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WITAN

St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue 3 September 15, 2003 By VRJ&LW

**THE TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
HEARS ARGUMENTS ON CAMPUS
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18 AT 10:00 AND 11:00**

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals is the highest court in the State of Texas that hears criminal matters. Because of the size of the Texas population, the volume of suits decided by the Court, and the visibility of Texas courts nationally, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals is one of the most important tribunals in the country with respect to criminal law and procedure.

St. Mary's University School of Law is privileged to have the Court of Criminal Appeals hear arguments on campus.

The first argument, which begins at 10:00, involves a death-penalty appeal relating to the use of peremptory strikes against African-American veniremen. Classrooms 102 and 103 will be opened to the moot courtroom for this appeal, which will probably last about 40 minutes.

The second argument, which begins at 11:00, involves issues relating to driving while intoxicated and the validity of blood alcohol test results. The case will be argued for the appellant by St. Mary's Clinical Professor of Law Stephanie Stevens. All three classrooms will be opened to the moot courtroom for this argument, which will probably last about 40 minutes.

The briefs relating to the arguments are available on Docushare (you can log into Docushare directly, or there is a "useful link" in the library section of the law school website; once in Docushare, click "law students," then "court briefs").

Decorum. It is important for those attending the arguments to treat the members of the court, and those participating in its proceedings, with appropriate respect and deference. Such conduct is not merely good etiquette; it is an essential part of maintaining confidence in the courts and the administration of justice.

Guidelines for the Court of Criminal Appeals Arguments

1. For security reasons, backpacks and similar items are not permitted in the classrooms where the cases will be argued.
2. Persons attending the arguments may carry books with them but may not read while court is in session.
3. Cell phones, pagers or other electronic devices must be turned “off.”
4. The arguments may not be recorded, broadcast, or photographed.
5. Hats and caps, other than religious attire, may not be worn.
6. Eating, drinking, or chewing gum is not permitted.
7. All persons must be seated; entering or leaving the room once court is in session is not allowed.
8. Spectators must remain quiet while court is in session.

FACULTY NOTES

Professor Gerald S. Reamey was a featured speaker at the 2003 Texas Police Association Annual Training Conference in San Antonio, where he was named an Honorary Life Member of the Association in recognition of twenty years' service as Editor of the Police Legal Digest, a monthly report of state and federal cases of interest to Texas peace officers. He is the only living member to be so honored by this 108-year-old organization of law enforcement officers, trainers, and administrators.

Associate Deans Bonita K. Roberts and Vincent R. Johnson participated in the 2003 United States Supreme Court Review held at the Adrian Spears Federal Judicial Training Center at Hemisfair Plaza on September 5. Dean Roberts spoke about the recent Supreme Court decision in *Lawrence v. Texas*. Dean Johnson talked about the role of the Supreme Court in shaping American Legal Ethics. The program was co-sponsored by the Federal Bar Association, the Bexar County Women's Bar Association, the San Antonio Bar Association, and the United States District Clerk for the Western District of Texas.

TWENTY-HOUR PER WEEK LIMITATION ON EMPLOYMENT

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defined as 12-credit hours during the fall semester or spring semester or five credit hours during the first summer session or the second summer session.) Any student found in violation of this prohibition may be involuntarily disenrolled from classes as deemed appropriate by the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs. *First-year students are strongly discouraged from engaging in any employment.*

ORGANIZATION AND TUTORIAL ROOM RESERVES

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ATTENTION CLASS OF 2004

A copy of the *Application for Degree* card was placed in your student mailbox on Wednesday, September 3. Please complete the form and return to Ms. Yvonne Olfers, Director of Student Records (Law Administration Building 123), **if you intend to graduate December 2003, May 2004, or August 2004.** The **deadline for submitting your completed form is Friday, September 26, 2003.** Failure to meet this deadline could result in your diploma not being printed in time for your graduation. If you plan to graduate within the next twelve months and do not have an *Application for Degree* card, you can pick one up from Ms. Olfers.

FOOD AND DRINKS IN THE LAW LIBRARY

Consumption of drinks is not restricted provided spill-proof cups are used; food consumption is limited to the student lounge and patio, and tobacco usage is restricted to the patio only.

WIRELESS IN THE LAW LIBRARY

A wireless Internet system will be installed in the law library in the near future. The exact dates of the work are uncertain. Please bear with the installation process.

ATTENTION - FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS

Want to survive your first year of law school, and need a little help? Join S.O.S.! Students On Success is a group of 2L and 3L students and campus organizations that have designed a helpful workshop to aid you in getting through your first year...and doing it well! Come to our first session

on **Wednesday, September 17, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 101 of the Law Classroom Building.** See you there!

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION - SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

The San Antonio chapter of the Federal Bar Association will have its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, September 17, at 12:00 p.m., at the Plaza Club.** All students are welcome to attend. This month's speaker is Michael E. Clark who will discuss the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Lunch is provided. Cost is \$16 by cash or check. *Reservations are required and can be made at <http://www.fedbarsatx.org/LunchRes.htm>.

Note: You do not have to be a Federal Bar Association member to attend. For information about the Federal Bar Association, you may visit <http://www.fedbarsatx.org/>. For student member applications or for Plaza Club directions or parking information, contact Erin Lucke at elucke@stmarytx.edu.

PRO BONO FAIR

The Pro Bono Fair, set for Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Law Library Alumni Room, is intended to strengthen the ties between St. Mary's law students interested in public interest law and local governmental and non-profit legal services. Likewise, we hope participating organizations will benefit from law student volunteers. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Interested students should bring copies of their resumé and submit them to the organizations with whom they would like to volunteer. Students are encouraged to chat with the lawyers and find out what kind of law they practice. If a student is selected to volunteer, the organization will contact the student and they will plan a work schedule together.

Organizations attending include:

- Catholic Charities, Immigration Department
- Texas Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights
- Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund
- Jane's Due Process
- Texas Rural Legal Aid
- Battered Women's Shelter, Legal Services Department
- Texas Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division
- Texas Attorney General's Office, Child Support Division
- Center for Legal & Social Justice, Legal Clinical Programs

If you have questions, please contact Nicole True at 431-5764 or at nicolettrue@hotmail.com.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

The Christian Legal Society would like to invite everyone to their weekly meeting to be held on **Friday, September 19, from 11:00 a.m - 12:00 noon in the Alumni Room of the Law Library**. Come join us for Bible study, fellowship, and a free lunch. Hope to see you there.

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Issue 4 September 22, 2003 By VRJ&LW

ASK-A-LAWYER CLINIC

We're back! The Ask-a-Lawyer Clinic is scheduled for **Thursday, October 2, 2003, at St. Jude's Catholic Church, 130 S. Augustine**. This is a GREAT opportunity for all law students to put into practice what you're learning in the classroom and apply it to real life. PLUS, you get valuable pro-bono hours, good towards a special certificate with Catholic Charities. We (law students) do the intake for a variety of legal issues presented by parishioners of St. Jude's Church (divorce, custody, employment, wills, and immigration lead the pack). We fill out the forms, then briefly meet with the lawyers who also donate their time to either answer the client's questions that evening or refer them to outside council or Catholic charities. If you're interested, please e-mail croetx@aol.com to get on the contact list. Students should plan to arrive at 6:00 p.m. for instructions and a light dinner. Thanks for your support of this exciting collaborative partnership!

DO LAWYERS GO TO HEAVEN?

Some jokes would suggest that St. Peter can't find an attorney inside the pearly gates. However, the Catholic Church has recognized Thomas More as a Saint, which by definition means he is in heaven. Thomas More was the first lay chancellor of England and later suffered martyrdom for his faith. In addition to being a politician, he was also a lawyer, and is now recognized as the Patron Saint of all Lawyers.

The St. Thomas More society honors this hero of the faith and the law by striving to build personal character, learning to act with justice, and by being defenders of the Catholic faith. We meet weekly on Tuesdays for food, fellowship, and Bible study. Meetings times are from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. We would love for you to join us! Most meetings are held in the Atrium of the Law Administration Building.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

This is the first ELA gathering of the 2003 - 2004 school year! Everyone is welcome! Please join us on **Thursday, September 25 at Champps Americana at 11075 I10 W (just north of Huebner) at 6:00 pm.** Appetizers and first drink provided by the ELA.

The purpose of the Environmental Law Association is to promote an interest in environmental issues and provide a forum for discussion of environmental topics. It also serves as a way to transition students into the field of environmental law and an opportunity for students to interface with practitioners in the area.

ELA membership applications will be available at Champps and afterwards on the Environmental Law board in the classroom. Any questions? Place them in Box 326.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED

Professor Mather is seeking a research assistant for this academic year. Knowledge of and interest in wills, family, and property law issues helpful. Good research and writing skills required. Professor Mather is on sabbatical this semester, so e-mailed resumé submissions are encouraged. Please send those to vmather@stmarytx.edu. Or, you may leave a resumé with Caroline Buckley or in Professor Mather's box in the Raba Faculty Building. Please include contact information, to include phone number and e-mail address.

FACULTY NOTES

Professor Reynaldo Anaya Valencia's latest article, "Obtaining the Intended Protection for Victims of Domestic Violence Under Section 22.01 of the Texas Penal Code," was recently published by the *University of Texas Journal of Women and the Law*. In addition, Professor Valencia has also been appointed Chair of the Governmental Relations Committee of the Association of American Law Schools, and has been reappointed to the Supreme Court of Texas Gender Fairness Task Force, and the Minority Affairs Committee of the Law School Admission Council.

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WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Unless otherwise noted, copies of detailed information regarding the writing competitions, fellowships and scholarships are located in the office of Ms. Lucille Wideman, Room 105 of the Law Administration Building.

Asian Law Journal Writing Competition: The *Asian Law Journal* of UC Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law is one of only two law journals in the country whose sole focus is Asian American Jurisprudence. The author of the winning entry will receive \$250, courtesy of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area and have his or her paper published in the May 2004 *Asian Law Journal*.

9/22-29

Philadelphia Legal Assistance is interested in sponsoring eligible law students for a Skadden, Independence or Equal Justice Works fellowship. Questions may be directed to Ms. Santos-Singh at Asantos@philagel.org or (215)981-3808.

9/22-29

Stanford Technology Law Review is sponsoring its third annual paper contest. Students who submit their work by October 15, 2003 deadline will compete for one of three prizes—either \$2,500, \$1,000 or \$500, respectively. The e-mail address for more information is Papercontest@law.stanford.edu.

9/22-29

The NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund is sponsoring a essay contest on the subject of *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. Submission must be postmarked on or before May 31, 2004.

9/22-29

The NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund is sponsoring scholarships 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. Papers cannot have been previously published. The article must be received on or before June 1, 2004. The prizes for First place \$12,500 toward tuition; Second place: \$5,000; Third Place: \$2,500.

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Issue 5 September 29, 2003 By VRJ&LW

FLU SHOTS AT THE LAW SCHOOL

The University Health Center will make the flu vaccine available to law students, faculty, and staff at the law school on Thursday October 2 in the Atrium from 9 am to 4 pm. The cost is \$10, which can be billed to a bursar account.

SILENT AUCTION

APALSA and BALSA would like to invite you to our first annual Silent Auction on **Tuesday, September 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Law Library Alumni Room.** Among the items for bid are H&R Block certificates and meal(s) with your Professors at their expense including Professors Addicott, Beyer, Valencia and many more. Please come and join us for some snacks and make some bids.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Association will hold its first general meeting on **September 30, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 107 of the Law Faculty Building.** Things to be discussed include: in-school, regional and international competitions, Advocacy certification, mediation certification, and T-shirts. Election will be held for Historian. Food to be served.

Christian Legal Society would like to invite you their weekly meeting to be held on **Friday, October 3, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the Alumni Room of the Law Library.** Our study will begin on the best foundation for living a hope filled life. Everyone is invited and lunch will be provided.

Hispanic Law Students Association: Everyone (students, friends, family) is invited to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month at the ***“Third Annual HispanicFest”*** on **Friday, October 3.** Festivities will include delicious food from around the globe, music, and networking opportunities. Tickets are only \$6.00 for non-members and \$3.00 for paid HLSA members pre-sale. The event will

be held from 6:00-11:00 p.m. at Professor Valencia's house. Tickets will be on sale on **Monday, September 29 through Thursday, Oct. 2 from 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Law Classroom Lobby**. For more information please contact Jesse Hernandez at 260-2737 or Jessica Gomez at 382-7442.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Help Needed: The Center for Legal and Social Justice is having a yard sale on Saturday, October 4. The funds raised will benefit the Marianist Sisters' Sharing Fund which assist clients at the clinic with court costs not waived by the court or other additional services. These funds have been extremely helpful to clinical law students assisting their clients. Call Irma (at the Clinic) at 431-5713 or Sister Grace at 436-3063 for information. Any brief amount of time will be helpful, especially to set up in the morning and clean up at noon.

Mass Schedule: All members of the Law School community are invited to attend Sunday Mass on Campus. The schedule follows:

11:00 a.m. - Assumption Chapel (Reinbolt Hall)
9:00 p.m. - Guadalupe Chapel (Treadaway Hall)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament is offered 30 minutes before Sunday Mass and on Thursday afternoons, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Assumption Chapel.

Confirmation Preparation: Sessions will begin the week of **October 20**. Sessions will be offered either on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. or Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m. Call Carol Hewson in the office of University Ministry at 436-3065 for more information.

St. Thomas More Society: This is a faith sharing group that meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Atrium of the Law Administration Building.

REVIEW OF SUMMER 2 EXAMS

Students have the right to review and discuss their final examinations from the second summer semester with the faculty beginning **Wednesday, September 24, 2003**. This right of review will continue for the next thirty days, through **Friday, October 24, 2003**.

BILINGUAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED

Roberto Rosas, Instructor of Law is currently looking for a bilingual research assistant who is able to accurately and efficiently translate legal documents in English and Spanish. The position also involves extensive research and writing. For more information, please call 431-6863.

FACULTY NOTES

Associate Dean **Vincent R. Johnson** spoke to the annual conference of America's Community Bankers on September 21, 2003, about the obligations imposed on attorneys by the new SEC rules adopted pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

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American Indian Law Review at the University of Oklahoma: The American Indian Law Review is sponsoring its annual writing competition. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning the American Indian Law. First place will be \$1,000 and publication of paper in the *American Law Review*; second place - \$500 and third place - \$250. The deadline is **January 31, 2004.**
9-22/10-6

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The Clive M. Schmitthoff Essay Competition: This essay competition is being announced by the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London and the Institute of International Commercial Law, Pace University School of Law. Choose one of three topics for the essay: Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG); Principles of International Commercial Contracts by the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) and Principles of European Contract Law (PECL). A prize of \$5,000 will be awarded for the best essay. The deadline is **June 30, 2004**.

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TEXAS-MEXICO BAR ASSOCIATION STUDENT CHAPTER

Students from St. Mary's University School of Law to the first annual Student Conference of the TMBA-Student Chapter. The conference will be held at The University of Texas School of Law on October 16, 2003. The theme of this year's student conference is: Building Bridges/Construyendo Puentes.

The student conference will be focused on introducing law students to the Texas-Mexico Bar Association (TMBA) and will be held the afternoon before the main conference. The purpose of the association is to develop and promote understanding of the legal systems, practices and cultural differences of the two nations. In addition, the TMBA serves as a vehicle to exchange professional information among its members. Students will be able to build relationships with students and lawyers from Mexico, which may also be of great assistance in their legal careers. For more information on the TMBA, please visit their website at www.texasmexicobar.org.

There is no charge to attend the student conference. The cost to attend the main conference is \$150.00. The \$150.00 fee will allow students to attend the TMBA-Student Conference on Thursday and the TMBA Conference on Friday and Saturday. Students will be able to attend the Opening Cocktail Reception at the Historic Texas Governor's Mansion, and will be provided with lunch and dinner on Thursday and Friday. If students do not want to pay the \$150 fee, they may pay only \$50.00, but they will not be able to attend the Historic Texas Governor's Mansion and will not be provided with lunch and dinner.

In order to reduce the cost to attend the conference, students may chose to stay with another UT-Law student instead of staying at a hotel over the 3-day weekend. This will allow students to interact and learn more about each other's culture and interests on Texas-Mexico relations. If you have any questions, please call Jesse A. Zambrano (TMBA-Student Chapter President) at (512) 491-9011.

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St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue 14 December 1, 2003 By VRJ&LW

CONGRATULATIONS NYCOLE HEARON AND VASILIA TSIHLIS

Congratulations! The Board of Advocates is pleased to announce that M. Nycole Hearon and Vasilias Tsihlis were the winning team of the Board of Advocates Fall 2003 Negotiations Competition. Finalists of the competition were David Collins and Brianna Winterhalter. The Board extends its appreciation to all the teams who competed in this year's competition, making it one of the largest and best negotiations competitions we've hosted in several years. In addition, we would like to thank Ceasefire for their sponsorship and support. Congratulations to all the competitors and to Ms. Hearon and Ms. Tsihlis.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF LAPTOPS FOR EXAMS

Some (but not all) professors permit students to write answers to essay questions using a laptop. If a professor permits this option, and if a student plans to use a laptop, the student must register with ExamSoft. This must be accomplished before the beginning of the exam period (which begins this year on Monday, December 8). The website is www.examsoft.com/stmaryslaw.

On the exam date, students must set-up their computers in the Alumni Room of the Law Library 15-30 minutes in advance of the scheduled exam time. A full-time proctor is in the room. Students are then to report to the posted exam room to receive a copy of the exam and any special instructions. Students then return to the Alumni Room, retrieve a disk from the proctor, and boot up the system. The Alumni Room proctor times the exams and collects the completed exams from the students.

Any problems with or questions about ExamSoft should be directed to Joe Bravo, Director of Computer Administration, Law School Computing, at vbravo@stmarytx.edu or 431-6702.

EXAM NUMBERS

Exam Numbers for the Fall 2003 final examinations are available for pick up from Ms. Yvonne Olfers, Director of Student Records, Room 123 in the Law Administration Building. **Photo ID required.**

PLAGIARISM

When completing papers in your courses, don't give in to temptation.... Reliance on other works must be properly attributed.

PMBR SPRING LECTURES

On the first three weekends of March 2004 (including the weekends at the beginning and end of Spring break), PMBR will conduct special supplementary lectures to help prepare St. Mary's students for the July 2004 Bar Examination. Plan to attend.

LEGAL RESEARCH

In order to receive the hour of pass/fail credit for Legal Research this semester, you must complete Westlaw and Lexis training. Be sure to do so as soon as possible, preferably before classes end.

NOTICE FROM THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR FINAL GRADE REPORTS PRINTED ONLY ON REQUEST BEGINNING FALL 2003

St. Mary's University is taking the lead from our students. **Effective this semester, Fall 2003, St. Mary's University will print Final Grade Reports only upon request.** As an alternative to receiving a printed copy of their final grades, students are encouraged to retrieve this information from the ATROX system rather than wait for a mail carrier to deliver their grades. Access to grade information from ATROX is convenient, available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and it's up-to-date real time information. A grade report is only as good as the day it was printed.

The Office of the Registrar will continue to render the service of printed grade reports as needed. **Students wishing to pick up a copy of their grade report or have one mailed are asked to complete a request form in the Office of the Registrar by Friday, December 12, 2003.** Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Registrar at (210) 436-3701 if you have any questions regarding this new policy.

WEEKEND CHILD CARE DURING EXAMS

Law Campus Ministry will sponsor weekend **child care** during exams on **Saturday, December 6, and Saturday, December 13, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary School** (located adjacent to the University on the corner of Culebra and Camino Santa Maria). Child care will be provided by Holy Rosary teachers for children 3 years and older. Registration forms can be obtained from, and your RSVP returned to, the Law Campus Ministry Office, Room 105 in the Raba Faculty Building, **by Thursday, December 4**. Campus Ministry will provide a stipend for the facilities use, and parents can, if they wish, provide a gratuity to the teachers for their services. For more information and registration, contact Sr. Grace at 436-3063.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED

Wendy Tolson Ross, Instructor of Law, is seeking a research assistant for the Spring 2004 Semester to help with housing law. The position involves client-interviewing, case preparation, and legal research and writing. For more information, please contact Wendy Tolson Ross at 431-5708.

JULY 2004 BAR APPLICATIONS

Applications for the July 2004 Texas State Bar Examination can be filed beginning **November 30, 2003, and continuing through January 30, 2004**. Copies of the application are available on-line at the Board of Law Examiners' website: www.ble.state.tx.us. The fee for filing the application is \$300 if postmarked by the January 30, 2004 deadline; applications filed after that date must also include a \$150 late filing fee.

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ACTEC Inaugural Student Writing Competition: Established to promote and reward scholarly writing in the field of trusts and estates, including related tax topics, the first prize is \$5,000. **Deadline is March 1, 2004.** 12/01

American Business Law Journal: Open to all third-year law students, entries should address any area of business law. Deadline for submissions is **March 1, 2004**. A cash prize of

\$1,000 will be awarded.

11/24 - 12/01

2004 Tannenwald Writing Competition: Open to all JD and LL.M. students, entries should address any topic in the field of taxation. Submission deadline is **June 30, 2004**. First Prize is \$3,000, Second Prize is \$2,000, and Third Prize is \$1,000.

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TEXAS LOG BLOG

St. Mary's Law graduate Bradley B. Clark ('03) has launched the Texas Law Blog. The Texas Law Blog is a legal weblog devoted to Texas law, legal issues and politics. The Texas Law Blog monitors the United States Supreme Court, 5th Circuit, Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the various Courts of Appeals, the Texas Legislature, major Texas newspapers, and legal websites. The blog is accessible at <http://texas.blogspot.com>.

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PLAGIARISM

When completing papers in your courses, don't give in to temptation.... Reliance on other works must be properly attributed.

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9/30/03, 10/6/03, 10/15/03, 11/7/03, 11/20/03, 12/4/03

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Tuesday 12/9

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Thursday 12/11

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Monday 12/15

Tuesday 12/16

Wednesday 12/17

Thursday 12/18

Friday 12/19

Con Criminal Proc LC103 & LC104 Sec Transactions §A LC101 & LC102 Mortgages & RE §B LF107 Federal Courts LF108	Intl Bus Transaction LF103 TX Civ Pro I §A LC101 & LC102	Fed Income Tax 9 A.M. start LF107 & LF108 Family Law §A LC104 Commer Paper §B LC101 & LC102 Federal Pretrial LF103	Comm Property LC104 & LC103 TX Civ Pro I §B LC101 & LC102	Administrative Law LC104
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Monday 12/15

Tuesday 12/16

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Torts §A LF107 & LF103 & LF102 Torts §B LC103 & LC104 Torts §C LC101 & LC102 Torts §D LF108 & LF202 & LF Faculty Lib & LL224	Bus Assoc §B LC101 & LC102 TX Civil Pro II LF108 Sales LF103	Procedure §B LC101 & LC102 Procedure §C LC103 & LC104 Procedure §D LF107 & LF108	Federal Crim Proc LF103	Patent Law LF103 Immigration Law LF107 Compar Law: Civil LC101 & LC102
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NPR'S "JUSTICE TALKING" TO TAPE SHOW IN MOOT COURTROOM

"Justice Talking" will tape an episode of its National Public Radio weekly program in the Moot Courtroom of the Law Classroom Building on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The discussion of "Crossing the Rio Grande: Mexican Border Immigration" will look at "a vigilante movement on the U.S. side of the Mexican border that has ranchers rounding up immigrants at gunpoint," according to the Justice Talking website.

"The ranchers stir passionate debate about what to do about illegal border crossings. The Border Patrol is unable to stem the tide and pressure on Mexican officials yields no change. Human rights groups are now raising their voices against upping enforcement or building a wall in favor of simply changing the policy. They say that if the free flow of goods and services strengthens the economy, so should the free flow of workers. Is it time to rethink immigration with our neighbors south of the border?"

The show uses a panel of experts to discuss the issue and urges audience and call-in participation. Admission is free, but reservations are required. For more information or to reserve a seat call Texas Public Radio at 614-8977.

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ASK-A-LAWYER CLINIC

We're BACK! The **Ask-a-Lawyer Clinic** is being scheduled for **Thursday, February 5, 2004**. This is a GREAT opportunity for all law students to put into practice what you're learning in the classroom and apply it to real life. PLUS, you get valuable pro-bono hours, good toward a special certificate of recognition at graduation. Ask-a-Lawyer is a collaborative "clinic-like"

experience with Catholic Charities. We (law students) do the intake for a variety of legal issues presented by parishioners of St. Jude's Church (divorce, custody, employment, wills, and immigration lead the pack). We fill out the forms, then briefly meet with the lawyers who also donate their time to either answer the client's questions that evening or refer them to outside counsel or Catholic Charities. If you're interested, please email Carmen Roe at croe@stmarytx.edu to get on the contact list or sign up with library personnel (who also have maps!). Students should plan to arrive at 6:00 for instructions and a light dinner. Thanks for your support of this exciting collaborative partnership!

ABA MIDYEAR CONFERENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

On **Friday, February 6, 2004**, as part of the **ABA Midyear Conference**, there will be two panel discussions held related to environmental issues. The panels will meet **in room 007C at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center**. The first panel will meet **from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** to discuss Coalbed Methane Gas Development. This discussion will include issues related to water quality and water quantity. The second panel will meet in the same room from **3:00 to 4:30 p.m.** and will discuss emerging international energy markets for the 21st century.

This is a great opportunity to hear and meet top environmental attorneys. Admission is free, however you will be required to fill out a registration form when you arrive at the Gonzalez Convention Center. For further information, pick up a flyer at the ELA board.

LAW JOURNAL COMMENTS SELECTED FOR PUBLICATION

The Editorial Board is proud to announce that the following Comments have been selected for publication in the *St. Mary's Law Journal*:

- *The Seat Belt Defense in Texas*, by **Brian T. Bagley**
- *Texas's New Ad Litem Statute: Is It Really Protecting Children's Best Interests?*, by **Mary E. Hazlewood**
- *Unconstitutional Delegation of Prosecutorial Discretion in Texas: The Pollution of Environmental Violation Deterrents*, by **Suzanne M. Jost**
- *For Any Reason or No Reason at All: Reconciling Employment-At-Will with the Rights of Texas Workers After Mission Petroleum Carriers, Inc. v. Solomon*, by **Jason P. Lemons**
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WANTED: RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Professor Schlueter has an immediate opening for an additional research assistant. The student must have completed the evidence course with an above average grade and must possess excellent research and writing skills. The student must also be proficient in using word processing programs. If you are interested, please bring a copy of your resume to his office, LFB 270, at your earliest convenience, or call him at 431-2212.

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Come join the **Christian Legal Society** for our weekly meeting on **Tuesday, February 3** from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in the **Atrium of the Law Administration Building**. This will be a great time to catch up with classmates and relax and unwind as a new week gets started. Lunch will be provided and we hope to see you there!

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UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMING COUNCIL

Attention all students of St. Mary's University: Join us for a **Musical Rendezvous** featuring Rob Gonzales and Kristin Diable on **Wednesday, February 4, 7:30 pm, UC Conference Room A**. Delicious desserts and passion punch will be served.. Brought to you by St. Mary's University Programming Council

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concern the constitutional law topic chosen each year by the professors.

(2) The paper must be in printed form, and be at least 15 pages in length but no more than 25 pages, not including footnotes.

(3) The author shall not indicate his or her identity on the paper. All papers must be personally submitted before the deadline to Sister Grace Walle, and she shall make a notation on each paper of a number by which that paper is to thereafter be identified. (No paper shall be accepted after the deadline by anyone or for any reason.) In addition, Sister Grace Walle shall create a list including the names of the student authors and the numbers of their papers. This list shall not be given either to the law professors who judge the papers or to the Dean prior to the announcement of the winner of the contest.

(4) Unless declared otherwise in the announcement, the professors shall choose the three best papers and recommend those to the Dean. The professors shall use the following criteria: (a) depth of analysis, (b) research, and (c) quality of writing.

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Deadline:

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List. Congratulations are extended to all the students who earned this distinction.

PUBLIC DEFENDER EXTERNSHIP

For the fifth consecutive year, the Public Interest Law Program (PILP) is sponsoring the Public Defender Externship (PDE). The PILP and public defender offices along the South Texas border are partnering to offer summer externships. The externships are for a 4-week period and are offered during both summer sessions. Law students earn a modest stipend for their participation. For more information about the PDE and how to apply, please visit the Career Services Office or call Joaquin Amaya at 431-5765.

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FACULTY NOTES

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Business Torts writing contest is sponsored by the Antitrust and Business Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas. Topics include, but are not limited to: tortious interference with contract, tortious interference with business relations, and business or product disparagement. First prize is \$1000, second prize is \$500, and third prize is \$250. Entries should be **postmarked no later than March 30, 2004**. See the ABLIS website at www.ablit.org for additional contest requirements and information.

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CLASS RANKS FOR FALL 2003

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ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL HOSTS THE THIRD ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON LEGAL MALPRACTICE AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

St. Mary's Law Journal will host its **Third Annual Symposium** on Legal Malpractice and Professional Responsibility on **Friday, February 27, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the **Plaza Club, 100 W. Houston St., Suite 2100.**

The *Journal* is offering five seats for full-day attendance to students currently enrolled in Professional Responsibility. The spaces will be available, at no cost, to the first five PR students who request them. Lunch buffet at the Plaza Club is included and parking will be validated. Dress is business attire. Please **contact Kathy Stephens**, Symposium Editor, at the *Law Journal* office, 436-3011, ext. 1220 or via e-mail at kstephens@stmarytx.edu; or **Gloria Valenzuela**, Business Manager at 436-3525.

PROMOTING HUMAN DIGNITY BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

In light of the 31st anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, a panel presentation will be held on **Monday, February 16, 2004, 12:15 p.m., University Center Conference Room A.** A buffet lunch will be served at noon. The panel presentation will focus on the dignity of all human life so that every child is welcomed in life and protected in law. The goal of the panelists will be to address the theological understanding, legal critique, emotional impact, and pastoral concerns in the area of abortion in order to build a culture of life. The panelists include: The Reverend John A. Leies, S.M., Chairman of the Theology Department and Director of the Center for Professional Ethics at St. Mary's University; Dean Bill Piatt, St. Mary's University School of Law; Dr. Miguel Bedolla, Associate Professor of Family Practice at the UT Health Science Center School of Medicine and Professor of Medical Ethics in the Department of Philosophy at St. Mary's University; and Mary Ann Parks, Director of Project Rachael (a post-abortion healing ministry sponsored by the Catholic Church).

FACULTY NOTES

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The **St. Mary's Law Journal** Editorial Board for Volume 35 is pleased to announce the Editorial Board for Volume 36:

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Congratulations to the new Editorial Board.

STUDENT KUDOS

Laura Miles-Valdez (Class of 2005) published "*Lawrence v. Texas: A Student's Perspective*" in Volume 51 of *The Federal Lawyer* (January 2004).

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MPRE

Barbri MPRE Review is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, in Raba 107 and 108. Registration will take place in the Raba foyer from 8:00 a.m.- 8:45 a.m. The course will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will run until approximately 1:30 p.m. Materials for the course will be handed out at that time.

If you have not registered for the MPRE review course, you may attend the review as a walk-in. If you are a walk-in student, you will have to pay \$175.00 regardless of any previous amounts you have paid. Materials may be limited so if you are going to be a walk-in, please arrive early.

If you have a question regarding the MPRE review course, contact one of the Barbri reps or stop by the Barbri table on (need correct dates).

THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS

The State Bar of Texas will hold its Annual Meeting on **June 24-25, 2004** at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. The State Bar is planning an exciting convention that will include a wide variety of CLE programs, a vast array of vendor exhibits, an elegant Gala Dinner and many other activities that will attract lawyers from across the State of Texas. The Annual Meeting chair is Judge Rebecca Simmons and, with her capable committee chairs, the Annual Meeting is sure to be a success. However, such an event requires volunteers and therefore, the Volunteer Committee needs individuals who want to assist with this fun event. If you are interested in volunteering to work during the Annual Meeting or have any questions, please contact Pamela St. John at 281-7155 or Suzanne Oliva at 308-6600. We look forward to seeing you at the 2004 Annual Meeting. Students contact Alison McCall on 431-4351 on campus phone for messages or leave in her box.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

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Past speakers who have taken part in NIAF Programs include: Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, former White House Chief of Staff John Podesta, General Counsel of the SEC Giovanni Prezioso, N.Y. Supreme Court Justice Dominic Massaro, and Louis Freeh, Former Director of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The NIAF Graduates to Leaders Workshop in Law will be offered May 23 - 26, 2004 in Washington, DC. To be eligible for the program, students must be 1st or 2nd year law students at the time of application and be of Italian heritage. Participants will be selected through an application process. The application process includes background information, an essay, a resume, a transcript and a recommendation from a professor or legal professional. **Applications must be postmarked by April 1st, 2004 for consideration.**

Further information about the program and applications can be found on our website: www.niaf.org/G2L. Should you have any questions about the G2L Program or the National Italian American Foundation, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Santoro, Manager, NIAF Educational Programs, at (202) 939-3119, or e-mail me at rich@niaf.org.

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2/23 - 3/01

The Attorney-CPA Foundation invites you to submit an essay in the graduate/professional division of the 2003-2004 essay contest. The topic is: *Discuss the restrictions and prohibitions which the professional legal and accounting ethical standard setters place on the simultaneous multi-disciplinary practice of law and accounting by an attorney-CPA holding active licenses issued by both the state Bar Association and Accountancy Board in their jurisdiction*. The approximate length of the essay is 30 pages (including footnotes or endnotes), typed, double-spaced. Grand Prize is \$2,500, Runner Up \$1,500, Third & Fourth, each \$500, and 4 Regional Prizes, each \$250. Essays must be received by **May 21, 2004**. Mail essays to: Essay Contest, Attorney-CPA Foundation, 24196 Alicia Parkway, Suite K, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

2/23 - 3/01

The American Inns of Court sponsors the Warren E. Burger Writing Competition to encourage thoughtful consideration of the practical application of the highest principles of professionalism in the American legal community. Through this competition, significant contributions to the body of scholarship in the areas of excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism will be recognized and rewarded. The author should address one or more aspects of legal excellence, civility, ethics or professionalism within the legal profession. The selected issue(s) should be of contemporary significance with clear relevance to the legal community at large. The author of the winning submission will receive a cash prize of \$5,000 and the winning essay will be published in a respected legal journal. Deadline for submission of materials is **June 15, 2004**. More information may be downloaded from the American Inns of Court website, www.innsforcourt.org.

2/23 - 3/01

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Legal Writing Contest. Prize-winning articles and honorable mentions will be considered for publication in the Defense Counsel Journal, the IADC's academic publication. First prize is \$2,000 and plaque, second prize is \$1,000 and plaque, third prize is \$500 and plaque. Honorable mention is plaque. Deadline for articles is **April 19, 2004**. Copies of contest rules, writing guidelines and entry forms may be obtained at the IADC website at www.iadclaw.org.

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DRUG AWARENESS

Learn what effects drugs have on students and the consequences they face. Guest speaker will be Deputy George D. Little, Bexar County Sheriff's Department, **Tuesday, February 24, 2004, 7:00 p.m., University Center-Conference Room A.** Sponsored by University Police, Student Life and the Bexar County Sheriff's Department.

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT

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Thanks to the St. Mary's Women's Law Association for their generous donation from their silent auction. Recipients included the Hidalgo Foundation for the children's courtroom renovation, Healy Murphy, Holy Rosary Grade School and Milagritos which is a teen violence and abuse treatment and prevention center near Memorial High School.

ORDER OF THE 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. To be considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, LFB 270. Those forms explain the other criteria. If you have any questions please contact Professor Schlueter. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members. Please note that contacting any faculty member other than Professor Schlueter concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. All applications must be returned to Professor Schlueter's office no later than **5:00 PM on Monday, March 22, 2004.**

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OFFICE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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IRS INFORMATION

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2/16 - 3/01

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2/23 - 3/01

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The American Inns of Court sponsors the Warren E. Burger Writing Competition to encourage thoughtful consideration of the practical application of the highest principles of professionalism in the American legal community. Through this competition, significant contributions to the body of scholarship in the areas of excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism will be recognized and rewarded. The author should address one or more

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Join us Spring Break week for an opportunity to enjoy a trip to the beautiful New Mexico countryside, provide much needed help for house building for low income families and enjoy the

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SEVENTH ANNUAL KOMEN SAN ANTONIO RACE FOR THE CURE

On Saturday morning, **March 27, 2004**, thousand of supporters will gather at the Alamodome for the Seventh Annual Komen San Antonio Race for the Cure. The annual event is a co-ed 5k Run/Walk and a 1 mile family fun walk to raise awareness and funding to benefit the national Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and its San Antonio affiliate.

St. Mary's is supporting this important cause by organizing a team of runners and walkers to enter the event. Awards will be presented immediately following the Race to the largest team, the top fund-raising team, and the largest non-corporate team.

If you are interested in joining St. Mary's Law School team, or in sponsoring someone on the St. Mary's team, please call Gloria Valenzuela at ext. 3525 or come by the Law Journal office located in the library, room 223 for the entry form. Each individual must submit a SIGNED registration form and their fee (\$20 per adult and \$15 per child (14 and under)). The **deadline** for receiving team applications is **Tuesday, March 2, 2004**.

HLSA SILENT AUCTION

Hispanic Law Students' Association (HLSA) will have a **Silent Auction** on **Monday, March 1st** in the **Alumni Room** from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. There will be a number of items up for bid. HLSA welcomes you to stop by.

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STARTING YOUR OWN PRACTICE

Attorney William A. Wilson will present **Starting Your Own Law Practice** on Tuesday, **March 9, from 5-7 p.m. in the Atrium**. Mr. Wilson, a 1980 St. Mary's graduate, is author of *On Your Own: Starting Your Successful Law Practice and Career* (available from the campus bookstore for \$19.95). Find out if starting your own practice is for you and, if so, how do it. Please sign up outside of **Career Services** if you plan to attend.

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ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION

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FACULTY NOTES

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Professor Roberto Rosas recently published a *Comparative Study of the Formation of Electronic Contracts in American Law with References to International and Mexican Law*, 26

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WITAN

St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue 27 April 5, 2004 By VRJ

WHY WRITING FOR THE ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL IS GOOD FOR YOUR CAREER

On **Wednesday April 7, from 11:30 to 12:30, in the Alumni Room**, the Law Journal Faculty Committee will sponsor a program to encourage first-year students to participate in the St. Mary's Law Journal writing competition, which begins at the end of finals. The program will feature four recent editors of the law journal:

Pamela M. Bell, Associate, Akin Gump, San Antonio
Sona Ramirez, Baker Botts, Austin
Cynthia Ellis Rosen, Matthews & Branscomb, San Antonio
Vanessa M. Villaneuva, Akin Gump, San Antonio

Members of the Editorial Board for volume 36 of the law journal will be on hand to answer questions.

The *St. Mary's Law Journal*, now in its 35th year, tied for fourth in a list of legal periodicals most frequently cited in state and federal court cases over the seven-year period 1996-2003, according to a survey taken by Washington and Lee University. The survey ranked 938 U.S. and foreign journals. The *St. Mary's Law Journal* was cited 136 times – the same number as the *Georgetown Law Journal* – by courts in 31 states, the District of Columbia and two territories. Among those tribunals citing the work of the journal were 30 state supreme courts and three federal circuit courts. That number was surpassed only by the *Harvard Law Review*, *Columbia Law Review* and the *University of Chicago Law Review*.

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Lunch and panel discussion sponsored by the Federal Bar Association and the St. Mary's School of Law Student Bar Association. Join Honorable Fred Biery, Federal District Judge, Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, and other distinguished members of the San Antonio legal community at **noon, Thursday, April 15, 2004** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kennedy East Law Library for lunch and a panel discussion on the topic of Dispelling Myths of the Practice of Federal Law. Panelists will discuss what new attorneys should know when practicing in federal court, and will share their own personal experiences gained from practicing before various federal law forums. Questions are welcome from the audience. Judge Biery will be joined by bankruptcy law practitioner, Patrick Autry, of the law firm of Matthews and Branscomb, P.C.; criminal defense attorney Cynthia Orr, of Goldstein, Goldstein, and Hilley; Judith Taylor, from the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and immigration attorney Nancy Shivers of Shivers & Shivers, P.C. Lunch will be provided. We hope to see you there.

SPRING 2004 EXAM NUMBERS

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Please join the **Family Law Association** on **Tuesday, April 13, 2004, 11:30 a.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. Family Law Association will present Harold Zuflacht, JD '89, who will speak on "Succeeding in Family Law Practice." Those attending will have an opportunity to join Family Law Association and waive your dues. Lunch will be provided.

Democratic Law Student Association will meet on **Tuesday, April 13, 2004** in Law Library **Room 106** (Audio-visual Room). Election of officers for 2004-2005 will be held. Pizza will be provided.

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The **Health Law Association** is seeking law students interested in running for a 2004-05 Officer's position with HLA. The following positions are available:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Be part of a student organization that is still young and has a lot to offer future officers and law students interested in the health law field. Questions? Please contact Elizabeth at ecmelby@sbcglobal.net.

All students are invited to the organizational meeting for the **St. Mary's Society for Law and Life**, a proposed new pro-life organization which will seek faculty approval. The meeting will be in the **Atrium** of the law administration building on **Tuesday, April 20, at 2:00 p.m.**

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OFFICE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Summer 2004 Loan Information Form for financial aid is now due in the financial aid office. This is the form that students who are enrolled for summer school and plan to use financial aid must complete. It should be turned in no later than April 26th in order to have

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Tory Gavito (Class of 2004) has been awarded two fellowships which will enable her to work for two years for the Central Texas Immigration Rights Center in Austin, Texas. She will receive a \$15,000 fellowship from the Yale Initiative for Public Service, and a second fellowship, the New Voices Fellowship. New Voices received over 300 applicants and made 15 awards nationwide.

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ALUMNI NOTES

St. Mary's law graduate Thomas Corbett, Jr., J.D. '75, won the Republican nomination for attorney general of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He previously served as interim Pennsylvania attorney general from 1995 to 1997. Corbett faces a Democratic challenger in November, but no Democratic candidate has been elected Pennsylvania attorney general since the office became elective in 1981.

Michael T. McCaul, J.D. '87, won the Republican run-off in Texas's Congressional District 10. He has no Democratic opposition in the fall and will become the fifth graduate of the law school to serve in the United States House of Representatives. McCaul worked in the Clinton/Reno Justice Department, the Cornyn Texas Attorney General's office, and is now Chief of Terrorism and National Security in the Western District of Texas. His website is: www.mccauforcongress.com.

Stuart Bowen, Jr., J.D. '91 has been appointed inspector general of the U.S.-led interim authority in Iraq. Bowen was the subject of an article in the Washington Post recently. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A37345-2004Mar30.html?referrer=emailarticle>

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Nicole D. Mignone (1L) has been selected to participate in the inaugural Graduates to Leaders Law Program which will take place May 23 to 26 in Washington, D.C. The program is sponsored by the National Italian American Foundation. This year's speakers include Giovanni Prezioso, General Counsel of the SEC; John Podesta, President and CEO of the Center for American Progress; Tony Mauro, Supreme Court correspondent for Legal Times and American Lawyer Media; Major General William Suter, Clerk of the Supreme Court, among others.

INNSBRUCK SUMMER PROGRAM

It's not too late to join Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, classmates and students from a number of American law schools at the Institute for World Legal Problems in Innsbruck, Austria. The Program begins on July 5 and ends on August 6. Learn about various topics in international law, see Europe, and see Justice O'Connor, all in one five-week period. Please see Ms. Caroline Buckley for details, or stop by to see Professor David Dittfurth or Professor Michael Ariens, co-directors of the Innsbruck Program.

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 2004 and Spring 2005 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 an 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.

Pay

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., July 9, 2004.**

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* is happy to announce that this year's write-on competition will begin on **May 7, 2004**. The packets will be distributed May 7 on campus and will be due back to the Journal office **June 2, 2004**. A charge of \$3 will be assessed for everyone picking up a printed copy to offset copying costs. Students will be required to sign a grade release and agreement not to plagiarize. The packets will also be available on docushare, in the library, and in the Journal office. Please email any questions to stmarylj@yahoo.com or hazlewood119@yahoo.com.

The **Health Law Association** is seeking law students interested in running for a 2004-05 Officer's position with HLA. The following positions are available:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Be part of a student organization that is still young and has a lot to offer future officers and law students interested in the health law field. Questions? Please contact Elizabeth at ecmelby@sbcglobal.net.

UPDATED PRO-BONO CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

The following law students will be recognized at graduation with the Pro Bono certificate. If a student believes he or she has been overlooked please contact Joaquin Amaya at 431-5765.

George Altgelt	Joshua Eyestone	Ryan Moe
Jonathan Ball	Donald Flanary	Joseph Moreno
Jay A. Bender	G. Alex Garver	Griselda Ponce
Bridgett Brumbaugh	Hector R. Garza, Jr.	Gabriel Reyes
Maribel Ceja	Michael Gavito	Carmen M. Roe
Sandra Chahin	Victoria Gavito	Deborah Rothrock
Mark Chisholm	Stephanie Hill	Susan L. Schoon
David M. Collins	Katherine Holmes	Donald Schraub
Forrest Cook	Gilberto Juarez	Seth Slagle
Marie Cortez	Mark Kraemer	Stephen Smith
Cristina T. De Leon	Virginia Lewis	Ryan C. Solis
Antoinette Delgado	Fabian Limas	Daniel Torres
Rachel Dragony	Lisa Londergan	Nicole True
Tyaneka N. Edwards	Miguel Manna	Patricia A. Viera
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Christian Bedortha, Class of 2004. Christian won first prize in Chief Justice John B. Doolin writing competition sponsored by the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc., and the Oklahoma Arts Council. His paper, entitled "The House Always Wins: A Look at the Government's Role in Indian Gaming & the Long Search for Autonomy", will be published this summer in the Sovereignty Symposium. The competition was open to law students in the United States and Canada. Works were judged based on timeliness, originality, legal analysis, creativity, logic, and writing style.

FACULTY KUDOS

Kudos to Professor Willy E. Rice. *The Scholar*: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues has just published his article entitled, "American & British Insurers and Courts As Aiders and Abettors of Commercial Terrorism," 6 SCHOLAR 1 (2003)

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ALI-ABA SCHOLARSHIPS

The ALI-ABA Committee on Continuing Professional Education has approved a number of full-tuition scholarship to attend three ALI-ABA Courses of Study this summer. They are:

1. Modern Real Estate Transactions, from Wednesday, July 28, to Saturday, July 31, at the Renaissance Stanford Court in San Francisco.
2. Basic Estate and Gift Taxation and Planning, from Wednesday, August 18, to Friday, August 20, at the Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago.

3. Land Use Institute: Planning, Regulation, Litigation, Eminent Domain, and Compensation, from Thursday, August 26, to Saturday, August 28, at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston.

Unfortunately no funds are available to defray students' travel and on-site expenses in connection with these courses. For more information, please visit the ALI-ABA website at www.ali-aba.org. All nominations must be received no later than **July 15, 2004**. Nominations may be mailed to ALI-ABA, Committee On Continuing Professional Education, 4025 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-3099 or e-mailed to koconnor@ali-aba.org.

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