form.
The form can be downloaded from <http://law.stmarytx.edu>
Click Student and Alumni information ... click schedules ...

2. You may confirm changes using ATROX. Secure pin number from IT Department located on the first floor of Charles Francis Hall.

Note

1. You cannot be enrolled for more than 16 hours in spring semester.
2. In rare cases, written permission may be granted to enroll for more than the number of credit hours allowed per semester. See Associate Dean Johnson for approval. Dean Johnson's signature on registration form will suffice.
3. You cannot be enrolled for classes that meet at the same time or if scheduled meeting times overlap.
4. Course changes sent by fax will not be accepted. Do not send any document pertaining to registration by fax.. Email Catherine Mery if there are any questions regarding course changes.
cmery@stmarytx.edu

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THIRD-YEAR GRADUATION CHECKLIST

For those students who completed their first year of studies in May 2003 or thereafter, and who plan on graduating in May, please make certain you will fulfill your graduation requirements by the end of the spring semester. Those requirements are found at pp. 7-11 in the 2004-05 Student Handbook (which is available on the law school website in the section on "Students and Alumni"). Please pay particular attention to those upper-level requirements found at pp. 11-12. You are responsible for ensuring you have met all requirements for graduation. Pursuant to University policy, only those students who have graduated are permitted to walk across the stage at the graduation ceremony in May.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The **Student Relations Committee (SBA)** will hold its first meeting of the year this **Tuesday, January 18th** at 4:00 p.m. in Raba 107.

Phi Delta Phi will hold its general membership meeting for all members on **Thursday, January 20, 2005** at 4:30 p.m. in LC 104. Pizza will be provided at the meeting and the officers will host a happy hour bar tab at Stonewerk's in The Quarry following the meeting.

The St. Mary's Society for Law and Life announces their first meeting of the semester on **Thursday, January 20, 2005** at 12:00 noon in the Atrium. In light of the 32nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade decision, they will discuss the recent developments of the Justice Foundation, which is actively seeking to overturn this case. Lunch will be provided.

MARIANIST HERITAGE WEEK

*Celebrating the International Character
of Our Marianist Heritage*

Wednesday, January 19 - Tuesday, January 25, 2005

All Faculty, Staff and Students Are Invited to Attend

Wednesday, January 19, 2005

The International Character: an Archival Perspective
10:20 a.m., Conference Room C, University Center
Bro. Earl Leistikow, S.M.
Bro. Paul Novosal, S.M., Marianist Archivists

Thursday, January 20, 2005

Marianist Heritage Mass
12:35 p.m., Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Join us in the celebration of our Marianist heritage! Together we will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving for the life and works of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade as well as his faithful servants, our Marianist Jubilarians.

Marianist Heritage Awards Ceremony
1:45 p.m., Conference Room A, University Center
Dr. Kurt Weber, Counseling and Testing Center and Dr. Larry Hufford, International Relations & Political Science, are this years faculty and staff recipients.

Monday, January 24, 2005

A Marianist Way: Opportunities for Long Term Service
10:20 a.m., Conference Room A, University Center
Dan Richter, Marianist Volunteer Program Coordinator

Marianist Forum Open Session
2:00 p.m., Conference Room A, University Center
Andrew J. Hill, J.D. and Paul Uhlig, Ph.D.

SUMMER 2005

ELDER LAW FELLOWSHIPS FOR MINORITY LAW STUDENTS

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) is offering four (4) summer 2005 fellowships for minority law students who have a serious interest in elder law as a career. NAELA will match qualified applicants with host elder law practitioners or firms for eight weeks during the summer 2005 for immersion in the elder law field. Students will have discrete work

assignments that may include and are not limited to: legal research and writing, public benefits policy review, office practice refinements, case management/life-care planning comparisons, courtroom observation. Each student is expected to give her/his Fellowship host a commitment of 40 hours per week in the office and will receive a total stipend of \$4,000, half of which is provided by NAELA and the balance by the host attorney/firm. NAELA will seek to match students with Fellowship hosts in the student's preferred geographic locale. Housing will not be provided. Attorneys who specialize in elder law see to the needs of older clients as well as those with various disabilities. Elder law practitioners typically focus on general estate planning (e.g. wills, trusts, powers of attorney), guardianship and conservatorships, health care and public benefits planning for those who may depend on any combination of SSI, Medicaid, Medicare, SSD, etc. While backgrounds of elder lawyers vary widely, most agree that the successful practitioner has an interest in social work, some facility for close-reading of government codes and statutes, and enthusiasm for advocacy. With the greying of the baby boomer generation, elder law will continue to grow quickly as a field in high demand. The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc. is a non-profit national association established in 1987. NAELA provides information, education, networking and assistance to those who deal with the many specialized issues involved with legal services to the elderly and people with special needs. NAELA's headquarters are in Tucson, AZ. The website is <http://www.naela.org>. Questions may be addressed to Bridget Jurich, NAELA Account Manager, at bjurich@naela.com. To apply, submit in one package: 1) cover letter; 2) resume; 3) transcript; 4) name and telephone number of most recent employer; and 5) completed application to: bjurich@naela.com. Applications deadline is **January 25, 2005**.

PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL

The eleventh annual People's Law School will be held at St. Mary's on **Saturday, February 5, 2005** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The People's Law School is a free public seminar featuring local attorneys who are experts in their fields. This year's agenda includes presentations in the following areas: wills, grandparents' rights, social security, bankruptcy, employment law, and immigration. Volunteers are needed for this event, which is co-sponsored by the San Antonio Bar Foundation and Sister Grace's Campus Ministry. It is an excellent opportunity to meet local attorneys while providing a valuable service to the community. Volunteer hours also qualify for pro bono credit from the law school. Assistance is needed for set up on Friday afternoon February 4th, registration on Saturday morning February 5th, and clean up early Saturday afternoon. Volunteers are welcome for any or all of these times! Email gstoltz@stmarytx.edu to sign up.

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW BAR TAKERS

Prepare early, prepare early - Day 1 Texas Bar Examination. Please join the Office of Academic Excellence Mini Bar Prep Series, MPT Simulated Test Day on **Saturday, January 22, 2005** in law classroom's 101, 102, and 103. Presenters will be Professor Michael Ariens,

Professor L. Wayne Scott, and Ms. Gina Jones, J.D. '02. Please call 436-3541 or 431-2249 for additional information.

Prepare early, prepare early - Day 2 Texas Bar Examination. Please join the Office of Academic Excellence Mini Bar Prep Series, Texas Essay Workshop. **Thursday, February 17, 2005**, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in law classroom 104 and Texas Essay Simulated Test Day on **Saturday, February 26, 2005**, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, law classroom's 101, 102, and 103. Please call 436-3541 or 431-2249 for additional information.

**THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
MINI BAR PREP SERIES – SPRING 2005**

ATTENTION: ALL MINI BAR PREP PARTICIPANTS

The Office of Academic Excellence' Mini Bar Prep Series is well underway. Please mark your calendars for the following lectures, workshops and simulated testing:

- MPT Simulated Test Saturday January 22, 2005 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Contracts I Sunday January 23, 2005 1:00 pm - 4:17 pm
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- Constitutional Law I Saturday April 9, 2005 9:00 am - 12:20 pm
- Constitutional Law II Sunday April 10, 2005 9:00 am - 12:18 pm

The lectures and simulated tests will be held in Law Classroom's 101, 102 and 103. The location of the Texas Essay Workshop will be held in LC 104. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Academic Excellence at 210. 431.4340 or visit the office in the Raba Building, Room 106 A.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FAFSA time again: The 2005-2006 Renewal FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) became available for completion after January 1, 2005. Financial aid requests for

the summer 2005 as well as the fall and spring 2005-2006 require completion of this form. The website address is www.fafsa.ed.gov. Priority deadline is **February 15, 2005**. The criteria for a large majority of our University Endowed Scholarships are based on academic merit, and also on financial need, so the timeliness of the FAFSA is critical.

Bookstore charge: Please be advised that a bookstore charge was added to your tuition and fee bill on 12/6/04 for the Spring 05 semester. The amount added was the difference between any remaining balance that you had available on the bookstore charge and \$650. If you wish to remove this charge from your account, please notify the Business Office through fax at (210) 431-6749, or email them at businessoffice@stmarytx.edu, or by phone at (210) 436-3731 or in person. If you wish to add this charge, you may notify the Business Office through the same means.

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Alternative Loans: If you still have unmet need after your Federal Stafford Loan, you may want to process an alternative loan. You may visit our office to get the amount of remaining eligibility and to pick up the information sheet listing the loans available. You may choose to process any amount up to the maximum eligibility.

Loan consolidation issues: New informational forms are available for December, 2004 graduates as well as May, 2005 graduates that addresses issues related to Federal Loan consolidation. The most important new information is a possible increase in interest rates. The informational sheet is available on our forms rack inside the Office of Financial Assistance.

Tax benefits for education for tax year 2004: Students may be eligible to reduce their tax liability or their Adjusted Gross Income through the Lifetime Learning Credit or the Tuition and Fees Deduction. Complete information on all types of tax benefits for education is available at www.irs.gov in Publication 970. Use their search engine for that publication and review their index for the topics related to your situation. Appendix B has a good breakdown of the tax benefits.

VITA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For the third year St. Mary's Business School and Law School are sponsoring a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site to help low-income taxpayers file their tax returns. VITA will be located at the Center for Legal and Social Justice (law school clinic building). VITA is scheduled to operate every Saturday beginning on January 22, 2005 and ending April 9, 2005. Students can volunteer as tax preparers or intake clerks. No training is

necessary for intake clerks. The Public Interest Law Association (PILA) in January will have a sign-up table in the classroom building for intake clerks.

2004 INNSBRUCK CERTIFICATES

Students who participated in the 2004 Innsbruck program may obtain certificates of participation from Ms. Caroline Buckley in the Law Faculty Building. Certificates that are not claimed will be mailed at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Buckley at extension 6878, or Professor Ariens at extension 2009.

JULY 2005 BAR APPLICATIONS

Applications for the July 2005 Texas State Bar Examination can be filed beginning November 30, 2004, through January 30, 2005. The fee for filing the application is \$300 if it is postmarked by the **January 30, 2005** deadline; applications filed after that date must also include a \$150 late filing fee. Copies of the application are available on-line at the Board of Law Examiners' website: www.ble.state.tx.us, "Forms Index."

WRITING COMPETITION, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2005 Poverty Law Conference will be held on March 30, 2005 - April 1, 2005 at the Omni Austin Hotel Southpark in Austin, Texas. Texas Lawyers Care is pleased to announce that a limited amount of scholarships will be awarded to pro bono project staff and volunteers and to nonprofit organization staff and volunteers providing free legal services to low income Texans. Applications are available in LAB 105. Applications are due: **January 21, 2005.**

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Jessup Competition comes to San Antonio: Bailiffs Needed!

The Jessup Moot Court competition is administered by the International Law Students Association, in cooperation with the American Society of International Law.

The Jessup is the age old moot court competition with an international flair: The Jessup “problem” (called a *comprimis*) presents teams from around the world with timely topics of international interest such as human rights, extradition, economic sanctions, and UN intervention.

This year St. Mary’s Law School is hosting the Regional Competition. Twenty-four teams from twelve law schools from as far as Missouri, Nevada and New Mexico will be coming to San Antonio to compete for a chance to advance to the International Rounds in Washington, D.C.

WE NEED BAILIFFS! To escort judges and time rounds. It’s easy and interesting work: we’ll show you what to do.

The competition is February 18 and 19 and will be held at the St. Anthony’s Hotel in downtown SA (just blocks from the courthouse).

Come by the ILA Board (in the classroom building) to see more details and sign up.

“ANONYMOUS DONOR FUND” BAR LOAN PROGRAM

The anonymous Donor Fund, which was created by a \$1.75 million gift to the law school in 1999, is used in part to endow a Bar Loan Fund for St. Mary's University law students. Each year, a portion of the earnings from this endowment is available in the form of loans to support students preparing to take the Texas Bar Exam.

To qualify, a student must: (1) reside in South Texas (defined as the area from San Antonio south) or indicate an interest in practicing law in South Texas; (2) have applied for and been denied a private bar study loan through The Access Group or Law Loans, and (3) demonstrate financial need related to preparing for and taking the Texas Bar Examination.

Applications may be obtained upon request at nluna@stmarytx.edu or at the Law School Financial Assistance Office. The deadline for submitting the completed application and denial letter to the Financial Aid office is **5 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2005**. Due to the limited funds available, no exceptions will be made.

BARBRI MARCH 2005 MPRE REVIEW

February 1, 2005 is the **deadline** to register for BarBri's March 2005 MPRE review. (This is also the deadline to register for the exam with the National Conference of Bar Examiners: www.ncbex.org). Enrollment applications may be obtained at: http://www.barbri.com/states/pdf_enroll/tx_mpre.pdf. Print, complete, and return the application to your BarBri rep or to the BarBri table on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00-2:00** in the Law Classroom foyer. Applications are also available at the table. Be sure to attach the appropriate payment, if required.

OLD ATROX TO BE DISCONTINUED

The OLD ATROX system will be discontinued and off line on **Friday, February 18, 2005**. Any student in need of the new ATROX system user name and/or password must go to the Help Desk in Charles Francis Hall. Your St. Mary's University student identification card is required.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Dean Bill Piatt, Rosanne Piatt and Law Ministry invite you to build a Habitat House in Las Vegas, New Mexico during Spring Break. **March 13 - 18, 2005**. During that week, we are also planning a day trip to either Santa Fe, Taos or Angel Fire. Spouses welcome. Housing and food provided. Travel expenses are covered. Study time is possible. Travel for law students will be coordinated by Mike Martinez and Michael Forrest. For registration, please contact John

Hannah, Box 596, see Mike M. or Michael F. in the Law Library or Sr. Grace Walle (210.436.3063). Sign up soon.

FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS
Semesters: Summer 2005, Fall 2005, and Spring 2006

Applications are now being accepted for pre-graduation judicial internships with seven federal judges who have chambers in San Antonio. The application **deadline** is noon **Monday, January 31**. This is the only time that applications will be solicited for internships with these courts during the next three semesters. A detailed pamphlet, entitled "*Pre-Graduation Judicial Internships*," is available on the website (law.stmarytx.edu) in the section on "Judicial Internships" in the "Programs" category.

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In past semesters, interns from St. Mary's have been enthusiastic in their praise of the internship programs at these federal courts. The positions provide students with excellent opportunities for deepening their understanding of the federal courts, improving their writing skills, contributing to the administration of justice, and cultivating as potential references persons holding positions of great importance in the federal judiciary.

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*Celebrating the International Character
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Wednesday, January 19 - Tuesday, January 25, 2005

All Faculty, Staff and Students Are Invited to Attend

Monday, January 24, 2005

A Marianist Way: Opportunities for Long Term Service
10:20 a.m., Conference Room A, University Center
Dan Richter, Marianist Volunteer Program Coordinator

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2:00 p.m., Conference Room A, University Center
Andrew J. Hill, J.D. and Paul Uhlig, Ph.D.

SUMMER 2005

ELDER LAW FELLOWSHIPS FOR MINORITY LAW STUDENTS

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) is offering four (4) summer 2005 fellowships for minority law students who have a serious interest in elder law as a career. NAELA will match qualified applicants with host elder law practitioners or firms for eight weeks during the summer 2005 for immersion in the elder law field. Students will have discrete work assignments that may include and are not limited to: legal research and writing, public benefits policy review, office practice refinements, case management/life-care planning comparisons, courtroom observation. Each student is expected to give her/his Fellowship host a commitment of 40 hours per week in the office and will receive a total stipend of \$4,000, half of which is provided by NAELA and the balance by the host attorney/firm. NAELA will seek to match students with Fellowship hosts in the student's preferred geographic locale. Housing will not be provided. Attorneys who specialize in elder law see to the needs of older clients as well as those with various disabilities. Elder law practitioners typically focus on general estate planning (e.g. wills, trusts, powers of attorney), guardianship and conservatorships, health care and public benefits planning for those who may depend on any combination of SSI, Medicaid, Medicare,

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2004 INNSBRUCK CERTIFICATES

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JULY 2005 BAR APPLICATIONS

Applications for the July 2005 Texas State Bar Examination can be filed beginning November 30, 2004, through January 30, 2005. The fee for filing the application is \$300 if it is postmarked by the **January 30, 2005** deadline; applications filed after that date must also include a \$150 late filing fee. Copies of the application are available on-line at the Board of Law Examiners' website: www.ble.state.tx.us, "Forms Index."

WRITING COMPETITION, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) is pleased to announce its second annual legal writing competition. Through these competitions, which are open to all law students and attorneys, PVA hopes to generate discussion on issues that affect today's veterans. The topic of this year's competition is "Should a Veteran be Entitled to Retain a Lawyer for Adjudication of Claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs?" A first prize of \$1,250 and a second prize of \$750 will be awarded. All submissions must be received no later than **March 1, 2005**. Winners will be announced during PVA Awareness Week, April 10-16, 2005. For more information on how to enter the competition and the specific rules, please visit the PVA Web site www.pva.org and click on "Legal Writing Competition." All entries should be addressed to: Office of General Counsel, Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 Eighteenth St., NW, Washington, DC 20006. Questions about the contest should be directed by email to GeneralCounsel@pva.org or by phone to (202) 416-7793.

The Section of Family Law of the **American Bar Association** is sponsoring the 2005 Howard Schwab Memorial Essay Contest. This contest seeks to generate law student interest in family law issues. The topics can be varied. Previous topics have been in kinship foster care, "ownership" of the fertilized ovum in vitro, abrogation of adoption by adoptive parents, same-sex marriage, privacy of email between spouses, grandparent visitation, and international parental kidnaping. Information on contest rules and eligibility requirements are available on the family law website at www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.html. This contest is open to second and third year full-time law students (and second through fourth year part-time students) in all ABA-approved law schools, and to first year students where family law is part of the first year curriculum. Cash prizes are awarded: \$1500 for first place; \$1000 for second; and \$500 for third. Winning entries are also considered for publication in the *Family Law Quarterly*. Entries must be postmarked by **April 4, 2005**. Students may obtain entry forms via email at familylaw@abanet.org or by writing: American Bar Association, Section of Family Law, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

American College of Employee Benefits Counsel is pleased to announce the first annual employee benefits writing competition. Subject may be any topic in the field of

employee benefits law. Competition is open to all J.D. and graduate (LL.M. or S.J.D.) law students. Entry deadline is **April 15, 2005**. Prizes are \$1,500 for the Clarin M. Schwartz Memorial Award and \$1,500 for the Sidney M. Perlstadt Memorial Award. Information and contest rules are posted on www.acebc.com.

The American Judges Association/American Judges Foundation announces its Seventeenth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. The competition is open to all full-time law students enrolled in and attending an accredited law school in the United States or Canada. The first prize for the contest is \$3,000; second is \$1,500; and third is \$1,000. For application and entry rules and regulations, please stop by LAB 105. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2005**.

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) announces the 66th Annual Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition. Subject: Copyright Law. Awards at each participating law school is \$600 for first prize and \$250 for second prize. National competition will be judged by a panel to be selected by, and in the sole discretion of, the Copyright Society of the USA. First prize, \$3,000; Second Prize, \$2,000; Third Prize, \$1,000. Copies of the rules governing the competition may be secured at the office of the Associate Dean. Winning papers must be certified by the Dean to the Society by **June 30, 2005**. For additional information, please call ASCAP (212) 621-6280 or email: NBMC@ASCAP.com, Website: <http://www.ASCAP.com>.

THE WITAN

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Submit articles to Ms. Bebe Gonzales (bgonzales@stmarytx.edu) in electronic format by noon Thursday.

GOOD-BYE FOR NOW, NOAH MYAL

By Dean Bill Piatt

We will all have our favorite Noah Myal moments. Mine will be his explanation how, as an ordained minister, he had performed marriage ceremonies for his friends. He wouldn't marry them, however, without their commitment that they would stay married. He told me with a twinkle in his eye, that now that he was in law school, he was telling those friends that if they really had to get divorced, they could wait until he became a judge and he would handle it for them as well. Noah is gone now. All the couples he married will have to stay married. Good-bye for now, Noah. We will miss you until we see you again, running to greet us at the gates.

UNOFFICIAL CLASS RANKINGS FOR 2Ls AND 3Ls ON ATROX

The class rankings that currently appear on ATROX for second- and third-year students are unofficial and subject to adjustment, and will remain so until the last course grades for all the fall 2004 classes are processed. First-year rankings are official and will not change. Notice will be given once final rankings are available. We extend an apology for any inconvenience this may cause, but we must work within the limitations of the computer database.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Employment & Labor Law Association (ELLA) -- The First Step: Filing A Complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) -- Interested in learning more about employment and labor law or joining ELLA? We invite you to attend our meeting on **Tuesday, February 1**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Alumni room. David Rivela of the EEOC will be discussing how to file a charge and the role of the EEOC. The EEOC also offers an internship to St. Mary's law students so if you are interested in the internship, please plan to attend.

Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) would like to announce that their Silent Auction Fundraiser will be held on **Wednesday, February 2, 2005** from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. in the law library Alumni Room. Please join us and bid for opportunities to have lunch/dinner with your favorite professor, and other items, such as gift certificates for coffee shops, hair salons, and a 1/2 off BARBRI Review Course certificate!

Tech & IP Law Association will be having a Spring Rush to encourage 1L's to sign up for membership on **Thursday, February 3, 2005** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Dave & Buster's Restaurant, 440 Crossroads Blvd. next to the Crossroads Mall. Professor Beyer will be there to informally discuss any law or law school topics that might arise. There will be free drinks and appetizers. Everyone is welcome. Flyers with maps will be posted in the law classroom building.

Christian Legal Society will have its next meeting on **Friday, February 4**, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Atrium. Please join us as we seek to know Christ and encourage one another as we seek him. Everyone is welcome. Lunch will be provided.

OFFICE OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

Please mark your calendar for the following events:

Mardi Gras: Tuesday, February 8, 2005, 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the law school plaza. There will be food, drinks, and music. All law students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. This event is co-sponsored by Law Ministry and the Student Bar Association.

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 9, 2005, 11:45 a.m. Location to be announced at a later date.

Habitat For Humanity: March 13 - 18, 2005. Dean Bill Piatt, Rosanne Piatt and Law Ministry invite you to build a Habitat House in Las Vegas, New Mexico during Spring Break. During that week, we are also planning a day trip to either Santa Fe, Taos or Angel Fire. Spouses welcome. Housing and food provided. Travel expenses are covered. Study time is possible. Travel for law students will be coordinated by Mike Martinez and Michael Forrest. For registration, please contact John Hannah, Box 596, see Mike M. or Michael F. in the Law Library or Sr. Grace Walle (210.436.3063). Sign up soon.

Fiesta Farewell: Wednesday, April 13, 2005, 11:45 a.m. in the law school plaza. This is an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments and service of the third-year law students. Campus Ministry service awards will be presented followed by a luncheon. Graduation pictures (wear business attire) will be taken following lunch. Everyone is invited.

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

The deadline to enroll in the St. Mary's University Student Health Insurance Plan is **Friday, February 4th, 2005**. Students may enroll on-line by going to <http://www.macori.com/onlineenroll.htm> or submit a request in writing to the Student Health Center by 3:00 p.m. on the same date.



Jessup Competition comes to San Antonio: Bailiffs Needed!

The Jessup Moot Court competition is administered by the International Law Students Association, in cooperation with the American Society of International Law.

The Jessup is the age old moot court competition with an international flair: The Jessup “problem” (called a *comprimis*) presents teams from around the world with timely topics of international interest such as human rights, extradition, economic sanctions, and UN intervention.

This year St. Mary's Law School is hosting the Regional Competition. Twenty-four teams from twelve law schools from as far as Missouri, Nevada and New Mexico will be coming to San Antonio to compete for a chance to advance to the International Rounds in Washington, D.C.

WE NEED BAILIFFS! To escort judges and time rounds. It's easy and interesting work: we'll show you what to do.

The competition is **February 18 and 19** and will be held at the St. Anthony's Hotel in downtown SA (just blocks from the courthouse).

Come by the ILA Board (in the classroom building) to see more details and sign up.

“ANONYMOUS DONOR FUND” BAR LOAN PROGRAM

The anonymous Donor Fund, which was created by a \$1.75 million gift to the law school in 1999, is used in part to endow a Bar Loan Fund for St. Mary's University law students. Each year, a portion of the earnings from this endowment is available in the form of loans to support students preparing to take the Texas Bar Exam.

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Applications may be obtained upon request at nluna@stmarytx.edu or at the Law School Financial Assistance Office. The deadline for submitting the completed application and denial letter to the Financial Aid office is **5 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2005**. Due to the limited funds available, no exceptions will be made.

BARBRI MARCH 2005 MPRE REVIEW

February 1, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. is the **deadline** to register for BarBri's March 2005 MPRE review. (This is also the deadline to register for the exam with the National Conference of Bar Examiners: www.ncbex.org). Enrollment applications may be obtained at: http://www.barbri.com/states/pdf_enroll/tx_mpre.pdf. Print, complete, and return the application to your BarBri rep or to the BarBri table on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00-2:00** in the Law Classroom foyer. Applications are also available at the table. Be sure to attach the appropriate payment, if required.

FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS Semesters: Summer 2005, Fall 2005, and Spring 2006

Applications are now being accepted for pre-graduation judicial internships with seven federal judges who have chambers in San Antonio. The application **deadline** is noon **Monday, January 31**. This is the only time that applications will be solicited for internships with these courts during the next three semesters. A detailed pamphlet, entitled "*Pre-Graduation Judicial Internships*," is available on the website (law.stmarytx.edu) in the section on "Judicial Internships" in the "Programs" category.

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The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) announces the 66th Annual Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition. Subject: Copyright Law. Awards at each participating law school is \$600 for first prize and \$250 for second prize. National competition will be judged by a panel to be selected by, and in the sole discretion of, the Copyright Society of the USA. First prize, \$3,000; Second Prize, \$2,000; Third Prize, \$1,000. Copies of the rules governing the competition may be secured at the office of the Associate Dean. Winning papers must be certified by the Dean to the Society by **June 30, 2005**. For additional information, please call ASCAP (212) 621-6280 or email: NBMC@ASCAP.com, Website: <http://www.ASCAP.com>.

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The following papers are recognized as having earned Credit with Honors:

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The following Recent Developments have been selected for publication:

Kelo v. City of New London, Tular Lake Water Basin District v. United States, and Washoe County v. United States: A Fifth Amendment Takings Primer, by Christopher L. Harris & Daniel L. Lowenberg

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Section A	Rebecca Lively
Section B	Kimberly Phillips
Section C	Glen Wietzel
Section D	Daniel Marquez

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ATTENTION: ALL MINI BAR PREP PARTICIPANTS
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The Office of Academic Excellence' Mini Bar Prep Series is well underway. Please mark your calendars for the following lectures, workshops and simulated testing:

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| • | Constitutional Law I | Saturday | April 9, 2005 | 9:00 am - 12:20 pm |
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**THE JAMES DERRICK STUDENT PAPER
ON CONSTITUTIONAL LAW COMPETITION**

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS ANNOUNCEMENT

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The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** announces their twelfth annual Brown Award. Stipend winner will be awarded \$10,000. Application deadline is **April 22, 2005**.

The Law School Section of **The State Bar of Texas** announces its Annual Article Writing Contest 2005. Entry deadline is **April 29, 2005**. For an official entry form and guidelines contact Derrell Coleman, (972) 925-3255 or email at dcoleman@dallasisd.org.

The **Attorney-CPA Foundation** announces their annual scholarships. The Foundation will award ten scholarships in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$250 to students entering their third year of law school. Application deadline is **April 30, 2005**. Information available online at www.attorney-cpa.com or (800) 272-2889.

The **Permian Basin Area Foundation** announces the Judge Lucius Bunton Memorial Law Scholarship Fund. Information and applications are available by visiting the website at www.pbaf.org. Deadline is **May 31, 2005**.

2005 **American Inns of Court** Warren E. Burger Prize, a writing competition. \$5,000 will be awarded to winning entry. Submission deadline is **June 15, 2005**. For more information please go to www.innsforcourt.org.

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By MSA

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HOMESTEAD WEEK

Housing re-application for current residents for the Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 academic year will take place in March, 2005. To reclaim your current room, you must submit all the required paperwork during Homestead week, **March 14-18**. Because Spring Break for law students is concurrent with that week, law students may turn in their re-application (Homestead) requests during the prior week. Please consult Ann Karam in the Residence Life office at ext. 4313. To select a different room for next year, scheduled dates are March 30th and March 31st. Please refer to your *Guide to Room Selection* which was placed in your hall mailbox on Tuesday, March 1st. Residency requirements for Leies Hall and for the Treadaway 4th floor law/grad wings include being 22 years old by August 22, 2005, or being a law/grad student. Reapplication materials are available for you to print at www.stmarytx.edu/reslife/.

THE SCHOLAR: ST. MARY'S LAW REVIEW ON MINORITY ISSUES

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues is currently recruiting Staff Writers for the 2005-2006 school year. Current 1L's and 2Ls are eligible for positions. An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Atrium of the Law Administration Building. Current and former law review Editors and Staff Writers will be present to answer questions. All students are welcome.

ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

The Order of Barristers is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order, which is open only to third-year law students, also 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, LFB 270. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the Barristers Ball on April 15th. Please note that contacting any faculty member other than 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 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 23, 2005**.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Hispanic Law Alumni Association is proud to announce the availability of numerous law school scholarships and bar grants in the amounts of \$2,000.00 and \$500.00 respectively. The scholarship and grant awards will be based on merit and proven financial need. The completed applications are due on **Wednesday, March 23, 2005**, no later than 5:00 p.m. at the Office of Alumni Relations. Recipients of the awards will be selected shortly thereafter by committee process, and monies will be distributed at the annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner. This year the dinner will take place on April 7, 2005, at The Plaza San Antonio Hotel. The dinner will feature Henry Cisneros as the keynote speaker and will honor Frank Herrera. Applications may be obtained at the Office of Alumni Relations or at the Law Library through Mike Martinez.

ORAL ARGUMENT PANEL DISCUSSION FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

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PUBLIC DEFENDER EXTERNSHIP

For the sixth consecutive year, the Public Interest Law Program (PILP) is sponsoring the

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STREET LAW

Street Law, is an introductory class structured for high school students who wish to understand the American Criminal and Civil Justice Systems. Law student volunteers are needed to assist local attorneys in presenting lessons and teaching the classes. Street law classes are held at Sam Houston High School on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Volunteers can meet with the attorney prior to their assigned class to preview the curriculum. E-mail Angelle Adams at aadams@stmarytx.edu if you would like to participate. Please include which Tuesday you would like to volunteer and contact information in your email. Law students will receive Pro Bono credit for participation in the Street Law Program. Sponsored by the Black Allied Law Student Association (BALSA) and San Antonio Black Lawyers Association.

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HOMESTEAD WEEK

Housing re-application for current residents for the Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 academic year will take place in March, 2005. To reclaim your current room, you must submit all the required paperwork during Homestead week, **March 14-18**. Because Spring Break for law students is concurrent with that week, law students may turn in their re-application (Homestead) requests during the prior week. Please consult Ann Karam in the Residence Life office at ext. 4313. To select a different room for next year, scheduled dates are March 30th and March 31st. Please refer to your *Guide to Room Selection* which was placed in your hall mailbox on Tuesday, March 1st. Residency requirements for Leies Hall and for the Treadaway 4th floor law/grad wings include being 22 years old by August 22, 2005, or being a law/grad student. Reapplication materials are available for you to print at www.stmarytx.edu/reslife/.

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Holy Week:

Tuesday, March 22, 2:00 p.m., Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Chapel of the Assumption

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:00 p.m. to midnight, Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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- At www.sakomen.org click "Register."
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- Enter "St. Mary's Rattlers" as the team name, and click "Search for a team."
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Please help us spread the word so that St. Mary's will have a great team on Race day! Contact Ann Karam, 436-3714 for more information.

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WRITING COMPETITION, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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When: Thursday, March 31, 2005

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Location: Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Alumni Room

Synopsis: Colonel Manny Supervielle will explain how legal advice is provided to military leaders from the Secretary of Defense to an Infantry Brigade commander in Iraq, and every level in between and discuss the legislative initiative in this year’s DOD Authorization act that addresses legal advisory relationships.

Manuel Supervielle was born in Havana, Cuba and emigrated to the United States in 1961. His family settled in Laredo, Texas, where he attended High School and earned a four-year ROTC scholarship, graduated *Summa Cum Laude* from St. Mary’s University, and a *Distinguished Military Graduate*. He has served in prosecutorial, advisory and staff positions in a variety of criminal law and international law assignments over his 23-year career in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) corps in the United States Army.

MEET DALLAS ALUMS

Lead by Alumni Chapter President Reed Porter, members of the Dallas Chapter of the Law Alumni Association will be on the campus at 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 31, 2005** to recruit Dallas area students and students interested in working in Dallas to join the Dallas Alumni Chapter Student Division. Meet, visit and network with this group of alums. Rumor has it that liquid refreshment in a large metal container will be available in the Law Plaza. See Chris Gee or David Courreges for more information.

HOMECOMING 2005 IS ON THE HORIZON

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Final payments for students taking the summer 2005 BarBri bar review course are due on **Friday, April 1, 2005**. Visit www.barbri.com or mail your payment (must be postmarked by April 1) to: BarBri, 1621 Milam St., Ste., 200, Houston, TX 77002-8017. Registration for summer course is May 23, 2005 in the Law Classroom foyer. Classes begin May 24. More questions? Call BarBri at 1-800-392-5441.

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FACULTY NOTES

Assistant Professor Jeffrey Addicott presented a formal lecture on cyber-terrorism law to the law school at the Universidad Panamericana, Guadalajara, Mexico, on 10 March 2005. Professor Addicott also delivered copies of his lecture in Spanish, entitled *Cyber-terrorism and Infrastructure Assurance* which will be published in a law journal in Bogotá, Colombia, later this year.

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- At www.sakomen.org click "Register."
- On the next screen, select "Join an existing team."
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Fall 2004 Moot Court Competition: Toti Walia & Tressie McKeon. Winners – Eduardo Valdes & Alison Moltz, finalists.

Fall 2004 Mock Trial Competition sponsored by Adami, Goldman & Shuffield, Inc. Tim Ward & Geoffrey Mayfield. Winners – Andrew Hurd & Brian Clepp, finalists.

Fall 2004 Negotiations Competition sponsored by CEASEFIRE: Charles Cantrell & Deborah Earley. Winners – Michael Kim & Clay Butler, finalists.

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Spring 2005 Mock Trial Competition sponsored by Federal Bar Association. Shelly Troberman & Michael Britton. Winners – Michael Kim & Tyler Milton, finalists.

BARRISTERS' BALL

The Board of Advocates Barristers' Ball will be held on **Friday, April 15, 2005, 7:00 p.m.**, at La Mansion Hotel on the historic San Antonio Riverwalk. Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis, in the Board of Advocates office or at the Board of Advocates table, set up on occasion, in the law classroom building. Tickets are \$20 and include a meal, beverage ticket, and a night of fun. Please call 436-3286 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

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EAP MOOT COURT TEAM TRY-OUTS

Did you enjoy your First Year Moot Court experience? Would you like to continue to develop your advocacy skills by having the opportunity to compete against the best advocates from the best law schools in Texas and across the country? If the answer to these questions is “YES,” come try out for St. Mary’s EAP Moot Court Team! Past members of the team have brought profound recognition to their law school through their unprecedented success on the state, regional and national levels. Those interested in trying out for the team should meet in the common area of the law faculty building on **Wednesday, April 13, 2005** at 6:00 p.m. Bring your resume and be prepared to present a 5-8 minute appellate argument on the topic of your choice. There is no writing requirement. Try-outs are open to all current first and second-year law students. Dress appropriately. Questions? Please contact Coach Ricky Poole at (210) 525-7988 or rpoole@alamocityattorney.com.

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Are you doing your Spring cleaning soon or are you moving? Remember – you can donate household items or clothing to Sr. Grace’s law ministry. Law books will also be accepted. Bring your items to Sr. Grace’s office. You may leave the items outside her door.

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An award of \$10,000, in memory of Giles S. Rich, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, will be given by the **Federal Circuit Bar Association** to a law student showing financial need and demonstrated academic promise. Selection for the award will be primarily based on a written submission of no more than one page setting out the applicant's financial need, any interests in particular areas of the law, and any qualifications for

the award considered relevant by the applicant. The submission should also include all of the applicant's college and law school transcripts, and a one page curriculum vitae. All of the submitted materials will be considered, and prior academic performance will not be the primary criteria for selection. Four additional scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each will be awarded based on the same submissions, but the Committee will primarily consider economic need. Deadline for submission is **April 25, 2005**. The materials should be sent to: Stephen L. Peterson, Past-president, The Federal Circuit Bar Association, c/o Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett, & Dunner, 901 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001-4413.

The Law School Section of **The State Bar of Texas** announces its Annual Article Writing Contest 2005. Entry deadline is **April 29, 2005**. For an official entry form and guidelines contact Derrell Coleman, (972) 925-3255 or email at dcoleman@dallasisd.org.

The **Attorney-CPA Foundation** announces their annual scholarships. The Foundation will award ten scholarships in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$250 to students entering their third year of law school. Application deadline is **April 30, 2005**. Information available online at www.attorney-cpa.com or (800) 272-2889.

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By MSA

Submit articles to Ms. Bebe Gonzales (bgonzales@stmarytx.edu) in electronic format by noon Thursday.

TUTOR APPLICATIONS

The Office of Academic Excellence is seeking second and third-year law students to serve as tutors for first year courses during the Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 semesters. Prospective tutors should be conscientious, possess a personal standard of academic excellence, work well with students from diverse educational backgrounds, communicate effectively and exhibit a positive desire to teach and learn.

Qualifications

1. Be a currently enrolled St. Mary's law student.
2. Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
3. Demonstrate excellent comprehension of the tutored subject.
4. Possess a genuine desire to help others.
5. Utilize exemplary communication skills.
6. Exhibit a willingness to use creative and dynamic teaching methods.

Tutors will receive a \$1,250.00 stipend for each semester of service. To receive an application, please visit the Office of Academic Excellence, Room 106-A, Raba Faculty Building. For more information, call 431-4340 or 436-3541. All applications are due by **4:00 p.m. on July 8, 2005.**

GRADUATING THIRD YEAR STUDENTS

Two important events will occur on **Friday, May 13, 2005.**

Graduation rehearsal will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the Athletics and Convocation Center. Please meet in the main arena. We will finish at 4:00 p.m. PMBR will not conflict with the rehearsal.

Graduation reception. You are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the graduation reception. This year, the reception will be held on Friday, the evening before graduation. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. at the downtown Westin Hotel. Music, drinks and light appetizers will be available. You and your family members are welcome.

LOCKER RENEWAL

It is time to renew your rental locker agreement or if you will not be renewing your agreement, please return your key and pick up your deposit check. Please see Bebe Gonzales in the law administration building, room 105. Deadline is Friday, **May 20, 2005**. Items in locker will be discarded after May 20, 2005 and checks for any key not returned will be deposited for payment. Third year students who need their locker for bar purposes, please contact Bebe at 436-3540 or email bgonzales@stmarytx.edu so that your locker items are not discarded nor your check cashed.

***ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL* WRITE -ON COMPETITION**

All 1L's are invited to pick up a Write-On Packet for the *St. Mary's Law Journal* on **Friday, May 6, 2005**, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the law classroom building. The completed packets will be due back in the Law Journal office (LL223) by Wednesday, June 1, 2005. Good luck!

SMOKING

The Law School Administration and the SBA are well aware of the stress that upcoming exams may induce, but we request that students refrain from smoking just outside the entrances to the law school buildings and that cigarette butts be placed in the stand-alone ashtrays found in the plaza. Thanks for your assistance.

STUDENT INTERNS NEEDED

The **Helotes Area Heritage Association** seeks two summer interns to assist with preparation of an environmental suit in federal court against Wal-Mart and mall developers who are planning to build on land that is home to protected endangered species and is in the contributing zone to the Edwards and Trinity aquifer. Interns will work under the supervision of attorneys in preparing evidence, assisting in public relations efforts, interacting with environmental and community groups and government agencies. Start day is May 16 (12 weeks for 20 hours per week). Stipend is \$500. Open to law and pre-law university students with a strong interest in environmental law and government affairs. Mail or email your resume, a copy

of your college transcript (student copy is fine), two references, and a one page letter describing your interest and professional goals, to: Helotes Heritage Association, P. O. Box 1324, Helotes, TX 78023. Email: info@helotes-heritage.org, Attn: Summer Internship.

The **Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty** seeks a student intern this summer to work in their Austin, Texas office. Duties include planning, organizing and implementing arrangements for the Journey of Hope...From Violence to Healing to be held in Texas on October 14-30, 2005. Journey of Hope is an organization that is led by victim family members that conduct public educational speaking tours and promotes alternatives to the death penalty. Other duties include maintaining a database of schedules, contact persons and events. Coordination of statewide events with the regional contacts, help with venue selection and transportation. Helping to maintain contact with the regional coordinators across the state for regular updates. Help prepare press packets, releases and other media relations. Applicant must be a college student, junior or senior preferred, but not mandatory. Open to graduate and law students. Must be willing to work 30 hours a week from May 31 – July 29. \$10.00 per hour. Housing and transportation allowances available. Applications available in Sr. Grace's office and in Law Career Services office.

ATTENTION EXAM SOFT USERS

Exam Soft has posted a service pack which may be found at www.examsoft.com/servicepack. This service pack can be installed on top of your current application. Your version should upgrade from 7.5 to 7.5a. Several enhancements have been added to improve the way you use Exam Soft. Please install this service pack before your exams. You will need an internet connection and your student ID to upgrade. If you are a first time user of Exam Soft, please go to www.examsoft.com/stmaryslaw to register and download the current copy of Exam Soft onto your computer. We have made available to the students a cheat sheet on how to install this program. Please stop by Computer Systems Administration office located in Raba, room 101a or 101b. You may also telephone 431-6702 for questions or further assistance.

LAW LIBRARY

Those studying for the July bar exam who need a carrel to prepare, should request one beginning the day after finals from Brandon Vasquez. Priority will be given to St. Mary's graduates. First come, first served.

Conference rooms in the Law Library are available for use without reservation by St. Mary's law students as individuals and study groups. Personal belongings may not be stored in these rooms, as the doors must remain unlocked. The only exception to this non-reservation policy applies this summer for groups of two to four St. Mary's graduates studying for the July bar exam. Please note, locker space for books and personal belongings is available in the classroom building. Please consult the SBA to reserve locker space.

SPRING CLEANING

Are you doing your Spring cleaning soon or are you moving? Remember – you may donate household items or clothing to Sr. Grace’s law ministry. Law books will also be accepted. Bring your items to Sr. Grace’s office. You may leave the items outside her door.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Phi Alpha Delta congratulates the following 2005-2006 officers.

Tom Bagby - Justice
Phillip Arnold - Vice Justice
Tina Hanson - Clerk
Haley Sloss - Treasurer
John George - Marshal

ATROX ASSISTANCE

Exam numbers for the current semester, and any prior semesters, are now available on ATROX, under the “Grade Report” screen. Students will no longer pick up a hard copy from Ms. Yvonne Olfers, Director of Student Records. Students who need assistance logging on to ATROX, or who have misplaced their passwords, should see Joe Bravo, Law School Computer Administration in Raba Building 101A.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Bar Study Loans - December, 2004 and May, 2005 graduates may apply for private loans for expenses related to the Bar. These are credit based loans and assist in paying expenses related to the Bar as well as supplementing living expenses during the period of time leading up to the Bar Exam. Information sheets are available on our forms rack inside the Office of Financial Assistance.

FAFSA time again: The 2005-2006 Renewal FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) became available for completion after January 1, 2005. Financial aid requests for the summer 2005 as well as the fall and spring 2005-2006 require completion of this form. The website address is www.fafsa.ed.gov. The criteria for a large majority of our University Endowed Scholarships are based on academic merit, and also on financial need, so the timeliness of the FAFSA is critical. Students may submit applications as soon as possible.

Loan consolidation issues: New informational forms are available for December, 2004 graduates as well as May, 2005 graduates that addresses issues related to Federal Loan

consolidation. The most important new information is a possible increase in interest rates. The informational sheet is available on our forms rack inside the Office of Financial Assistance.

HOTEL DISCOUNT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR FAMILIES OF GRADUATES

The **St. Anthony Hotel** is pleased to extend a preferred rate to faculty, students, families and alumni of St. Mary's University for 2005. The discounted room rate will be \$99/\$109 single/double occupancy through December 31, 2005. To ensure proper rate, please remember to tell your reservations agent that you are booking a room with **St. Mary's University**. The St. Anthony Hotel is rated four-diamonds by AAA and is a national and state historical landmark located in the heart of San Antonio overlooking Travis Park. Direct reservation lines are: 210.354.9283, 210.354.9284 and 210.354.9285.

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The *Santa Clara Computer & High Technology Law Journal* is accepting submissions for its 2005 Comment Contest. Topic is "Hot Topics in Intellectual Property and Technology

Law.” Deadline for submission is **June 15, 2005**. For additional information please visit the Journal’s website at www.scu.edu/techlaw/contest.html

The *National Black Law Journal-UCLA Edition* is accepting comments and articles for spring 2006 publication in the UCLA 35th Anniversary NBLJ issue. The Journal is accepting articles and comments from legal scholars, students, and practitioners which are no more than 60 pages in length and which contain no more than 200 footnotes. The work should address the African-American student’s experience in legal education. Please submit the one page information sheet, a resume or curriculum vitae and your submission in a word formatted file online at www1.law.ucla.edu/~nblj or mail a copy to: National Black Law Journal-UCLA Edition, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Box 951476, Los Angeles, CA 90095. Works submitted by **August 1, 2005** will be considered for publication and presentation at the NBLJ fall symposium. Works submitted after this date will be considered for publication only. For further questions, please contact nblj@lawnet.ucla.edu.

The **University of Leicester** annual awards presents the Victoria Fisher Memorial Prize 2005. Now accepting essays relating to Women and the Law. Entry deadline is **September 30, 2005**. For more information, email lh55@le.ac.uk or call 44 (0) 116-252-2363.

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