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St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue 1 – August 21, 2017

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A Special Message from Dean Sheppard

Welcome to the new school year!

St. Mary's Law is having a great year, and I hope it will be a great year for you. Welcome, new members of the J.D., M.Jur., and LL.M. classes. The faculty, staff, and I look forward to a great year, with leadership by your Student Bar and opportunities for you to learn and stay engaged. Here are four:

A **Symposium on Law and Legal Education in Korea and the US**, will be held August 31 in the Alumni Room of the Law Library.

The **St. Mary's Conference on Justice and Social Concerns** will focus on **Religious Freedom**, with keynote addresses by Professor Robert George of Princeton University and Dahlia Lithwick of the Washington Post, on September 27 and 28 in the University Center.

A conference on the **Future of NAFTA** will be held September 29, in the Courtroom.

Red Mass is on Thursday, October 12 in San Fernando Cathedral. St. Mary's alumnus, Judge Kevin Yeary of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, will welcome you.

Please attend each of these if you can. In the meantime, our world-class faculty is waiting to challenge you. Enjoy!

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Green Protein Smoothie
Cook 10 minutes
Ready in 10 minutes

<http://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/258526/green-protein-smoothie/>

Recipe By: Hilary Meyer "Lentils in a smoothie recipe? Yes! They're a healthy source of plant-based protein, adding 3 grams more protein than an equal-size portion of nonfat plain yogurt and 4 grams more fiber than a typical serving of protein powder."

Ingredients

- ½ cup cooked red lentils (see Tips), cooled
- ½ cup unsweetened almond milk (plain or vanilla)
- 1 cup frozen green grapes
- 1 cup baby spinach
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 3 ice cubes

Directions

- Place lentils, almond milk, grapes, spinach, honey and ice cubes in a blender. Blend on high until smooth, 2 to 3 minutes.
- Tips: To cook red lentils: Cook in boiling water until just tender, about 15 minutes. Drain and cool. (1 cup dry = 2½ cups cooked.) Refrigerate for up to 3 days. Or freeze in ½-cup portions for up to 3 months (thaw before using).

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Events

Legal System of the Republic of Korea

Please join Dr. Rhee Ik Hyeon, President of the Korea Legislation Research Institute, an agency of the Korean government, as he delivers a lecture on the country's legal system. This is a unique opportunity to learn about the law and culture of Korea, an important trade partner and ally of the United States. The event will be Tuesday, August 29, 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. in Law Classroom 102.

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Contemporary Legal Issues of Korea and the U.S. in a Globalizing World

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Research Assistants Needed

Professor Dave Schlueter is looking to hire several research assistants to assist him this academic year on several major writing projects. Applicants should email dschlueter@stmarytx.edu with their CV at their earliest convenience. Grades earned in Legal Research and Writing, and in Evidence should reflect in your CV.

Mock Interviews with Professor Grenardo

Professor Grenardo conducts mock interviews that students schedule with him. The mock interview and feedback take 30 minutes total. If you are interested, simply email Professor Grenardo at dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu to schedule a date and time that is convenient for you.

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Health & Wellness

Recipe of the week:

Grilled Chicken Thighs with Pineapple, Corn, and Bell Pepper Relish

Cook: 20 minutes

Yield: 4 servings (serving size: 2 thighs and ¼ cup relish)

<http://www.myrecipes.com/recipe/grilled-chicken-thighs-relish>

Ingredients

Cooking spray

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon ground cumin

$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt, divided

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

8 skinless, boneless chicken thighs

2 cups cubed fresh pineapple (about $\frac{1}{2}$ pineapple)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup fresh corn kernels (about 1 ear)

$\frac{1}{3}$ cup finely chopped red bell pepper

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup thinly sliced fresh basil

Directions

Heat a grill pan over medium-high heat; lightly coat with cooking spray. Combine garlic powder, cumin, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, and pepper in a small bowl; sprinkle over chicken. Add chicken to pan; cook 10 minutes on each side or until done.

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- **Wednesday, September 6, Sections A & B, 3:00-3:45 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, September 6, Section C, 3:30-4:15 p.m.**
- **Thursday, September 7, Section D, 8:00-8:45 p.m., go to the appropriate room for your section**

Best Practices: Notetaking

A faculty member from the Office of Law Success will attend a doctrinal class in each section in anticipation of this workshop. Notetaking is one of the most important skills you will use as both a law student, and an attorney. Learn about best practices for notetaking and how to make sure you are capturing the most important information from your classes.

Section A – Prof. Cavanaugh, LC102
Section B – Prof. Vendrell-Polanco, LC104
Section C – Prof. Perez, LC101
Section D – Prof. Nixon, LC105

- **Thursday, September 14, 3:00-3:45 p.m., LC104**
- **Thursday, September 14, 8:00-8:45 p.m., LC105**

Best Practices: Outlining

Prof. Childress – Outlining starts now! It is not wise to leave outlining to the end of the semester, but rather to think about a game plan for how you will outline your course material in anticipation of exams. Learn the best practices for synthesizing and organizing your class material.

- **Wednesday, September 20, 5:00-5:50 p.m., LC105**

Unauthorized Practice of Law

Prof. Niesel and Prof. Grenardo – Come learn about what you can and cannot do as a law student with regards to the unauthorized practice of law.

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Gluten Free

Total Time: 45 minutes

Yield: 8-10 servings

<https://draxe.com/recipe-category/gluten-free/>

Ingredients:

- 3½ cups brown rice pasta, cooked
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- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, sliced
- 1 teaspoon Italian herbs
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
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- ½ cup goat cheese crumbles
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Directions:

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Events

Family Day 2017

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Criminal Appeals. Dean Sheppard and Prof. Kauffman will also moderate discussions. Sessions on Wednesday, September 27 are 9:20, 10:20, 11:20 a.m., 2:30, 4:15 and 7:00 p.m. On Thursday, September 28, sessions are at 9:45 a.m., 2:30, 4:15, and 7:00 p.m. This promises to be an engaging event on a timely topic. Be sure to attend.

What All Law Students Should Know About Practicing Law: Ten Do's and Don'ts

Please join Chris Ritter, Staff Attorney from Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) for a presentation on "What All Law Students Should Know About Practicing Law: Ten Do's and Don'ts." Lunch will be provided. This event will be held Tuesday, October 3, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Alumni Room.

65th Annual Red Mass

St. Mary's University and School of Law Dean Stephen M. Sheppard, J.S.D., invite members of the legal community from all faiths to join in the celebration of Red Mass, marking the beginning of the judicial and academic year. Red Mass will be held Thursday, October 12, 2017. The processional will begin at 5:45 p.m. and Mass at 6:00 p.m., San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205. The Most Rev. Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio, will be the principal celebrant. The Hon. Kevin Patrick Yeary, Justice of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, will offer welcome remarks. Red Mass is a tradition coordinated annually by the St. Mary's University School of Law, the Catholic Lawyers' Guild of San Antonio and representatives from San Antonio's legal organizations, the judiciary and the Texas Legislature. At 5:00 p.m., there will be a robing and reception for judicial and legislative attendees in the Fourth Court of Appeals. Judges will join representatives of local legal organizations at the Cathedral. At 5:45 p.m., there will be a solemn processional from the Cadena-Reeves Justice Center to the Cathedral. A reception will follow at [San Fernando Hall](#), 231 W. Commerce, San Antonio, Texas 78205. For additional information, please contact Sister Grace Walle, F.M.I., St. Mary's University School of Law Chaplain, at 210.436.3063 or gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

Law Success Workshops

During Introduction to Legal Methods, you are required to attend two (2) Study Skills workshops hosted by the Office of Law Success. These workshops are designed to help improve your study skills prepare you for exams and will often involve interactive activities. You are not limited to two workshops, and successful students are likely to attend many more. Please plan your workshop attendance carefully – you don't want to be scrambling for events to attend. Below is the list of workshops and dates.

- **Thursday, September 14, 3:00-3:45 p.m., LC104**
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Best Practices: Outlining

Prof. Childress – Outlining starts now! It is not wise to leave outlining to the end of the semester, but rather to think about a game plan for how you will outline your course material in anticipation of exams. Learn the best practices for synthesizing and organizing your class material.

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Recipe of the Week

Mediterranean Bento Lunch

Prep: 15 minutes

Yield: 1 serving

<http://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/259236/mediterranean-bento-lunch/>

“Travel to the Mediterranean over your lunch break with this healthy bento box idea that combines Greek salad, hummus, pita and more for a satisfying lunch.”

Ingredients

- ¼ cup chickpeas, rinsed
- ¼ cup diced cucumber
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occasions whether it be an interview, networking event, or having coffee with a judge. Lunch will be provided. The WLA looks forward to seeing all of you. This event is sponsored by Barbri.

Student Symposium on Health Care Administration and Law

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For a complete schedule of the program, please see  [patrick_student_symposium85x11_1.pdf](#) 605.87 KB .PDF_. For registration fees and to register online please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-stc-ache-student-symposium-tickets-37077621163>. For more information contact Mary Anne Weidner, MHA at mary.weidner@uhs-sa.com.

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Recipe of the Week

Asian Chicken Lettuce Cups
Prep: 14 minutes
Cook: 16 minutes

An easy weeknight dinner solution that is low on fat and calories but high in flavor.

Ingredients

- Produce
 - Bibb Lettuce – 12 leaves
 - Fresh cilantro – 1 tablespoon
 - Fresh Ginger – 1 ½ tablespoons
 - Garlic – 3 cloves
 - Green onion – 1/3 cup
- Meat
 - Ground chicken breast – 1 ¼ pounds
- Canned Goods, Soups & Mixes
 - Water chestnuts – ¼ cup
- Frozen
 - Carrots, diced and frozen – ¾ cups
- Condiments, Oils & Dressings
 - Honey – 2 tablespoons
 - Rice Wine Vinegar – 1 tablespoon

- Sesame Oil – 1 ½ tablespoons
- Sriracha – 1 ½ tablespoons
- Vegetable oil – 2 tablespoons
- Soy sauce – 3 tablespoons

Prep Steps

1. Use a peeler to peel the ginger.
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7. Whisk together the soy sauce, honey, sriracha, sesame oil and rice wine vinegar in a small mixing bowl. If you enjoy more spicy heat, add extra sriracha.

Cook Steps

1. Heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add vegetable oil and warm.
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3. Add the ground chicken to the pan and stir to break it up into pieces. Cook until you don't see any pink, about 5 minutes, Stir often.
4. Once ground chicken is cooked through and you don't see any pink, stir in the carrots and water chestnuts. Continue to cook a few more minutes until chicken starts to brown. Stir often.
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6. Once you've removed chicken from the heat, scoop spoonful into each lettuce cup. Place 2-3 lettuce cups on each dinner plate, or arrange them all on a serving platter. Asian chicken lettuce cups can be served warm or at room temperature.

Notices

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>

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- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event. **A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials.** Forms can be found online at RattlerTracks on Gateway, www.gateway.stmarytx.edu, click Launchpad, click RattlerTracks.

Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now: Fall Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law

Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply. Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need

information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the below meetings:

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, 2nd Floor

1st Tuesday of Month 6:30-7:30 p.m.

San Antonio Lawyers Wellness Group, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, 825 Basse Road, Room W105

Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni. <http://www.secalumni.org/>. \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000. Deadline is November 10, 2017.

Carstens & Cahoon, LLP. www.cclaw.com/commitment-to-diversity. \$1,000. Deadline is November 12, 2017.

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Film and Law Movie – My Cousin Vinny

All students are invited to the first movie of the Film and Law series will be “My Cousin Vinny” (1992) Thursday, October 5, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the law building Atrium. Two New Yorkers are accused of murder in rural Alabama while on their way back from college, and one of their cousins – an inexperienced, loudmouth lawyer not accustomed to Southern rules and manners – comes to defend them. Director: Jonathan Lynn; Writer Dale Launer; Cast: Joe Pesci, Marisa Tomei, Ralph Macchio; IMDb rating 7.5. This is an excellent movie for reviewing evidence and criminal procedure and has lessons on ethics as well. Panel discussion to follow.

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- 2 tablespoons juice from the red pepper jar
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 6 cups packed baby kale leaves
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil
- 1 pound sea scallops
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Prep Steps

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Roundtable Discussion with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman Julie Kirchner

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Public Service Information Exchange

October is Pro Bono Month! Learn more about careers in public interest and government service while networking with local attorneys. Wednesday, October 25, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Law Alumni Room. RSVP in the Events section of CORE. Drop by as your schedule allows and no special attire is required.

Law Success Workshops

During Introduction to Legal Methods, you are required to attend two (2) Study Skills workshops hosted by the Office of Law Success. These workshops are designed to help improve your study skills prepare you for exams and will often involve interactive activities. You are not limited to two workshops, and successful students are likely to attend many more. Please plan your workshop attendance carefully – you don't want to be scrambling for events to attend. Below is the list of workshops and dates.

- **Tuesday, November 7, 3:00-3:45 p.m., LC105**

- **Thursday, November 9, 8:00-8:45 p.m., LC105**

Exam Tips and Tricks

Prof. Carthens – Learn common tips and tricks for tackling exams, how to prepare for an open note versus closed note exam and how to organize an exam answer to make sure you are getting maximum points.

- **Wednesday, November 15, 5:00-5:45 p.m., LC105**

Faculty Session – How to Prepare for Exams

Faculty Speakers – Come hear from faculty members – what they look for in exams and how they recommend preparing for those exams.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Mock Interviews with Professor Grenardo

Professor Grenardo conducts mock interviews for students schedule an appointment with him. The mock interview and feedback take 30-minutes total time. If you are interested, simply email Professor Grenardo at dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu to schedule a time that is convenient for you.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

Connections and Conversations with the Office of Career Services

First-year day J.D. students are invited to sign up to Connections and Conversations with the Office of Career Services. Get to know Career Services staff and programs through small-group conversations. Sign up in CORE no later than September 15.

December 2017 and May 2018 Graduates – Online Graduation Application

If you plan to graduate in either December 2017 or May 2018, now is the time to complete the online graduation application via Gateway. The deadline for December graduates is October 1; May graduates have until March 2018 to apply. Contact Ms. Yvonne Olfers, Director of Student Records, yolfers@stmarytx.edu with any questions or problems.

Popcorn Tuesday

Every Tuesday, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. pop over to the Law Commons with your questions for the School of Law's Office of Career Services, Pro Bono Program and Externship Program.

Externship Program Office Hours

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Tuesday's. Pop over to the Law Commons with your questions for real answers and corny puns. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines. If you are not able to attend Popcorn Tuesday, contact Amanda Rivas, arivas@stmarytx.edu to set an appointment with any questions on the program.

Health & Wellness

Take a Break and get some Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call Leah Daume at 210.431.5046 or email ldaume@stmarytx.edu to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Parmesan Panko Chicken

Cook: 35 min

Panko are Japanese breadcrumbs and can be found in the international food aisle. You can use Italian bread crumbs instead. Panko adds an extra crispy texture to the dish.

Ingredients

- Chicken cutlets – 4 (5 ounces each)
- Parmesan cheese, grated – ¼ cup
- Black pepper
- Kosher Salt
- Panko breadcrumbs – 3 tablespoons
- Mayonnaise – 1/3 cup

Equipment

- Parchment paper
- Measuring cups
- Measuring spoons
- Mixing bowl, small
- Sheet pan

Cook Steps

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees
- Prepare a sheet with a layer of parchment paper
- In a small bowl, combine the mayonnaise, panko and Parmesan cheese
- Lay the chicken cutlets out on the prepared sheet pan. Season both sides with salt and pepper, then divide the mayo mixture evenly among the cutlets. Smooth it over the tops in an even layer.
- Place the chicken in the preheated oven and bake until golden brown on top, about 12-15 minutes. Rotate the pan after 7 minutes to ensure even cooking.
- Prepare a large plate or tray with layers of paper towels. Once chicken is removed from oven, transfer to the paper towels and let rest for a few minutes.

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Journey of Hope

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<https://www.twopeasandtheirpod.com/baked-spaghetti-squash-with-creamy-roasted-red-pepper-sauce/>

Yields: 4 servings

Ingredients

- 1 medium spaghetti squash
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Cook Steps

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Brush cut sides of squash with oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Place squash cut sides down, on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake until tender, about 45 minutes.
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See below for more scholarship opportunities.

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Student Organizations

Annual Battle of the Rattles Flag Football Tournament Hosted by the Student Bar Association

Come on out Sunday, October 22, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. to the Annual Battle of the Rattles Flag Football Tournament. The tournament will be held in the Flex Field. Battle of the Rattles is a flag football tournament for the entire School of Law. Each 1L section will have a team along with the 2L and 3L classes, and Faculty. In addition to the flag football tournament, there will be lawn games, drinks, food,

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Events

Law Clinic Applications & Information Sessions

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Journey of Hope

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Congratulations

The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law claims national title in Lone Star Classic

The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law claimed a national title with its final-round victory October 21 over Emory University School of Law in the Law School's annual Lone Star Classic® mock trial competition. Courtney Watkins, from the University of Maryland, was named Best Speaker of the competition. The Classic, which was held October 19 -21, is an invitational mock trial competition for ABA-accredited law schools across the nation. St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas has hosted the Classic for 17 years.

The 2017 competition featured 16 law schools: Brooklyn Law School, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Emory University School of Law, Florida State University College of Law, Liberty University School of Law, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law, Samford University Cumberland School of Law, South Texas College of Law Houston, Thurgood Marshall School of Law – Texas Southern University, SUNY Buffalo Law School, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law, University of Texas School of Law, and William and Mary Law School. As host, St. Mary's does not compete in the Classic.

The Honorable David Ezra, United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas; Richard Durbin, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas; and Judy Fulmer Madewell, Assistant Federal Public Defender and Chief of the Appellate Section for the Western District of Texas, judged the final round. The 2017 Lone Star Classic Committee was composed of Professor Dave Schlueter, Director; Associate Directors Tiffany Lee, Hannah Cramer, Juan Laurents, and Committee Member Hannah Soliz, Chair of the Board of Advocates.

OCS News You Can Use

Federal Bar Association Mentorship Program

We are excited to announce that the San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is launching a new mentorship program for St. Mary's law students. While preference will be given to 2L and 3L students, 1Ls are also welcome to apply. The mentor program will last 6 months, kicking off in November and running through April 2018. The expectation is that the mentor and mentee will meet at least once a month, either in person or by phone or e-mail.

This is a GREAT opportunity to connect with a local attorney and gain the benefit of their experience and wisdom. You do not need to have plans to practice here in San Antonio or be federal practitioner to participate in this incredible mentorship program.

If you are interested in being matched with a mentor, complete the application as soon as possible, but no later than Wednesday, October 25. The application can be found in the Resource Library in CORE in the Mentorship Folder.

Public Service Information Exchange

Join us this Wednesday, October 25, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room to learn more about careers in public interest and government service while networking with local attorneys. Drop by as your schedule allows; no special attire is required.

Halloween Open House

Join us on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Office of Career Services for games, treats, pizza and prizes!

Last Chance for Connections and Conversations

If you are a Day Division 1L who has not signed up for a Connections and Conversations meeting, or if you missed your scheduled meeting, please log in to CORE to sign up for a session before the end of October. There are still many available time slots. If you are unable to find a time slot that fits your schedule, please contact Anna-Laura Petri at apetri@stmarytx.edu or 210.436.3511 for assistance.

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Events

Innsbruck 2018 Information Meeting

An informational meeting about the 2018 Innsbruck program on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck, Austria, will take place on Tuesday, October 24, from 12:00 to 12:40 p.m. in Law Classroom 101. Students will learn how to apply to the program, its course offerings, accommodations, travel options both to Europe and within Europe, and more. Professors Gerald S. Reamey and Michael Ariens will be

the co-directors of the 2018 program, and you may also contact or visit with either of them if you are interested in attending the 2018 program. Pizza and drinks will be served.

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The clinical program is now accepting applications for Spring 2018. The application is available online on the Clinic's page of the Law School website and also on the following link <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/p1fueui916gsh9b/>.

Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission. All applicants must attend a required pre-registration session before they can be accepted. Three sessions from which you can choose have been scheduled. (3Ls should attend a session on either Oct. 25 or 26.)

Wed., Oct. 25, 2017, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thu., Oct. 26, 2017, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tue., Oct. 31, 2017, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

If you cannot make it to one of the pre-registration sessions, please contact Marisa Santos at msantos@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.431.5703 so that a faculty member may call and speak with you individually. Notify Marisa Santos immediately. 3L registration begins October 30. If you are a 3L and want to be notified whether you have secured a place in Clinic prior to this registration period, you must attend a pre-registration session or have an individual conference with a faculty member by October 26. Through October 31, 3Ls have priority over 2Ls for a Clinic place. 2Ls who apply and attend a pre-registration session on or before October 31 will be notified whether they have secured a place November 1.

All of the pre-registration sessions will be held at the Center for Legal and Social Justice, 2507 N.W. 36th Street, Room 410.

Journey of Hope

The School of Law's Center for Legal and Social Justice invites you to a discussion on restorative justice and alternatives to the death penalty. The event will be held Thursday, October 26, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Refreshments will be served. For questions please contact Clinical Professor of Law Stephanie Stevens at sstevens@stmarytx.edu.

Mini Boo Bash

Come BOO with us Friday, October 27, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Law School Courtyard. This event is open to the Law School community and their families. If you would like to volunteer, please email Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu for more information.

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The program is free to faculty and students and approved for up to 4 hours of Ethics CLE credit in Texas and New Mexico. The cost for attorneys seeking CLE credit is \$50 or \$10 for attorneys who just wish to listen and eat lunch.

For more information, please contact Bill Piatt, J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law Professor at bpatt@stmarytx.edu.

Law Ministry's Thanksgiving Lunch & Finals Blessing

You are invited to Law Ministry's Thanksgiving Lunch & Finals Blessing Thursday, November 16. Sr. Grace and Law Ministry will sponsor a FREE Thanksgiving lunch and offer a group blessing on upcoming final exams. All law students are welcome. Lunch will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. in the Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. First come first served!

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Law Success Workshops

During Introduction to Legal Methods, you are required to attend two (2) Study Skills workshops hosted by the Office of Law Success. These workshops are designed to help improve your study skills prepare you for exams and will often involve interactive activities. You are not limited to two workshops, and successful students are likely to attend many more. Please plan your workshop attendance carefully – you don't want to be scrambling for events to attend. Below is the list of the remaining workshops available.

- **Tuesday, November 7, 3:00-3:45 p.m., LC105**
 - **Thursday, November 9, 8:00-8:45 p.m., LC105**
- Exam Tips and Tricks**

Prof. Carthens – Learn common tips and tricks for tackling exams, how to prepare for an open note versus closed note exam and how to organize an exam answer to make sure you are getting maximum points.

- **Wednesday, November 15, 5:00-5:45 p.m., LC105**
- Faculty Session – How to Prepare for Exams**

Faculty Speakers – Come hear from faculty members – what they look for in exams and how they recommend preparing for those exams.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

Externship Program Office Hours

The Externship Program is a course that allows you to earn credit while learning from seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel externship. Start planning for Spring and Summer NOW. Join us for Popcorn Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday's. Pop over to the Law Commons with your questions for real answers. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines. If you are not able to attend Popcorn Tuesday, contact Amanda Rivas, arivas@stmarytx.edu to set an appointment with any questions on the program.

Health & Wellness

Take a Break and get some Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Roasted Chicken and Cherry Tomatoes

TOTAL TIME: 0:45

PREP: 0:20

LEVEL: Easy

YIELD: 4 servings

Ingredients

- 2 lb. mixed-size cherry tomatoes, on the vine if desired (about 4 pints)
- 4 large garlic cloves, crushed
- 1/4 c. plus 1 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 1 1/2 lb. chicken breast cutlets (about 1/3" thick)
- 1 1/2 tbsp. chopped tarragon

Directions

1. Heat oven to 500°F. Heat grill on medium-high. Cut about 1 cup of largest tomatoes in half. On rimmed baking sheet, toss all tomatoes with garlic, 1/4 cup olive oil, red pepper and 3/4 teaspoon salt.

2. Roast on upper oven rack, stirring halfway through, until tomatoes burst and soften and some are beginning to char, about 20 minutes. (If most juices have evaporated, stir in 1 to 2 tablespoons water to create more sauce.)
3. Meanwhile, coat chicken cutlets with remaining tablespoon olive oil and season with 1/4 teaspoon each salt and black pepper. Grill until lightly charred and just cooked through, 2 to 3 minutes per side.
4. Gently toss tomatoes with chopped tarragon. Spoon tomatoes and juices on top of chicken.

Nutritional information (per serving): About 390 cal, 37 g protein, 10 g carbs, 22 g fat (4 g sat), 2 g fiber, 595 mg sodium.

Notices

Deadline to Order Academic Regalia and International Sashes for the December Hooding Ceremony

The deadline to order academic regalia and International Sashes if you participated in the Innsbruck or China Programs is Tuesday, October 31. To place your order, please visit www.balfour.com/stmu/.

The December Hooding Ceremony will be held Saturday, December 16, at 10:30 a.m. in the University Center, Conference Room A. The full Event Sheet, with all of this information and more, can be found at <https://law.stmarytx.edu/campus-life/commencement/>. Please contact [Yvonne Olfers](mailto:Yvonne.Olfers) with any questions.

The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court for the coming 2017 – 2018 season may do so. Dues for law student Pupils are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

- 12/7 - Holiday Party in San Antonio [location TBD]
- 1/18 - San Marcos Embassy Suites
- 2/15 - Austin Headliner's Club
- 3/22 - San Antonio Petroleum Club
- 4/19 - San Marcos Embassy Suites

For more information please contact Debbie Langehennig at trustee@sh13austin.com, visit

<https://home.innsofcourt.org/> or see  [a tradition of excellence brochure.pdf](#) 1.18 MB · PDF.

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of

these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/studentsservices/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event. A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now: Fall Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law

Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply. Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and

exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the below meetings:

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, 2nd Floor

1st Tuesday of Month 6:30-7:30 p.m.

San Antonio Lawyers Wellness Group, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, 825 Basse Road, Room W105

Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation Martha Ann and John Franco Scholarship Fund of **\$2,500.00**, to be used for tuition and fees. Scholarship funds cannot be used to pay off previous school debt. The requirements are as follows:

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- 1 cup diced onion
- 2 lb butternut squash, halved, peeled and seeded; cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup light cream, you can use heavy cream if desired

Preparation

Place squash in saucepan along with carrots, onions and broth, then add in the salt. Simmer 40 minutes uncovered. Puree soup in a blender or food processor along with 2 tablespoons butter. Pour a little hot puree into the 1/3-1/2 cup cream so not to curdle the cream; add to soup. Serve in a wide mouth shallow bowl with a dollop of sour cream, if desired.

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Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now - Spring Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law

Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply. Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

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Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the below meetings:

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, 2nd Floor

1st Tuesday of Month 6:30-7:30 p.m.

San Antonio Lawyers Wellness Group, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, 825 Basse Road, Room W105

Ministry Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni. <http://www.secalumni.org/>. \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000. Deadline is November 10, 2017.

Carstens & Cahoon, LLP. www.cclaw.com/commitment-to-diversity. \$1,000. Deadline is November 12, 2017.

Center for Alcohol Policy. <http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org/essay-contest/>. \$5,000, \$2,500, and \$1,000. Deadline is December 1, 2017.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. Deadline is December 1, 2017.*

Brown, P.C. Tax Practice Group. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Tax-Scholarship.shtml> and <http://www.browntax.com/National-Business-Law-Scholarship.shtml>. \$500 each. Deadline is December 4, 2017.

Entertainment Law Initiative and ABA Forum on Entertainment and Sports Industries. www.grammy.com/entertainment-law-initiative. \$10,000 and \$2,500. Deadline is January 2, 2018.

Donald C. Alexander Writing Competition. www.fedbar.org. \$2,000 and \$1,000. Deadline is January 8th, 2018.

American Indian Law Review. <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. \$1,000, \$500, and \$250. Deadline is January 31, 2018.

Florida Law Group. <http://www.thefloridalawgroup.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is January 31, 2018.

Brauns Law, PC. <https://braunslaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is February 28, 2018.

Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/>. \$1,250. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2018.*
https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.auth_checkdam.pdf

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

Congratulations

St. Mary's EAP Negotiation Team Dominates ABA Competition and Walks Away as ABA Regional Champions

Congratulations to Danica McKinney (2L), DeMarcus Lewis (2L), Gilbert Vasquez (2L), and William Biggers (2L) who competed this weekend at the ABA Negotiation Competition in Salt Lake City, Utah. After the preliminary rounds of twenty competing teams, both St. Mary's teams ranked in the top three teams overall, knocking out last year's ABA National's Runner-Up with a perfect score, and advanced to the final round on Sunday, November 5. In the final round, William Biggers and Gilbert Vasquez came up just short scoring fourth overall, and DeMarcus Lewis and Danica McKinney walked away as ABA Negotiation Regional Champions. Danica and DeMarcus will now move on to compete in the ABA National Negotiation Competition in Chicago in February. Coach Emily Landon congratulates DeMarcus Lewis, Danica McKinney, William Biggers, and Gilbert Vasquez for their stellar performance and incredible victory. ABA Nationals, here we come! Please join in congratulating these students on a job well done when you see them on campus this week.

St. Mary's EAP Mock Trial Team Reaches Quarter-Final Round at National Competition

St. Mary's EAP Mock Trial team made a strong impression at the Florida National Trial Advocacy Tournament this past weekend. This national mock trial competition included law schools from across the country. St. Mary's proved it was a force to be reckoned with, as only one of three schools to be undefeated in the preliminary rounds. The fine level of advocacy earned the team a coveted spot in the quarter finals. After a hard fought round, St. Mary's was narrowly edged out in the quarter final round, finishing Top-8 overall. Please congratulate the fine students who competed: Joe Ray Garcia (3L), Elizabeth Russell (3L), Charles Maddox (3L), and Maria Fernandez Merlo (3L). This talented squad was coached by Adjunct Professor Joshua Luke Sandoval. Be sure to congratulate these students when you see them.

EAP Moot Court Team Completes Fall Competitions with Strong Performances at National Tournaments

The St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Team, currently recognized as the third best moot court advocacy program in the nation, competed in two national competitions this Fall, reaching the break rounds at both tournaments.

At the 11th Annual Civil Rights and Liberties (CRAL) Moot Court Competition, a national tournament hosted each October by Emory University School of Law, two St. Mary's teams comprised of advocates Sophia George (3L) / Gary Hillier (3L) *and* Shaunte Collins (2L) / Chris Hamblin (3L) / Brynn Lee (2L) traveled to Atlanta, Georgia and competed against a total of 30 moot court teams from across the country. Sophia George and Gary Hillier were undefeated following the three preliminary rounds, and a top team coming into the elimination rounds. George and Hillier finished as a Top-4 team at the tournament, reaching the semi-final round.

This past weekend, the team of Sophia George (3L) and Bobby Biedrzycki (2L) traveled to Chicago, Illinois to compete in the Appellate Lawyers Association's National Moot Court Competition. This tournament routinely welcomes teams from all over the nation the first weekend in November to argue issues of federal statutory construction gleaned from current cases pending before the United States Supreme Court. George and Biedrzycki reached the quarter-final round, finishing in the Top-8 overall.

Please join Adjunct Professor and Coach Ricky J. Poole in congratulating all of these talented students for their hard work and success on behalf of St. Mary's EAP Moot Court.

OCS News You Can Use

2L & 3L Public Service Career Fair Registration

The Public Service Career Fair is the largest public service interview program for law students in Texas. The Fair, hosted by the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, will be held February 1-2, 2018. Public interest and government employers will conduct interviews each day for paid and unpaid summer and permanent positions.

If you are interested in participating, please register through the Texas Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. As a 2L or 3L, you must register to participate. Bidding opens on Friday, December 1, 2017, at noon and closes on Monday, January 8, 2018, at noon.

Drop-In Hours

Every Monday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., drop into the OCS for doughnuts and career advice with Director Thorner. Every Tuesday, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., pop over to the Law Commons for popcorn with your questions for OCS and the Pro Bono and Externship Programs.

OCS Counseling Appointments

2Ls may now make a counseling appointment with Greg Zlotnick, Amanda Rivas, or Director Thorner for career planning. Director Thorner is available to advise 1Ls and 3Ls. Please sign up for appointments in CORE by clicking on the "All Appointments" tab. Many thanks to Greg Zlotnick and Amanda Rivas for offering to assist with 2L counseling!

Mock Interviews

Put your best foot forward in an interview by practicing your skills in a mock interview with Director Thorner or Professor Grenardo. The mock interview and feedback take 30 minutes. If you are interested, sign up for a mock interview with Director Thorner in CORE or email Professor Grenardo at dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu to schedule a time that is convenient for you.

Student Organization

Women's Law Association – Annual Silent Auction

The Women's Law Association (WLA) is holding its annual silent auction this week Thursday, November 9 from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. They have great items to bid on, and 100% of the proceeds will go to the PEARLS Foundation. A fabulous Fredericksburg weekend trip for four is up for raffle. This weekend trip includes stay at a bed and breakfast, 2 winery tastings, and a certificate to a restaurant. Raffle tickets are still available and cost \$5 each. WLA looks forward to seeing you Thursday, November 9. Join us in helping to make a positive impact on the lives of those in foster care! For more information contact Kathryn Kluge at kkluge@mail.stmarytx.edu.

The Children's Shelter Donation Drive

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice is hosting a donation drive for The Children's Shelter on Monday, November 6 through Friday, November 17 in The Scholar office, Law Library #224.

The Children's Shelter residents need baby socks, winter clothing items, diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6), pull-ups (all sizes), wipes, baby bottles, bottle brushes, sippy cups, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, deodorant for males and females, kids' liquid body wash, new underwear (all sizes, especially for boys), clothing and toys for ages newborn to 36 months, mittens for infants, journals, and gym bags (size large). For more information contact Zeke Perez at eperez37@mail.stmarytx.edu or visit The Children's Shelter website at <https://www.childrenshelter.org>.

Events

Christian Legal Perspectives III: Developing a Moral and Ethical Approach to the Practice of Law

The Catholic Lawyers' Guild and St. Mary's School of Law will host the CLE program, "Christian Legal Perspectives III: Developing a Moral and Ethical Approach to the Practice of Law," on Monday, November 6.

The program begins with a light lunch at 11:30 a.m. and continues with sessions until 4:20 p.m. The schedule is available here: <http://bit.ly/2017ChristianCLE>.

The program is free to faculty and students and approved for up to 4 hours of Ethics CLE credit in Texas and New Mexico. The cost for attorneys seeking CLE credit is \$50 or \$10 for attorneys who just wish to listen and eat lunch.

For more information, please contact Bill Piatt, J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law Professor at bpatt@stmarytx.edu.

China Program Meeting

Are you interested studying in China next summer? Join Professors Bob Hu and Vincent Johnson on Thursday, November 9, 12:00 - 12:50 p.m. in Law Classroom 101 with information on the 2018 Study Abroad Program in China. They will meet with interested students to discuss all aspects of the program, such as housing, financial aid, internships, travel, etc. Food will be provided to the first 15 students who show up.

Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society Fall Dinner Honoring Professor Richard Painter

Join the Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society for its fall semester dinner on Monday, November 20, 6:30 p.m. at Paloma Blanca, 5800 Broadway Street, San Antonio, Texas 78209. This year's dinner will feature Professor Richard W. Painter, distinguished professor of law at the University of Minnesota

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Announcements

Law Clinic Applications

The clinical program is still accepting applications for Spring 2018. The application is available online on the Clinic's page of the Law School website and also on the following link <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/p1fueui916gsh9b/>. Spaces are limited with rolling admission. For more information contact Marisa Santos at msantos@stmarytx.edu.

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Recipe By: Lalena <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/12072/greek-chicken-pasta/print/?recipeType=Recipe&servings=6&isMetric=false>

"This pasta dish incorporates some of the flavors of Greece. It makes a wonderfully complete and satisfying meal. For extra flavor, toss in a few kalamata olives. Use whatever pasta you have or prefer."

Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package linguine pasta
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast meat - cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 (14 ounce) can marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1 large tomato, chopped
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 lemons, wedged, for garnish

Directions

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook pasta in boiling water until tender yet firm to the bit, 8 to 10 minutes; drain.
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Texas Access to Justice Internship Program

The Texas Access to Justice Commission is now accepting applications for Spring 2018 internships. Students who have secured unpaid internships with civil legal aid organizations who work on behalf of low-income Texans will be awarded stipends through this program. For more information, and to see the program guidelines and application, please visit <http://www.texasatj.org/atj-internship-program>. Applications are due **Monday, December 18, 2017** at 5:00 p.m.

Texas Bar Associations

Did you know that many Texas Bar Associations offer discounted membership fees for law students? Among the bar associations that accept law students as members are the Bexar County Women's Bar Association, San Antonio Bar Association, Austin Bar Association, Austin Young Lawyers Association, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers and the Houston Young Lawyers Association. This is only a partial list; please see the Office of Career Services' handout "Texas Bar Associations" for more bar associations.

Public Service Career Fair Registration for 2Ls and 3Ls

The Public Service Career Fair is the largest public service interview program for law students in Texas. The Fair, hosted by the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, will be held February 1-2, 2018. Public interest and government employers will conduct interviews each day for paid and unpaid summer and permanent positions.

If you are interested in participating, please register through the Texas Consortium Symplicity site at <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. As a 2L or 3L, you must register to participate. Bidding opens on Friday, December 1, 2017, at noon and closes on Monday, January 8, 2018, at noon.

Have a Quick Question?


Every Monday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., drop into the OCS for doughnuts and career advice with Director Thorner. Every Tuesday, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., pop over to the Law Commons for popcorn with your questions for OCS and the Pro Bono and Externship Programs.

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Student Organization

StMU Law Toastmasters Meeting Why Toastmasters is Right for You

Do you want to become a confident public speaker and strong leader? Toastmasters is the place for you. You will find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that allows you to achieve your goals at your own pace. Please join us on Thursday, November 16, in Raba, room 103 from 4:00–5:00 p.m. For more information on St. Mary's Law Toastmasters please see  [toastmasters_nov_16th_meeting.gif](#) 307.55 KB .GIF or visit their website at <https://stmulaw.toastmastersclubs.org/>.

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The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice is hosting a donation drive for The Children's Shelter through this week Friday, November 17 in *The Scholar* office, Law Library #224.

The Children's Shelter residents need baby socks, winter clothing items, diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6), pull-ups (all sizes), wipes, baby bottles, bottle brushes, sippy cups, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, deodorant for males and females, kids' liquid body wash, new underwear (all sizes, especially for boys), clothing and toys for ages newborn to 36 months, mittens for infants, journals, and gym bags (size large). For more information contact Zeke Perez at eperez37@mail.stmarytx.edu or visit The Children's Shelter website at <https://www.childrenshelter.org>.

Events

Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society Fall Dinner Honoring Professor Richard Painter

Join the Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society for its fall semester dinner on Monday, November 20, 6:30 p.m. at Paloma Blanca, 5800 Broadway Street, San Antonio, Texas 78209. This year's dinner will feature Professor Richard W. Painter, distinguished professor of law at the University of Minnesota Law School. This event is an excellent opportunity to network with fellow law students, local attorneys, judges, and law school faculty. Tickets will be sold in the law classroom building in the weeks leading up to the event. Ticket price (\$20) includes a three-course dinner and one glass of wine. Attire is business professional. Contact Marshall Bowen (mbowen3@mail.stmarytx.edu) or Madison Preston (Madison Preston (madisonpreston15@gmail.com)) with questions.

December Hooding Ceremony

The December Hooding Ceremony will be held Saturday, December 16, at 10:30 a.m. in the University Center, Conference Room A. The full Event Sheet, with all of this information and more, can be found at <https://law.stmarytx.edu/campus-life/commencement/>. Please contact [Yvonne Olfers](mailto:Yvonne.Olfers) with any questions.

Law Ministry's Thanksgiving Luncheon, Finals Blessing and Thanks-for-giving Canned Food Drive

Our hearts fill to the brim this time of year, so let's say thanks with all our beloved and dear. On Thursday, November 16, Law Ministries will host a Thanksgiving Lunch for Law School Students, Faculty and Staff and a Pre-Final Blessing. 11:30 a.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be provided on a first come, first served basis. We ask that you bring a canned good or give a donation for the purchase of a canned good. Proceeds will benefit local families in need. We hope to see you all there. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle and gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

Law Clinic Applications

The clinical program is still accepting applications for Spring 2018. The application is available online on the Clinic's page of the Law School website and also on the following link <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/p1fueui916gsh9b/>. Spaces are limited with rolling admission. For more information contact Marisa Santos at msantos@stmarytx.edu.

Renew Your FAFSA for Academic Year 2018/2019

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2018/19 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2018 will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may now complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA application and are encouraged to complete it early in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the March 1st deadline. You may complete the FAFSA online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include **St. Mary's school code 003623**. Please note that the 2018/19 FAFSA will require 2016 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at 210.436.3141.

Law Success Workshop

During Introduction to Legal Methods, you are required to attend two (2) Study Skills workshops hosted by the Office of Law Success. The last Study Skills workshop for the semester is listed below. This workshop is designed to help improve your study skills prepare you for exams and will often involve interactive activities.

- **Wednesday, November 15, 5:00-5:45 p.m., LC105**
Faculty Session – How to Prepare for Exams
Faculty Speakers – Come hear from faculty members – what they look for in exams and how they recommend preparing for those exams.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're

looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

Externship Program Office Hours

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Health & Wellness

Take a Break and get some Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Chicken & White Bean Salad

<http://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/250065/chicken-white-bean-salad/>

Recipe By: EatingWell Test Kitchen

"Zucchini and celery give this chicken-and-bean salad a nice crunch. We like serving it over a bed of slightly bitter escarole and radicchio, but any type of salad greens will work. Recipe by Nancy Baggett for EatingWell."

Ingredients

- Vinaigrette
- 1 medium clove garlic
- ¼ teaspoon salt

- 5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 6 tablespoons fresh orange juice, plus more to taste
- ¼ cup white-wine vinegar or red-wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- Salad
- 1 15-ounce can cannellini or other white beans, rinsed and drained
- 2½ cups diced cooked chicken breast (see Tips)
- 2 cups diced zucchini and/or summer squash (about 2 small)
- 1½ cups diced celery
- ¼ cup finely diced ricotta salata, halloumi (see Tips) or feta cheese
- ⅓ cup chopped, well-drained, oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes (optional)
- 1 cup coarsely chopped fresh basil, plus whole basil leaves for garnish
- Salt & freshly ground pepper to taste (optional)
- 2 cups torn escarole or romaine lettuce
- 2 cups torn radicchio leaves

Directions

- To prepare vinaigrette: Peel the garlic and smash with the side of a chef's knife. Using a fork, mash the garlic with ¼ teaspoon salt in a small bowl to form a coarse paste. Whisk in 5 tablespoons oil. Add 6 tablespoons orange juice, vinegar and mustard; whisk until well blended. Taste and whisk in up to 4 tablespoons more juice to mellow the flavor; season with more salt, if desired. Set aside at room temperature.
 - To prepare salad: Combine beans, chicken, zucchini (and/or summer squash), celery, cheese and sun-dried tomatoes (if using) in a large bowl until well blended. Add chopped basil and ¾ cup vinaigrette; toss until combined. Taste and season with salt and/or pepper, if desired.
 - Toss the remaining vinaigrette with escarole (or romaine) and radicchio in a medium bowl. Serve the salad on the greens, garnished with fresh basil leaves.
- Make Ahead Tip: Prepare through Step 2 (omitting basil), cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days. Stir in chopped basil just before serving. To poach chicken breasts, place about 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts in a medium skillet or saucepan. Add lightly salted water to cover and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer gently until chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the middle, 10 to 15 minutes. Ricotta salata and halloumi are both firm, salted cheeses that can be found at large supermarkets and cheese shops.

Notices

The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court for the coming 2017 – 2018 season may do so. Dues for law student Pupils are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

12/7 - Holiday Party in San Antonio [location TBD]
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Honoring Professor Richard Painter

Join the Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society for its fall semester dinner on Monday, November 20, 6:30 p.m. at Paloma Blanca, 5800 Broadway Street, San Antonio, Texas 78209. This year's dinner will feature Professor Richard W. Painter, distinguished professor of law at the University of Minnesota Law School. This event is an excellent opportunity to network with fellow law students, local attorneys, judges, and law school faculty. Tickets will be sold in the law classroom building in the weeks leading up to the event. Ticket price (\$20) includes a three-course dinner and one glass of wine. Attire is business professional. Contact Marshall Bowen (mbowen3@mail.stmarytx.edu) or Madison Preston (Madison Preston (madisonpreston15@gmail.com) with questions.

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Law Clinic Applications

The clinical program is still accepting applications for Spring 2018. The application is available online on the Clinic's page of the Law School website and also on the following link <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/p1fueui916gsh9b/>. Spaces are limited with rolling admission. For more information contact Marisa Santos at msantos@stmarytx.edu.

Renew Your FAFSA for Academic Year 2018/2019

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2018/19 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2018 will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may now complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA application and are encouraged to complete it early in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the March 1st deadline. You may complete the FAFSA online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include **St. Mary's school code 003623**. Please note that the 2018/19 FAFSA will require 2016 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at 210.436.3141.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

Externship Program Office Hours

The Externship Program is a course that allows you to earn credit while learning from seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel externship. Start planning for Spring and Summer NOW. Join us for Popcorn Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on

Tuesday's. Pop over to the Law Commons with your questions for real answers. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines. If you are not able to attend Popcorn Tuesday, contact Amanda Rivas, arivas@stmarytx.edu to set an appointment with any questions on the program.

Health & Wellness

Take a Break and get some Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Turkey and Bacon Wrap with Herbed Cranberry Mayonnaise

<http://www.winemag.com/gallery/11-recipes-for-thanksgiving-leftovers/#gallery-carousel-13>

Wine Magazine Recipe by Karen Berman

An elegant but simple wrap, this turkey-bacon club is elevated by the addition of Herbed Cranberry Mayonnaise made with dried sweetened cranberries and fresh thyme. To remove the leaves from the thyme quickly, hold a stem from the top end with one hand and slide your fingers firmly down its length the other. The leaves will slide off.

Herbed Cranberry Mayonnaise

1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
½ cup sweetened dried cranberries
2 tablespoons olive oil
½ cup mayonnaise

Turkey and Bacon Wraps

8 strips bacon
4 8-inch flour tortillas
4 to 8 leaves romaine lettuce
2 cups cooked turkey, boned roughly cut or torn into long strips

To make the mayo, process the thyme leaves, cranberries and olive oil in a food processor until well chopped; the mixture will almost have the consistency of a paste. Transfer the mixture to a small bowl and stir in the mayonnaise until combined. (If you are tempted to mix in the mayonnaise in the processor, do so only for about 5 seconds. Longer processing will cause the mayo to separate and become oily.) Set aside to let the flavors marry while you make the rest of the wrap. (You can make the mayo several hours ahead if you wish. Cover and chill it in the refrigerator.)

To make the wraps, cook the bacon: Cover a platter with paper towel and place the bacon strips on it in a single layer. Cook for 3 minutes, stopping to check for doneness halfway through the cooking, and if necessary, continue microwaving until crispy, stopping every minute or so to keep it from burning.

Place a tortilla on a work surface and lay 1 large or 2 small romaine leaves about half an inch from the edge nearest you. Spoon 1 heaping tablespoon of the mayo into the leaves and top with about ½ cup turkey. Place 2 bacon slices on top, roll up the wrap and secure with 2 toothpicks placed so you can cut the wrap in half and each half will be secured by 1 pick. Cut the wrap on a diagonal. Then trim the outside ends to make a neat, flat surface so the pieces can stand upright if you like. Repeat with the other 3 tortillas and serve. *Serves 4.*

Notices

Important: ExamSoft/Examplify Notice for Test Takers

There appears to be compatibility issues with Examplify and the newest operating systems currently being released for Windows and Mac. Please DO NOT update before exams if you can. All instructions on how to avoid or revert back are listed below. If you have any questions, please contact Law I.T. at lawtech@stmarytx.edu or 210.431.6721.

FOR WINDOWS:

...as long as students already have Examplify installed on their systems, they don't need to do anything other than to avoid manually updating to the Windows 10 Fall Creators edition. Apparently they have worked out something with Microsoft that blocks this update from being pushed on students' systems automatically. The only way students could push this update is if they manually select it.

For students with Windows 10 computers, who will be using Examplify for the first time for finals, they do need to check off a setting in their system to delay the update. The link below provides easy to follow instructions. There are a total of 6 steps under the section titled "How to defer Windows 10 Fall Creators update through settings".

<https://pureinfotech.com/prevent-windows-10-installing-fall-creators-update/>

While Examsoft hopes to have a version of Examplify that is fully compatible with this new OS update from Windows in late November, its official release will cut very close to the start of finals. If students do inadvertently end up upgrading to this update and the compatible version of Examplify is not yet available, they would need to either downgrade their system (if they're still within the 30 days window of the installation) or borrow a laptop from I.T. See below announcement for checking out a laptop.

Below is a link for downgrading:

<https://www.howtogeek.com/235474/how-to-roll-back-builds-and-uninstall-updates-on-windows-10/>

If students are unsure of what version of Windows 10 they are running, they can use the instructions in the link below to check. Note that Windows 10 ver. 1709 is the Fall Creators update version.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/236195/how-to-find-out-which-build-and-version-of-windows-10-you-have/>

For MACS:

If a user **HAS NOT** installed Examplify on their computer, if they have upgraded to High Sierra, they will be unable to install the program. They will be able to login into the Examplify website, but clicking on the download button will not result in any action occurring.

- If they want to use Examplify, they will either need to borrow a laptop from Law IT (see below policy) or use another laptop they own that is compatible or else downgrade their system to Sierra.

Law School Laptop Checkout Policy

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Any St Mary's Law student, faculty or staff may check out electronic equipment for limited use. Laptops can be checked out Monday through Friday from 8 am until 5 pm, during the semester (except final exam period) for up to seventy-two (72) hours. Laptops checked out on a Friday will be due at 5 pm on the succeeding Monday. Equipment checked out Monday through Thursday must be returned within twenty-four (24) hours.

During the final exam period, all laptops are reserved for students needing a computer to take their final exam. Any laptop checked out by a student for a final exam must be returned upon completion of the exam, unless the student who checked out a laptop for use in an exam has another exam later on the same day.

Any user who requests to borrow a laptop or other electronic equipment must fill out a checkout form and present a valid St. Mary's ID card.

Penalties and Fees

- Late return of a laptop will cause a \$10 charge for each day that it is overdue. Fines are paid to Ms. Maria Rodriguez in the business office.
- Failure to return a laptop within 30 days, or an earlier report that a laptop damaged, lost, or stolen, may cause a charge for the full replacement cost of the system. Currently this price is set at \$1000
- Failure to pay late or replacement fees or will result in a hold placed on the account until payment is received.

Fall 2017 Exam Administration and Posting of Grades

The 2017 Fall Exam policies may be found on *GATEWAY* as can your anonymous Exam PIN number. Each student is given a four-digit anonymous exam number each semester, which is the ONLY student identification placed on examination responses.

Students access their exam PIN number on *GATEWAY*, "My St. Mary's" tab. A student who does not see the exam number should contact the University's IT department (helpdesk@stmarytx.edu or 210-431-4357) to correct the problem.

The use of an incorrect exam number on a final exam may cause the student not to receive a grade, as the professor will be unable to reconcile the grade with the correct anonymous exam numbers listed on the Instructor Grade Report (IGR). A student who uses an incorrect exam number should contact Ms. Yvonne Olfers (yolfers@stmarytx.edu) and provide the course name and professor, incorrect exam number used, and student ID#.

Using ExamSoft/Examplify to Laptop Exam Answers

For lapped exams students MUST have [the latest version of Softest from ExamSoft/Examplify](#) downloaded on the laptop the students will use for exams. Questions about ExamSoft/Examplify should be directed to the Law School's IT Department at lawtech@stmarytx.edu, 210-431-6721, or their offices in Room 101 of the Raba Law Faculty Building.

Posting of Fall 2017 Grades

No grades are posted during the exam period (December 4 - 15, 2017) or while the University is closed for the Christmas Holidays (December 20, 2017 - January 2, 2018). If a faculty member submits grades prior to the holiday break, the Director of Student Records will process and post those grades prior to the University closing on December 20. No fall grades will be posted prior to Friday, December 15. All other grades will be processed beginning with the University reopening on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Once posted, students can view their individual grades on *GATEWAY*, "Students" tab, "Student Records" tab, "Final Grades."

For the Fall 2017 semester, first-year (1L) grades are due by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2018., the first working day the University reopens after the Christmas break. Upper level (2L and 3L) grades are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2018. Grades have to be reviewed to ensure they meet grade rules before being posted.

Students can review grading rules in the *Student Handbook* also found on *Gateway*.

The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court for the coming 2017 – 2018 season may do so. Dues for law student Pupils are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

12/7 - Holiday Party in San Antonio [location TBD]
1/18 - San Marcos Embassy Suites
2/15 - Austin Headliner's Club
3/22 - San Antonio Petroleum Club
4/19 - San Marcos Embassy Suites

For more information please contact Debbie Langehennig at trustee@sh13austin.com, visit

<https://home.innsofcourt.org/> or see  [a tradition of excellence brochure.pdf](#) 1.18 MB · PDF.

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event. A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now - Spring Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law

Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply. Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the

below confidential monthly education meetings for lawyers, judges and law students seeking help while healing from depression, addiction, job stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, 2nd Floor

1st Tuesday of Month 6:30-7:30 p.m.

San Antonio Lawyers Wellness Group, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, 825 Basse Road, Room W105

Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers. <http://accfsl.org/writing-competition/>. \$3,500, \$2,500, \$1,000. Deadline is December 1, 2017.

Center for Alcohol Policy. <http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org/essay-contest/>. \$5,000, \$2,500, and \$1,000. Deadline is December 1, 2017.

Brown, P.C. Tax Practice Group. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Tax-Scholarship.shtml> and <http://www.browntax.com/National-Business-Law-Scholarship.shtml>. \$500 each. Deadline is December 4, 2017.

Entertainment Law Initiative and ABA Forum on Entertainment and Sports Industries. www.grammy.com/entertainment-law-initiative. \$10,000 and \$2,500. Deadline is January 2, 2018.

Donald C. Alexander Writing Competition. www.fedbar.org. \$2,000 and \$1,000. Deadline is January 8th, 2018.

Jackson Lewis, LLP and ITT Chicago-Kent College of Law. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline is January 17, 2018.

American Indian Law Review. <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. \$1,000, \$500, and \$250. Deadline is January 31, 2018.

Florida Law Group. <http://www.thefloridalawgroup.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is January 31, 2018.

Brauns Law, PC. <https://braunslaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is February 28, 2018.

Beco Life. <https://becolife.com/scholarship/>. \$1,500. Deadline is March 31, 2018.

Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/>. \$1,250. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2018.

https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.auth_checkdam.pdf

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Save the Date

What better way to start the spring semester off right than by attending an OCS learning event on the very first day back? On Wednesday, January 10th, from 12 to 1 p.m., all 1Ls are invited to chat informally with upper class students about their previous summer work experience. Learn about the myriad ways you can gain practical legal experience in a variety of settings. Later that same day, from 4 to 5 p.m., 2L and 3L students interested in post-graduate judicial clerkships are invited to an intimate conversation with the Honorable David Ezra, the Honorable Henry Bemporad and the Honorable Kevin Yeary for an inside view on the application process.

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Student Webinars for Loan Repayment and Financing your Legal Education

AccessLex Institute has the below webinar opportunities for students.

The Road to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment

- Tuesday, December 12 at 2 pm ET – [Register Here](#)

Financing Your Legal Education

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Recipe of the Week

Creamy Spinach Cheese Enchiladas

<https://www.isabeleats.com/spinach-mushroom-onion-red-enchiladas/>

These Vegetarian Spinach Enchiladas are covered in a red enchilada sauce and stuffed with spinach, mushrooms and onions for a tasty Mexican dinner!

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes
Servings: 5 servings (2 enchiladas each)
Calories: 413 kcal
Author: Isabel Eats

Ingredients

- 10 oz box of frozen chopped spinach
- 1.5 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
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- ½ tsp coarse sea salt
- ¼ tsp black pepper
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp cumin powder
- 2 cups colby and monterrey blend shredded cheese
- 1 batch [Authentic Red Enchilada Sauce](#), or 2 small cans store-bought red enchilada sauce
- 10 large corn tortillas (soft flour tortillas can also be used)
- for topping: cilantro, onions, feta cheese

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Thaw frozen spinach in microwave by heating for 2 to 3 minutes. Ring out as much water as possible.
3. Heat large skillet with olive oil over medium-high heat.
4. Add in diced onions and cook for 7 minutes or until the onions soften and the edges begin to caramelize.
5. Lower heat to medium and add in sliced mushrooms, spinach, salt, garlic powder and cumin powder. Cook for about 8 more minutes, until mixture has cooked down.
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Notices

Important: ExamSoft/Examplify Notice for Test Takers

There appears to be compatibility issues with Examplify and the newest operating systems currently being released for Windows and Mac. Please DO NOT update before exams if you can. All instructions on how to avoid or revert back are listed below. If you have any questions, please contact Law I.T. at lawtech@stmarytx.edu or 210.431.6721.

FOR WINDOWS:

...as long as students already have Examplify installed on their systems, they don't need to do anything other than to avoid manually updating to the Windows 10 Fall Creators edition. Apparently they have worked out something with Microsoft that blocks this update from being pushed on students' systems automatically. The only way students could push this update is if they manually select it.

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<https://pureinfotech.com/prevent-windows-10-installing-fall-creators-update/>

While Examsoft hopes to have a version of Exemplify that is fully compatible with this new OS update from Windows in late November, its official release will cut very close to the start of finals. If students do inadvertently end up upgrading to this update and the compatible version of Exemplify is not yet available, they would need to either downgrade their system (if they're still within the 30 days window of the installation) or borrow a laptop from I.T. See below announcement for checking out a laptop. Below is a link for downgrading:

<https://www.howtogeek.com/235474/how-to-roll-back-builds-and-uninstall-updates-on-windows-10/>

If students are unsure of what version of Windows 10 they are running, they can use the instructions in the link below to check. Note that Windows 10 ver. 1709 is the Fall Creators update version.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/236195/how-to-find-out-which-build-and-version-of-windows-10-you-have/>

For MACS:

If a user **HAS NOT** installed Exemplify on their computer, if they have upgraded to High Sierra, they will be unable to install the program. They will be able to login into the Exemplify website, but clicking on the download button will not result in any action occurring.

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During the final exam period, all laptops are reserved for students needing a computer to take their final exam. Any laptop checked out by a student for a final exam must be returned upon completion of the exam, unless the student who checked out a laptop for use in an exam has another exam later on the same day.

Any user who requests to borrow a laptop or other electronic equipment must fill out a checkout form and present a valid St. Mary's ID card.

Penalties and Fees

- Late return of a laptop will cause a \$10 charge for each day that it is overdue. Fines are paid to Ms. Maria Rodriguez in the business office.
- Failure to return a laptop within 30 days, or an earlier report that a laptop damaged, lost, or stolen, may cause a charge for the full replacement cost of the system. Currently this price is set at \$1000
- Failure to pay late or replacement fees or will result in a hold placed on the account until payment is received.

Fall 2017 Exam Administration and Posting of Grades

The 2017 Fall Exam policies may be found on *GATEWAY* as can your anonymous Exam PIN number. Each student is given a four-digit anonymous exam number each semester, which is the ONLY student identification placed on examination responses.

Students access their exam PIN number on *GATEWAY*, "My St. Mary's" tab. A student who does not see the exam number should contact the University's IT department (helpdesk@stmarytx.edu or 210-431-4357) to correct the problem.

The use of an incorrect exam number on a final exam may cause the student not to receive a grade, as the professor will be unable to reconcile the grade with the correct anonymous exam numbers listed on the Instructor Grade Report (IGR). A student who uses an incorrect exam number should contact Ms. Yvonne Olfers (yolfers@stmarytx.edu) and provide the course name and professor, incorrect exam number used, and student ID#.

Using ExamSoft/Examplify to Laptop Exam Answers

For lapped exams students MUST have [the latest version of Softest from ExamSoft/Examplify](#) downloaded on the laptop the students will use for exams. Questions about ExamSoft/Examplify should be directed to the Law School's IT Department at lawtech@stmarytx.edu, 210-431-6721, or their offices in Room 101 of the Raba Law Faculty Building.

Posting of Fall 2017 Grades

No grades are posted during the exam period (December 4 - 15, 2017) or while the University is closed for the Christmas Holidays (December 20, 2017 - January 2, 2018). If a faculty member submits grades prior to the holiday break, the Director of Student Records will process and post those grades prior to the University closing on December 20. No fall grades will be posted prior to Friday, December 15. All other grades will be processed beginning with the University reopening on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Once posted, students can view their individual grades on *GATEWAY*, "Students" tab, "Student Records" tab, "Final Grades."

For the Fall 2017 semester, first-year (1L) grades are due by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2018., the first working day the University reopens after the Christmas break. Upper level (2L and 3L) grades are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2018. Grades have to be reviewed to ensure they meet grade rules before being posted.

Students can review grading rules in the *Student Handbook* also found on *Gateway*.

The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court for the coming 2017 – 2018 season may do so. Dues for law student Pupils are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

12/7 - Holiday Party in San Antonio [location TBD]
1/18 - San Marcos Embassy Suites
2/15 - Austin Headliner's Club
3/22 - San Antonio Petroleum Club
4/19 - San Marcos Embassy Suites

For more information please contact Debbie Langehennig at trustee@sh13austin.com, visit

<https://home.innsofcourt.org/> or see  [a tradition of excellence brochure.pdf](#) 1.18 MB · PDF.

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event. A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now - Spring Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law

Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply. Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00

a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the below confidential monthly education meetings for lawyers, judges and law students seeking help while healing from depression, addiction, job stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, 2nd Floor

1st Tuesday of Month 6:30-7:30 p.m.

San Antonio Lawyers Wellness Group, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, 825 Basse Road, Room W105

Ministry Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

Younger Comparativists Committee, American Society of Comparative Law. Colin B. Picker Prize. Information on the Picker Prize is contained in the call for papers for the YCC's Annual Conference, which can be found [here](#). The second prize is the Phanor J. Eder Prize, awarded to the best paper on any topic in comparative law by an LLB or JD student. The call for submissions can be found [here](#).

American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers. <http://accfsl.org/writing-competition/>. \$3,500, \$2,500, \$1,000. Deadline is December 1, 2017.

Center for Alcohol Policy. <http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org/essay-contest/>. \$5,000, \$2,500, and \$1,000. Deadline is December 1, 2017.

Brown, P.C. Tax Practice Group. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Tax-Scholarship.shtml> and <http://www.browntax.com/National-Business-Law-Scholarship.shtml>. \$500 each. Deadline is December 4, 2017.

Entertainment Law Initiative and ABA Forum on Entertainment and Sports Industries. www.grammy.com/entertainment-law-initiative. \$10,000 and \$2,500. Deadline is January 2, 2018.

Donald C. Alexander Writing Competition. www.fedbar.org. \$2,000 and \$1,000. Deadline is January 8th, 2018.

Jackson Lewis, LLP and ITT Chicago-Kent College of Law. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline is January 17, 2018.

American Indian Law Review. <http://www.air.net/writecomp>. \$1,000, \$500, and \$250. Deadline is January 31, 2018.

Florida Law Group. <http://www.thefloridalawgroup.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is January 31, 2018.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems journal with the University of Iowa College. Trandafir Writing Competition. [the University of Iowa College of Law website](http://www.uiowa.edu/~lawlib/taclcp/). \$1,800. Deadline is February 1, 2018.

Brauns Law, PC. <https://braunslaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is February 28, 2018.

Beco Life. <https://becolife.com/scholarship/>. \$1,500. Deadline is March 31, 2018.

Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/>. \$1,250. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2018.
https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.auth_checkdam.pdf

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OCS News You Can Use

What I Did Last Summer: Conversations with 2Ls and 3Ls About Their Summer Experiences

What better way to start the spring semester off right than by attending an OCS learning event on the very first day back? On Wednesday, January 10th, from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room, all 1Ls are invited to chat informally with upper class students about their previous summer work experience. Learn about the myriad ways you can gain practical legal experience in a variety of settings. Lunch will be served!

The Inside View on Post-Grad Judicial Clerkships

2L and 3L students interested in post-graduate judicial clerkships are invited to an intimate conversation with the Honorable David Ezra, the Honorable Henry Bemporad and the Honorable Kevin Yeary for an inside view on the application process. Join us on Wednesday, January 10 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Atrium for this informative event.

Save the Date for Professional Headshots

The School of Law will offer heavily subsidized headshots to all law students this semester. For just \$25, you can have a professional headshot taken, which can be used to raise your profile on LinkedIn and other social media sites. Photos will be taken on January 24- 26, January 31, and February 1- 2. To sign up for a photo session, please check the Events section in CORE on Tuesday, January 16, starting at 10:00 am. **Slots may fill up fast, so be sure to act quickly!**

Popcorn Wednesday

Popcorn returns on Wednesday's this semester beginning next week January 17. Join us Noon – 1:00 p.m. in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Law Commons.

Get Your Career Planning Off to a Solid Start by Scheduling an Advising Appointment with OCS

Schedule a career advising appointment in CORE for general career counseling, cover letter or resume review, mock interviews, job search or interviewing strategy. You may schedule your interview with Director Robin Thorner or our new career advisers, Veronica Elizalde and Sandra Chidi-Nwagwu.

Events

Alternative Spring Break Information Series

Come and learn all about Alternative Spring Break – March 12-16. Meetings will be held in the Raba Foyer as follows:

Wednesday, January 17 — 12:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 18 — 1:00, 3:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24 — 12:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Sessions are approximately 45 minutes and food will be provided. Meetings will include all information on the application process, housing and carpooling. Get résumé and practical legal experience. Learn about pro bono placements in San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Baton Rouge, Washington, D.C.*, McAllen/South Texas, Houston and El Paso. *Specific application process for Washington, D.C. For questions, please contact Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

17th Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice & Ethics

The *St. Mary's Journal on Legal Malpractice and Ethics* is proud to host the 17th Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice and Ethics, Friday, January 26, 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Historic Double Height Courtroom, Bexar County Courthouse, 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio, 78205. This event will provide six CLE ethics hours to practitioners. Papers from this symposium will be published in <http://www.stmaryslawjournal.org/symposium>. Parking is available for a special rate of \$5; please email or note on registration if needed. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact *St. Mary's Law Journal on Malpractice and Ethics* at jlegalmalethics@stmarytx.edu or 210.436.3525.

Essay Advantage Presented by BarBri President Mike Sims

All bar takers are welcome to attend the Essay Advantage workshop on Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Law Classrooms Building, room 105. Lunch will be provided. Please register no later than Monday, January 29, by email to Patricia Solano at psolano@stmarytx.edu.

Supreme Court of Texas

St. Mary's University School of Law will host the Supreme Court of Texas **Thursday, February 8** in the Law Classrooms Building, Courtroom. Oral arguments will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Cases:

16—0125, Debra Gunn, Obstetric and Gynecological Associates v. Andre McCoy

16—0770, In the Interest of S.C. and K.C., Children

Flint Fest Institute on World Legal Problems In Innsbruck

The annual Flint Fest, Innsbruck information meeting will be held Friday, February 23rd at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 223 E. Summit Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212. Doors will open at 6:30

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- 1 ½ cups frozen blueberries

Preparation

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Interested in a career in criminal law? Network with local attorneys in a low-pressure setting and learn more about the myriad ways lawyers advance criminal justice. Students are welcome to drop in as their schedule allows, dressed as they are for class, and are not expected to stay the entire time. Join us in the Law Alumni Room on Wednesday, January 24 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP in the Events section in CORE.

Events

Alternative Spring Break Information Series

Come and learn all about Alternative Spring Break – March 12-16. Meetings will be held in the Raba Foyer as follows:

Wednesday, January 17 — 12:00 and 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 18 — 1:00, 3:30 and 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24 — 12:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Sessions are approximately 45 minutes and food will be provided. Meetings will include all information on the application process, housing and carpooling. Get résumé and practical legal experience. Learn about pro bono placements in San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Baton Rouge, Washington, D.C.*, McAllen/South Texas, Houston and El Paso. *Specific application process for Washington, D.C. For questions, please contact Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

17th Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice & Ethics

The *St. Mary's Journal on Legal Malpractice and Ethics* is proud to host the 17th Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice and Ethics, Friday, January 26, 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Historic Double Height Courtroom, Bexar County Courthouse, 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio, 78205. This event will provide six CLE ethics hours to practitioners. Papers from this symposium will be published in <http://www.stmaryslawjournal.org/symposium>. Parking is available for a special rate of \$5; please email or note on registration if needed. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact *St. Mary's Law Journal on Malpractice and Ethics* at jlegalmalethics@stmarytx.edu or 210.436.3525.

Essay Advantage Presented by BarBri President Mike Sims

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Supreme Court of Texas

St. Mary's University School of Law will host the Supreme Court of Texas **Thursday, February 8** in the Law Classrooms Building, Courtroom. Oral arguments will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Cases:

16—0125, Debra Gunn, Obstetric and Gynecological Associates v. Andre McCoy
16—0770, In the Interest of S.C. and K.C., Children

Flint Fest Institute on World Legal Problems In Innsbruck

The annual Flint Fest, Innsbruck information meeting will be held Friday, February 23rd at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 223 E. Summit Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Mixer and dinner will follow starting at 7:00 p.m. Come on out to enjoy Professor Flint's home-brewed beer and famous barbecue. Join us to learn all about the Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck, Austria. Come and hear all about travel tips from past participants and also obtain financial aid and scholarship information. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased from Hannah Kramer, hcramer@mail.stmarytx.edu, in the Law Classroom during tabling, or contact Sister Grace Walle via email at gwalle@stmarytx.edu. All proceeds will benefit the Flint Fund for scholarships. This is a family friend event.

Announcements Externship Program

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Volunteer with VITA

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Renew Your FAFSA for Academic Year 2018/2019

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2018/19 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2018 will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may now complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA application and are encouraged to complete it early in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the March 1st deadline. You may complete the FAFSA online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include **St. Mary's school code 003623**. Please note that the 2018/19 FAFSA will require 2016 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at 210.436.3141.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

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Take a Break and get some Exercise

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If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

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Recipe of the Week

Coconut Mango Shake

Number of servings: 1

Serving size: 1 smoothie

Calories: 235; Fat: 11; Fiber: 12; Protein: 7; Carbohydrates: 29

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons Chia seeds
- 1 cup Coconut milk (can substitute with Almond milk)
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup chopped frozen organic mango
- ½ teaspoon flaked coconut (optional)

Directions:

- Step 1 – add all ingredients to blender
- Step 2 – blend until smooth
- Step 3 – enjoy

Add the ingredients one at a time to ensure a smooth blending process. Start with the greens, like spinach or kale, then add the fruits and other ingredients later. If you want to make the smoothie cold, you have two options:

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Our goal in Law Success is to help **every** student pass the Bar Exam. For many students, the third day of the Bar Exam -- 12 Texas essays in 6 hours -- is the hardest part of the test. Why? The Essay portion of the Bar Exam is very different from your law school essay exams. The techniques you used to score well on law school exams don't necessarily translate into scoring well on the Bar Exam.

That is why we are bringing in an expert – Mike Sims, the President of Barbri – to help prepare you for the Texas Essays.

Mike and Barbri have developed a one-day program to prepare students for the essay portion of the Bar Exam. It is called Essay Advantage, and we have arranged to have Mike Sims come to St. Mary's and present this program on Saturday, February 3, from 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

We ran this program last February (the Saturday before the Super Bowl) and more than 80% of the 3L class attended. The reviews were spectacular. Students described the program as "engaging", "valuable", and "extremely relevant to future bar takers". Moreover, those who took the Bar Exam in February and July reported that this program really helped them study for the Bar Exam and do better on test day.

At the workshop on February 3, Mike Sims will prepare you for the essay portion of the Bar Exam, teaching you how to write answers designed to maximize your score. He also will show you how to write an essay that picks up points – *even when you don't know the relevant law*. The Essays count for 40% of your overall Bar Exam score – so every point matters.

Please attend Essay Advantage! It is worth the effort!

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Here are the logistics and answers to common questions:

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Criminal Law Career Information Exchange

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Sign-Up for Headshots in CORE

Sign up in the Events section in CORE for a time slot to have your headshot taken by a professional photographer. The cost of the headshot will be \$25. All sessions will be held in the Law Administration Atrium. Time slots are still available on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 24
 Thursday, January 25
 Wednesday, January 31
 Thursday, February 1
 Friday, February 2

Popcorn is now on Wednesday

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17th Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice & Ethics

The *St. Mary's Journal on Legal Malpractice and Ethics* is proud to host the 17th Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice and Ethics, Friday, January 26, 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Historic Double Height Courtroom, Bexar County Courthouse, 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio, 78205. This event will provide six CLE ethics hours to practitioners. Papers from this symposium will be published in <http://www.stmaryslawjournal.org/symposium>. Parking is available for a special rate of \$5; please email or note on registration if needed. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact *St. Mary's Law Journal on Malpractice and Ethics* at jlegalmaethics@stmarytx.edu or 210.436.3525.

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Cases:

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<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Antioxidant and Iron Booster Meal Replacement Smoothie

<https://www.positivehealthwellness.com/recipes/6-meal-replacement-green-smoothie-recipes-no-4-awesome/>

Ingredients

- Red grapes- 1 cup
- Frozen cherries or mixed berries -1 cup
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- Chia seeds soaked – 1 tablespoon
- Baby spinach- 2 cups
- Unsweetened almond milk – 8 ounces

Directions


- Add the unsweetened almond milk into the blender.
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- Blend well and pour into large glass and enjoy.

Notices

The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court may do so. Dues for law students are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

2/15 - Austin Headliner's Club
3/22 - San Antonio Petroleum Club
4/19 - San Marcos Embassy Suites

For more information please contact Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com, visit <https://home.innsofcourt.org/> or see  [a tradition of excellence brochure.pdf](#) 1.18 MB · PDF.

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

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- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/studentsservices/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event. A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now - Spring Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law

Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply. Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the below confidential monthly education meetings for lawyers, judges and law students seeking help while healing from depression, addiction, job stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, Second Floor

1st Tuesday of Month 6:30-7:30 p.m.

San Antonio Lawyers Wellness Group, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, 825 E. Basse Road, Room W105

For more information, contact ileana Velazquez, 210.431.4225 or ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu or visit www.tlaphelps.org.

Ministry Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel;

Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

Younger Comparativists Committee, American Society of Comparative Law. Colin B. Picker Prize. Information on the Picker Prize is contained in the call for papers for the YCC's Annual Conference, which can be found [here](#). The second prize is the Phanor J. Eder Prize, awarded to the best paper on any topic in comparative law by an LLB or JD student. The call for submissions can be found [here](#).

American Indian Law Review. <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. \$1,000, \$500, and \$250. Deadline is January 31, 2018.

Florida Law Group. <http://www.thefloridalawgroup.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is January 31, 2018.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems journal with the University of Iowa College. Trandafir Writing Competition. [the University of Iowa College of Law website](#). \$1,800. Deadline is February 1, 2018.

Brauns Law, PC. <https://braunslaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is February 28, 2018.

National Italian American Bar Association & Sons of Italy. [apply directly here](#). \$5,000 scholarship. Deadline is February 28, 2018.

ABA 2018 Ed Mendrzycki Essay Contest. <http://ambar.org/LPLEssayContest>. \$5,000. Deadline is March 9, 2018.

Law Office of George Salinas. <https://www.salinastriallaw.com/scholarship/> \$1,250. Deadline is March 30, 2018.

Beco Life. <https://becolife.com/scholarship/>. \$1,500. Deadline is March 31, 2018.

Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/>. \$1,250. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Alpert Screyer, LLC. <https://dcmldlaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2018.

https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.auth_checkdam.pdf

Theodore Tannewald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence Tax Scholarship.

<https://www.tannenwald.org/2018-Competition-Announcement>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. Deadline is July 6, 2018.

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please copy and paste <<https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/z1prynlu0wtnhmy/>> to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

If you are taking the Bar Exam this year (February or July) PLEASE ATTEND the ESSAY ADVANTAGE WORKSHOP on Saturday, February 3, at St. Mary's

Our goal in Law Success is to help **every** student pass the Bar Exam. For many students, the third day of the Bar Exam -- 12 Texas essays in 6 hours -- is the hardest part of the test. Why? The Essay portion of the Bar Exam is very different from your law school essay exams. The techniques you used to score well on law school exams don't necessarily translate into scoring well on the Bar Exam.

[That is why we are bringing in an expert – Mike Sims, the President of Barbri – to help prepare you for the Texas Essays.](#)

Mike and Barbri have developed a one-day program to prepare students for the essay portion of the Bar Exam. It is called Essay Advantage, and we have arranged to have Mike Sims come to St. Mary's and present this program on Saturday, February 3, from 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

We ran this program last February (the Saturday before the Super Bowl) and more than 80% of the 3L class attended. The reviews were spectacular. Students described the program as "engaging", "valuable", and "extremely relevant to future bar takers". Moreover, those who took the Bar Exam in February and July reported that this program really helped them study for the Bar Exam and do better on test day.

At the workshop on February 3, Mike Sims will prepare you for the essay portion of the Bar Exam, teaching you how to write answers designed to maximize your score. He also will show you how to write an essay that picks up points – even when you don't know the relevant law. The Essays count for 40% of your overall Bar Exam score – so every point matters.

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- ENRLS event, February 21, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
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Cover Letter Review

Let us help you with your cover letters. Please email your draft cover letters to lawcareer@stmarytx.edu with the words COVER LETTER in the subject line. Your cover letter will be reviewed and emailed back to you with edits. We will review it within 72 hours and return our edits to you via email. If you're concerned about an impending deadline, please be sure to include the application deadline in your email.

Register for the "Making a Difference: Passion for Justice" Conference at Baylor Law This conference, which focuses on using your law degree to serve those in your community, is free and open to all law students. The Conference takes place on Friday, February 9 at Baylor Law School. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.baylor.edu/law/index.php?id=940259>.

Student Organizations

Student Bar Association Golf Tournament

The Student Bar Association is hosting a Golf Tournament at **the Quarry Golf Course on Saturday, March 3 at 8:00 a.m.** This is a social event, open to all students, professors, and friends—no need to be a golf pro! There will be 4-person teams, and prizes will be awarded. The registration fee is \$25, and which includes your ticket, a t-shirt, and food. Payment and registration information will be available soon.

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If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on

availability and scheduling. For more information visit:
<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Nutrient Dense Green Smoothie

<https://www.positivehealthwellness.com/recipes/6-meal-replacement-green-smoothie-recipes-no-4-awesome/>

Ingredients

- Banana – ½
- Avocado- ¼
- 1 cup of any kind of melon. You can eat the sweet parts and freeze the rind of the melon. It has lots of nutrients and great flavor.
- Unripe apple- 1. Unripe fruits are high in pectin which helps to clean the body.
- Hemp hearts – 2 tablespoons. Hemp hearts are raw shelled hemp seeds. They have more protein and omega three fatty acids.
- Ground flax seeds- 2 tablespoons. You can grind them in a coffee grinder.
- Turmeric – 1 teaspoon
- Almonds soaked overnight – 10 nos
- Oregano- ½ a cup
- Basil – ½ a cup
- Herbs strengthen your immune system.
- Kale – 2 cups or you can use spinach.
- Coconut water- 1 cup. It gives you lots of electrolytes.
- Water- 1 cup.

Directions

- § Add the banana, avocado and the pieces of the rind of any melon.
- § Add the unripe apple, hemp hearts, ground flax seeds, turmeric, and almonds.
- § Throw in the herbs basil and oregano.
- § Add kale.
- § Add the water and coconut water.
- § Blend well.

Notices

Now Accepting Nominations for Women in Law and Rock of Justice Leadership Awards

The Alma L. Lopez, Women in Law and Catherine M. Stone, Rock of Justice awards are named after two distinguished Fourth Court (retired) Chief Justices. Do you know a female St. Mary's University School of Law student with strong leadership qualities? If so, indicate in a few sentences why you would nominate this law student for a leadership award. Any faculty, staff, students, or student organizations may submit nominations; self-nominations are not valid. Please submit nominations no later than 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2018 to Sister Grace Walle, FMI at gwalle@stmarytx.edu<<mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu>>. All nominees will be asked to submit a resume. Award recipients will be recognized at the Women in Law Reception. For more information contact Sister Grace Walle or see the attached PDF link.

[<http://static.wufoo.com/images/files/pdf.png>] will_award_2018.pdf 133.38 kB · pdf<https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/cabinet/ejd6OHE5/51WE0dkYqUs%3D/will_award_2018.pdf>

The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy
Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court may do so. Dues for law students are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

2/15 - Austin Headliner's Club
3/22 - San Antonio Petroleum Club
4/19 - San Marcos Embassy Suites

For more information please contact Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com <<mailto:trustee@sh13austin.com>>, visit <https://home.innsocourt.org/> or see [<http://static.wufoo.com/images/files/pdf.png>] [a_tradition_of_excellence_brochure.pdf](#) 1.18 MB · pdf.

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in Gateway (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event. **A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials.** Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now -

Spring Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply.

Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu<<mailto:msaldana1@stmarytx.edu>> for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com<<mailto:trevorjdeason@gmail.com>>.

Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu<<mailto:ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu>> for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students<<http://www.tlaphelps.org/law-students>>. TLAP sponsors the below confidential monthly education meetings for lawyers, judges and law students seeking help while healing from depression, addiction, job stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, Second Floor

1st Tuesday of Month 6:30-7:30 p.m.

San Antonio Lawyers Wellness Group, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, 825 E. Basse Road, Room W105

For more information, contact ileana Velazquez, 210.431.4225 or ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu<<mailto:ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu>> or visit www.tlaphelps.org<<http://www.tlaphelps.org>>.

Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

American Indian Law Review. <http://www.air.net/writecomp>. \$1,000, \$500, and \$250. Deadline is January 31, 2018.

Florida Law Group. <http://www.thefloridalawgroup.com/scholarship/> <<https://floridalawgroup-scholarship-dot-yamm-track.appspot.com/Redirect?ukey=1VmMlwlj8NX6sZqJMj7oCp91EeCkLllamjYdz5r1GYd8-1846576681&key=YAMMID-18566963&link=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.thefloridalawgroup.com%2Fscholarship%2F>>. \$1,000. Deadline is January 31, 2018.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems journal with the University of Iowa College. Trandafir Writing Competition. the University of Iowa College of Law website <<https://tlcp.law.uiowa.edu/trandafir-writing-competition>> . \$1,800. Deadline is February 1, 2018.

Brauns Law, PC. <https://braunslaw.com/scholarship/> <<https://braunslawscholarship-dot-yamm-track.appspot.com/Redirect?ukey=1y45o4hmptHzdUESBAf-gHG6HkFfc5aSCN5aJTaacvk0-1776697628&key=YAMMID-43491551&link=https%3A%2F%2Fbraunslaw.com%2Fscholarship%2F>>. \$1,000. Deadline is February 28, 2018.

National Italian American Bar Association & Sons of Italy. apply directly here <<https://niaba.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=14916d6904830b5b3a6c3cca4&id=7a49c68df7&e=6a5b498419>>. \$5,000 scholarship. Deadline is February 28, 2018.

ABA 2018 Ed Mendrzycki Essay Contest. <http://ambar.org/LPLEssayContest>. \$5,000. Deadline is March 9, 2018.

Law Office of George Salinas. <https://www.salinastriallaw.com/scholarship/> \$1,250. Deadline is March 30, 2018.

Beco Life. <https://becolife.com/scholarship/> <<https://becolifescholarship-dot-yamm-track.appspot.com/Redirect?ukey=1PI07SjBJamVtFqMO14sl6DSLQFELa6BGa2jazV-f2o-1677487575&key=YAMMID-22698118&link=https%3A%2F%2Fbecolife.com%2Fscholarship%2F>>. \$1,500. Deadline is March 31, 2018.

Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/> <<https://riceinjuryscholarship-dot-yamm-track.appspot.com/Redirect?ukey=1q9Wssfztq4dRm8UvZ1eySCHHaKMCiZxniXBOEIINRGY-1294456411&key=YAMMID->

[24186410&link=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.riceinjuryattorneys.com%2Fscholarship%2F](https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship)>. \$1,250.
Deadline is May 31, 2018.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment

Law. www.laborandemploymentcollege.org<<http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org>>. \$3,000,
\$1,000, \$500. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Alpert Screyer, LLC. <https://dcmldlaw.com/scholarship/><<https://schreyerlawscholarship-dot-yamm-track.appspot.com/Redirect?ukey=1cvAgCHFvNcodObuUw8X-RqDXyvaaIOo8LLFL5DdSa8U-317090610&key=YAMMID-01621320&link=https%3A%2F%2Fdcmldlaw.com%2Fscholarship%2F>>.
\$1,000. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500.
Deadline is July 1, 2018.

https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.authcheckdam.pdf

American Inns of Court Warren E. Burger.

home.innsofcourt.org/burgerprize<<http://home.innsofcourt.org/burgerprize>>. \$5,000. Deadline is July 1, 2018.

Theodore Tannewald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence Tax Scholarship.

<https://www.tannewald.org/2018-Competition-Announcement>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. Deadline is July 6, 2018.

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

This week - St. Mary's to Host the Supreme Court of Texas

St. Mary's University School of Law will host the Supreme Court of Texas **Thursday, February 8 in the Law Classrooms Building, Courtroom**. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. Oral arguments will begin at 10:00 a.m. No cell phones, backpacks, headgear, food, drink, or cameras and other recording devices will be permitted.

Learn more about the cases:

16—0125, Debra Gunn, Obstetric and Gynecological Associates v. Andre McCoy 16—0770, In the Interest of S.C. and K.C., Children

There will be a question and answer, open forum, **with Law Students from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in Law Classroom 102 Courtroom**.

Congratulations

EAP Negotiation Team's Strong Performance at the ABA National Championship

Congratulations to Danica McKinney (2L) and DeMarcus Lewis (2L) for their stellar performance at the ABA Negotiation National Championship in Chicago, Illinois this weekend. Coming in as Regional Champions, DeMarcus and Danica had a daunting first round facing Georgetown Law School. After defeating Georgetown, DeMarcus and Danica continued by battling McGeorge School of Law, who ultimately won the entire competition. It was a close run and DeMarcus and Danica tied the National Champions. Although DeMarcus and Danica did not walk away as the National Champs this year, the judges consistently commented on their superior negotiation skills and integrative bargaining prowess. Please join Adjunct Professor and Coach Emily Landon in congratulating these talented students for their hard work and success on behalf of St. Mary's EAP Negotiation team.

St. Mary's Moot Court Team Competes in the "Best of the Best" National Championship for Second Straight Year

The St. Mary's EAP National Moot Court Team participated in the Andrews Kurth Kenyon Moot Court National Championship, a moot court tournament held annually in Houston, Texas and open to the top

sixteen (16) moot court programs in the country. **St. Mary's** qualified for this invitational through its recent designation as the **3rd Best Moot Court Program** in the United States. This is St. Mary's second straight year to be invited to this exclusive competition. The team of Sophia George (3L), Bobby Biedrzycki (2L), and Shaunte Collins (2L) competed on behalf of the law school. **The team reached the quarter-finals at the tournament, besting perennial advocacy powerhouses Texas Tech, South Texas and Stetson along the way to St. Mary's top-8 finish.** St. Mary's Moot Court Coach Ricky J. Poole congratulates the team for their exemplary showing: "Our strong performance at this prestigious tournament simply confirms that our students can not only **compete** with the best advocates in the country, but in fact **are** some of the best advocates in the country. I am so proud of the hard work these dedicated students contributed to our advocacy program and it is truly an honor to coach them." In case you missed it, Sophia George and St. Mary's Law graduates Billy Calve and Devin deBruyn were highlighted in the Winter Issue of the *National Jurist*. You can read the article by clicking this link or pasting it onto your browser: <https://bluetoad.com/publication/frame.php?i=462306&p=18&pn=&ver=html5>. Congratulations to the entire Moot Court Team.

Federal Bar Association Moot Court Competition

The spring semester internal competition season was off to a start with the Federal Bar Association's Spring Moot Court Competition. The competition was open to all 2nd and 3rd year law students. After a weeklong round robin, 2L's Lucie Arvallo and Mark Denman faced off against 3L's Paul Cooper and Cali Franks in a packed room of fellow students, parents and friends. The final round was held Friday night with the Honorable Xavier Rodriguez - United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas and attorney Dante Dominguez judging the round. Cali Franks and Paul Cooper came in first place. Cali Franks taking the coveted Best Speaker Award for the tournament. Congratulations to all of the participants. Students should be on the lookout for details on the remaining spring tournaments, including the Embry Mock Trial Mock Trial Competition, the Linda and Dave Schlueter 1L Moot Court Competition and the Jim Derrick Moot Court Competition.

OCS News You Can Use

Cyber Careers in International Law

Please join the State Bar of Texas International Law Section in discussing how cyber affects the business of lawyers who practice international law. Participate in a round table discussion with local professionals about their businesses, what they do, and their views and advice for the challenging roads ahead. To RSVP for this informative program, which will be held Wednesday, February 7 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Atrium, please log in to the Events section in CORE.

Schedule an Advising Appointment with OCS

Schedule a career advising appointment in CORE for general career counseling, mock interviews and job search or interviewing strategy. You may schedule your interview with Director Robin Thorner or our new career advisers, Veronica Elizalde and Sandra Chidi-Nwagwu.

Cover Letter Review

Let us help you with your cover letters! Please email your draft cover letters to lawcareer@stmarytx.edu with the words COVER LETTER in the subject line. Your cover letter will be reviewed and emailed back to you with edits. We will review it within 72 hours and return our edits to you via email. If you're concerned about an impending deadline, please be sure to include the application deadline in your email.

Register for the “Making a Difference: Passion for Justice” Conference at Baylor Law

This conference, which focuses on using your law degree to serve those in your community, is free and open to all law students. The Conference takes place on Friday, February 9 at Baylor Law School. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.baylor.edu/law/index.php?id=940259>.

Save the Date for these OCS Programs in February

- ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division Roundtable, Tuesday, February 13, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- United States Patent & Trademark Office Meet & Greet, Friday, February 16, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Environmental and Natural Resource Law Information Exchange, Wednesday, February 21, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- Military Law Event- Monday, February 26, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
- Pathways to Careers in International Law, Tuesday, February 27, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Tax Event, Wednesday, February 28, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- Tricks and Traps of Oral Argument, Wednesday, March 7, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Student Organizations

The Annual Rena and Jeffery T. Embry Mock Trial Competition

The Embry Mock Trial Competition will take place February 12-23. This endowed competition by two St. Mary's graduates is intended for upper-level law students. The winning team will split a \$1,500 award, 2nd place finalists splitting \$750, and best speaker will receive \$250. Initial rounds will take place February 12, 13, and 15. Advanced rounds will take place February 19 and 21, with the final round taking place on February 23. Participants must meet in RABA by 5:30 p.m. each evening for room assignments. Board of Advocates will be tabling in the law classroom building February 5-9 for team sign-up. For more information please contact Ms. Chance Wolfe at cwolfe1@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Student Bar Association Golf Tournament

The Student Bar Association is hosting a Golf Tournament at **the Quarry Golf Course on Saturday, March 3 at 8:00 a.m.** This is a social event, open to all students, professors, and friends—no need to be a golf pro! There will be 4-person teams, and prizes will be awarded. The registration fee is \$25, and which includes your ticket, a t-shirt, and food. Payment and registration information may be found at <https://law.alumni.stmarytx.edu/events/sba-golf-tournament/>.

Events


2018 Study Abroad in China – Information Meeting

On Wednesday, February 7, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. students are invited to join Professor Bob Hu in Law Classroom 101 as he discusses and answers questions about the Study in China program this summer. Topics discussed will be travel, housing, scholarships, internships, financial aid and more. A free lunch is offered to the first twenty participants. Prof. Hu may be reached at rhu@stmarytx.edu for more information or questions.

INNSBRUCK INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On February 12, at noon in Law Classroom Building 101, the spring Innsbruck Informational Meeting will take place. One of the speakers will be David Krause, Director of Financial Assistance at St. Mary's University, who will discuss all financing options for students interested in attending the program. Director Krause has spoken to prospective Innsbruck students many times, and he will answer all your questions. In addition, Professors Reamey and Ariens will discuss classes, travel, and other items of interest to students. If you have any questions, please let either Professor Reamey or Ariens know. You can also speak with Meg Gherle, the Student Assistant for the Innsbruck Program. And pizza will be served!

The 2018 Lunar New Year Mixer

Students who wish to learn more about the 2018 Institute on Chinese Law and Business in Beijing, China, May 27 - July,1 2018 are invited to a reception at the home of Rebecca Simmons Professor and former Justice of the 4th Court of Appeals. The event will be held Sunday, February 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 241 W. Lynwood Ave. San Antonio, Texas 78212. Tickets are \$20 each and food and drinks will be provided. All funds will go towards the "Doing Business & Law in China" scholarships. For more information contact Sister Grace, gwall@stmarytx.edu, Sophia George at sgeorge5@mail.stmarytx.edu or click here  [china_flyer_2018.docx](#) 51.90 KB · DOCX

Flint Fest Institute on World Legal Problems In Innsbruck

The annual Flint Fest, Innsbruck information meeting will be held **Friday, February 23rd** at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 223 E. Summit Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Mixer and dinner will follow starting at 7:00 p.m. Come on out to enjoy Professor Flint's home-brewed beer and famous barbecue. Join us to learn all about the Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck, Austria. Come and hear all about travel tips from past participants and also obtain financial aid and scholarship information. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased from Hannah Kramer, hcramer@mail.stmarytx.edu, in the Law Classroom during tabling, or contact Sister Grace Walle via email at gwall@stmarytx.edu. All proceeds will benefit the Flint Fund for scholarships. This is a family friendly event.

Announcements

Research Assistant for Professor Kauffman

Prof. Al Kauffman (akauffman@stmarytx.edu) wants to hire a research assistant to work on a book on Latino education civil rights and updates on Constitutional Law and Texas Civil Procedure. If interested, please email your vita and a very short cover letter explaining your experience and interest in those areas and your promise of available time of at least 10 hours per week. The position will be filled in early February.

Externship Program

The Externship Program is a course that allows you to earn credit while learning from seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel externship. Start planning for Summer and Fall NOW. 2018 Popcorn Day will be on Wednesday's, so pop over to the Law Commons with your questions for real answers. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines. If you are not able to attend Popcorn Wednesday, contact Amanda Rivas, arivas@stmarytx.edu to set an appointment with any questions on the program.

Volunteer with VITA

Gain valuable pro bono experience while assisting area taxpayers with the St. Mary's University Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. VITA will train you in tax preparation and offer you twelve weekends to earn pro bono hours, all while preparing returns that can make a major difference in taxpayers' lives. To register, and to learn more, visit <https://www.stmarytxvita.org/>. Training will take place in January—save the date(s). For more information, contact Leslie Rangel at lrangel@stmarytx.edu.

Renew Your FAFSA for Academic Year 2018/2019

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2018/19 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2018 will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may now complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA application and are encouraged to complete it early in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 1st deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include St. Mary's school code 003623. Please note that the 2018/19 FAFSA will require 2016 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at 210.436.3141.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school after your first semester, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

Health & Wellness

Take a Break and get some Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation

Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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Recipe of the Week

Glowing Green Smoothie

<https://www.positivehealthwellness.com/recipes/6-meal-replacement-green-smoothie-recipes-no-4-awesome/>

Ingredients

- Cold water – 1 ½ - 2 cups
- Spinach- 1 cup
- Romaine Lettuce – 1 cup
- Celery – 1 stalk
- Pear-1
- Green apple -1
- Banana- 1
- Lemon – ½


Directions

- Clean all the green vegetables and fruits.
- Peel the lemon. Cut it into medium sized pieces.
- Pour cold water into blender.
- Add spinach, romaine lettuce and celery. Blend well.
- You can also vary the leafy greens according to the seasons.
- Add green apple, banana, pear and lemon. Blend well.
- Pour into tall glasses and enjoy.

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Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/>. \$1,250. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

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Alpert Screyer, LLC. <https://dcmldlaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2018.

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Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

Ash Wednesday

Mass and Distribution of Ashes for the School of Law will be held Wednesday, February 14, 12:00 noon in the Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. A Lenten Luncheon will follow. Additional masses or prayer services on campus are as follow:

- 7:30 a.m. Mass and Distribution of Ashes – Assumption Chapel
- 11:20 a.m. Mass and Distribution of Ashes – Bill Greehey Arena
- 3:00 p.m. Prayer Service – Barrett Memorial Bell Tower
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- 7:00 p.m. Taize (Ecumenical) Prayer Service – Guadalupe Chapel

OCS News You Can Use

ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division Roundtable

Please join us for an informative roundtable discussion with government and public sector lawyers, including members of the judiciary, about the advantages of working for the government. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and enjoy a free lunch. Please RSVP in the Events section of CORE.

An Alum's Advice on the Many Different Ways to Use Your J.D.

Join Patrick Sanders, Law '76, for an intimate conversation about his successful career that has spanned decades and a variety of practice areas and institutions. Mr. Sanders invites students to learn more about his belief that a law degree is a passport to numerous exciting opportunities.

United States Patent and Trademark Office Meet and Greet

The Office of Career Services is excited to announce that members of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Texas Regional Office outreach team will be in San Antonio for an intellectual property event. On February 16, 2018 from 1 – 2 p.m. Trademark Attorney and Outreach Team member Lee Hunt and Patent Examiner Peter Choi will be in the Atrium for an informal meet and greet with all students and faculty interested in intellectual property law.

Trademark Basics and USPTO Updates and Counterfeit Pharma (Oh My!)

On Monday, February 19th, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., students are welcome to attend a special program in the Law Alumni Room, featuring speakers from the United States Patent and Trademark Office and local trademark attorneys who will address updates in one of our nations' most interesting agencies, trademark basics and the impact of counterfeits on consumers and public health.

Not Sure What Kind of Jobs to Pursue?

The ABA offers a free, short online quizlet to help you begin the career exploration process. As the ABA wisely notes, once you have taken the quiz, "Talk with your law school career advisors and alumni or participate in bar association career programs or job fairs." Let us know how we can help! To access the quiz, visit: <https://abaforlawstudents.com/start-your-legal-career/legal-career-quiz/>.

Save the Date for Other OCS Programs on the Horizon

- United States Patent & Trademark Office Meet & Greet, Friday, February 16, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Environmental and Natural Resource Law Information Exchange, February 21, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- Military Law Event, Monday, February 26, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
- Pathways to Careers in International Law, February 27, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Tax Event, February 28, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- Tricks and Traps of Oral Argument, Wednesday, March 7, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Student Organizations

Society of Oil and Gas Students First Meeting

Please join the Society of Oil and Gas Students for their first meeting on Monday, February 19. All Law students are welcome to attend and look forward to connecting with students interested in the Industry. The meeting will be held from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. in the Law Faculty Building (Raba) Room 202. Hope to see you there! For more information please contact Amanda Winslow at awinslow@mail.stmarytx.edu.

The Annual Rena and Jeffery T. Embry Mock Trial Competition

The Embry Mock Trial Competition will take place February 12-23. This endowed competition by two St. Mary's graduates is intended for upper-level law students. The winning team will split a \$1,500 award, 2nd place finalists splitting \$750, and best speaker will receive \$250. Initial rounds will take place February 12, 13, and 15. Advanced rounds will take place February 19 and 21, with the final round taking place on February 23. Participants must meet in RABA by 5:30 p.m. each evening for room assignments. For more information please contact Ms. Chance Wolfe at cwolfe1@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Student Bar Association Golf Tournament

The Student Bar Association is hosting a Golf Tournament at **the Quarry Golf Course on Saturday, March 3 at 8:00 a.m.** This is a social event, open to all students, professors, and friends—no need to


be a golf pro! There will be 4-person teams, and prizes will be awarded. The registration fee is \$25, and which includes your ticket, a t-shirt, and food. Payment and registration information may be found at <https://law.alumni.stmarytx.edu/events/sba-golf-tournament/>.

Events

INNSBRUCK INFORMATIONAL MEETING TODAY

The spring Innsbruck informational meeting **will take place today, February 12, at noon in Law Classroom Building 101**. One of the speakers will be David Krause, Director of Financial Assistance at St. Mary's University, who will discuss all financing options for students interested in attending the program. Director Krause has spoken to prospective Innsbruck students many times, and he will answer all your questions. In addition, Professors Reamey and Ariens will discuss classes, travel, and other items of interest to students. If you have any questions, please let either Professor Reamey or Ariens know. You can also speak with Meg Gherle, the Student Assistant for the Innsbruck Program. And pizza will be served!

The 2018 Lunar New Year Mixer

Students who wish to learn more about the 2018 Institute on Chinese Law and Business in Beijing, China, May 27 - July,1 2018 are invited to a reception at the home of Rebecca Simmons Professor and former Justice of the 4th Court of Appeals. The event will be held **Sunday, February 18**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 241 W. Lynwood Ave. San Antonio, Texas 78212. Tickets are \$20 each and food and drinks will be provided. All funds will go towards the "Doing Business & Law in China" scholarships. For more information contact Sister Grace, gwall@stmarytx.edu, Sophia George at sgeorge5@mail.stmarytx.edu or click here  [china_flyer_2018.docx_51.90 KB .DOCX](#)

"13TH" the Netflix Documentary Film and the Law Series

To celebrate Black History Month, the Black Law Student Association will show the Netflix Documentary "13TH" on **Thursday, February 22**, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Atrium, Law Administration building. "Ava DuVernay's brilliantly analytical and morally passionate documentary traces the current-day mass incarceration of black Americans to its historical origins in the Thirteenth Amendment, which banned slavery and involuntary servitude except as punishment for a crime." - Richard Brody, The New Yorker. A discussion will follow the screening.

Flint Fest Institute on World Legal Problems In Innsbruck

The annual Flint Fest, Innsbruck information meeting will be held **Friday, February 23rd** at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 223 E. Summit Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Mixer and dinner will follow starting at 7:00 p.m. Come on out to enjoy Professor Flint's home-brewed beer and famous barbecue. Join us to learn all about the Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck, Austria. Come and hear all about travel tips from past participants and also obtain financial aid and scholarship information. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased from Hannah Kramer, hcramer@mail.stmarytx.edu, in the Law Classroom during tabling, or contact Sister Grace Walle via email at gwall@stmarytx.edu. All proceeds will benefit the Flint Fund for scholarships. This is a family friendly event.

Announcements

Research Assistant for Professor Kauffman

Prof. Al Kauffman (akauffman@stmarytx.edu) wants to hire a research assistant to work on a book on Latino education civil rights and updates on Constitutional Law and Texas Civil Procedure. If interested, please email your vita and a very short cover letter explaining your experience and interest in those areas and your promise of available time of at least 10 hours per week. The position will be filled in early February.

Externship Program

The Externship Program is a course that allows you to earn credit while learning from seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel externship. Start planning for Summer and Fall NOW. 2018 Popcorn Day will be on Wednesday's, so pop over to the Law Commons with your questions for real answers. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines. If you are not able to attend Popcorn Wednesday, contact Amanda Rivas, arivas@stmarytx.edu to set an appointment with any questions on the program.

Volunteer with VITA

Gain valuable pro bono experience while assisting area taxpayers with the St. Mary's University Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. VITA will train you in tax preparation and offer you twelve weekends to earn pro bono hours, all while preparing returns that can make a major difference in taxpayers' lives. To register, and to learn more, please visit <https://www.stmarytxvita.org/>. For more information, contact Leslie Rangel at lrangel@stmarytx.edu.

Renew Your FAFSA for Academic Year 2018/2019

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2018/19 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2018 will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may now complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA application and are encouraged to complete it early in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 1st deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include St. Mary's school code 003623. Please note that the 2018/19 FAFSA will require 2016 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at 210.436.3141.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school after your first semester, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

Health & Wellness

Take a Break and get some Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Healthy Green Smoothie

<https://www.positivehealthwellness.com/recipes/6-meal-replacement-green-smoothie-recipes-no-4-awesome/>

Ingredients

- One large cup of pineapple cubes
- Two handfuls of spinach
- A stick of celery
- 4 inches of cucumber
- Banana- 1
- Ginger- ½ inch piece
- Coconut water- 1 cup

Directions

- Peel the ginger. Clean and cut all the veggies and fruits
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- Serve in tall glasses

Notices

Summer Internship at the

Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

A summer internship with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2018. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys. Those interested in applying should send a resumé and a cover letter addressed to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224, RABA, Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. **The deadline for applications is 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.**

Now Accepting Nominations for Women in Law and Rock of Justice Leadership Awards

The Alma L. Lopez, Women in Law and Catherine M. Stone, Rock of Justice awards are named after two distinguished Fourth Court (retired) Chief Justices. Do you know a female St. Mary's University School of Law student with strong leadership qualities? If so, indicate in a few sentences why you would nominate this law student for a leadership award. Any faculty, staff, students, or student organizations may submit nominations; self-nominations are not valid. Please submit nominations no later than 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2018 to Sister Grace Walle, FMI at gwalle@stmarytx.edu. All nominees will be asked to submit a resume. Award recipients will be recognized at the Women in Law Reception. For more information contact Sister Grace Walle or please

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The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court may do so. Dues for law students are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

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Congratulations to the following *Law Journal* Staff Writers who have been selected for publication and credit with honors.

COMMENTS TO BE PUBLISHED

Lucie Arvallo, *The Impact of H.B. 214: A Critical Analysis of the Texas Rape Insurance Bill 5.5*,
50 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2018–2019).

Gabriel Elorreaga, *Don't Delete That Tweet: Federal and Presidential Records in the Age of Social Media*,
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Savannah Files, *Breaking the Silence: Holding Texas Lawyers Accountable for Sexual Harassment*,
50 ST. MARY'S J. LEGAL MAL. & ETHICS (forthcoming 2018–2019).

Megan Green, *Texas, the Death Penalty, and Intellectual Disability*, 50 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2018–2019).

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50 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2018–2019).

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Katina Zampas, *Unlimited Liability for Banks: Deposits as Fraudulent Transfers*,
50 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2018–2019).

COMMENTS: CREDIT WITH HONORS

Alex Burks, *Bad Lawyers or Bad Policy? Plaintiffs Lose as the Concept of Private Water Rights Continues to Dry Up in the Flood of Government Immunity* (2018) (for credit).

Kassandra Flores, *Texas Compassionate Use and Cannabinol: Reforms Are Needed for Better Patient Accessibility and Physician Compliance with Federal Law* (2018) (for credit).

Jordan Jentz, *National Skepticism, International Embrace: Justifying the Use of Compulsory Arbitration Clause in International Commerce* (2018) (for credit).

OCS News You Can Use

Trademark Basics and USPTO Updates and Counterfeit Pharma (Oh My!)

On Monday, February 19th, from 2 – 4 p.m., students are welcome to attend a special program in the Law Alumni Room, featuring speakers from the United States Patent and Trademark Office and local trademark attorneys who will address updates on one of our nations' most interesting agencies, trademark basics and the impact of counterfeits on consumers and public health.

Environmental and Natural Resources Law Information Exchange

Come join us for small group discussions with local environmental and water law attorneys about their practices. Get your questions answered and grow your network in an informal networking reception. The event will be held Wednesday, February 21 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the Atrium. Please RSVP in the Events section of CORE.

Military Law Recruitment Event

Visit with JAG officers and recruiters from each of the military branches to learn more about internship opportunities and a career after law school in the military. Please RSVP in the Events section in CORE. The event will be held Monday, February 26 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room. Lunch will be served.

Professional Headshots Retake Date Available in CORE

Sign up in CORE if you would like to retake your professional headshot. Retakes are going to be offered for one day only, Wednesday, February 28th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The retake is free for students who were previously photographed and paid the \$25. Students may also sign up to have their headshot taken if they missed the original headshot opportunity. The fee is \$25. Please sign up for a time slot in CORE.

Summer Job Update in CORE

Do you have a summer job? Please be sure to update CORE with information about your summer job by clicking on the "Jobs and Job Offers" tab on your profile page. Congratulations!

Save the Date for Other OCS Programs on the Horizon

- Pathways to Careers in International Law, February 27, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Tax Event, February 28, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- Tricks and Traps of Oral Argument, Wednesday, March 7, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- Speed Dating With In-House Counsel, Thursday, March 8, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Student Organizations

Society of Oil and Gas Students First Meeting

Please join the Society of Oil and Gas Students for their first meeting on Monday, February 19. All Law students are welcome to attend and look forward to connecting with students interested in the Industry. The meeting will be held from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. in the Law Faculty Building (Raba) Room 202. Hope to see you there! For more information please contact Amanda Winslow at awinslow@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Marta Prada Peláez, The Battered Women and Children's Shelter "A Journey Through Time"

Marta Prada Peláez, President/CEO of Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc., will speak on the topic of domestic violence in our community and how to prevent it. Peláez will be here Thursday, March 1, as part of the International Women's Month. The event will be held from 6:15 – 8:15 p.m. in the Moody Life Sciences building, room 101. Peláez will also speak on how to empower survivors of domestic abuse. This event is *sponsored by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences*. For more information contact Gwendolyn Diaz Ridgeway gdiazridgeway@stmarytx.edu or see <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=66738>.

Student Bar Association Golf Tournament

The Student Bar Association is hosting a Golf Tournament at **the Quarry Golf Course on Saturday, March 3 at 8:00 a.m.** This is a social event, open to all students, professors, and friends—no need to be a golf pro! There will be 4-person teams, and prizes will be awarded. The registration fee is \$25, and which includes your ticket, a t-shirt, and food. Payment and registration information may be found at <https://law.alumni.stmarytx.edu/events/sba-golf-tournament/>.

Technology and Intellectual Property Association

If you would like to join the Technology and Intellectual Property Association please see the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association on Rattler Tracks at <https://stmarytx.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/TechIPLaw> or visit their FaceBook page at www.facebook.com.

Events

"13TH" the Netflix Documentary Film and the Law Series

To celebrate Black History Month, the Black Law Student Association will show the Netflix Documentary "13TH" on **Thursday, February 22**, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Atrium, Law Administration building. "Ava DuVernay's brilliantly analytical and morally passionate documentary traces the current-day mass incarceration of black Americans to its historical origins in the Thirteenth Amendment, which banned slavery and involuntary servitude except as punishment for a crime." - Richard Brody, The New Yorker. A discussion will follow the screening.

The Scholar's 2018 Immigration Symposium

The 2018 Immigration Symposium will be held Friday, February 23, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Norris Conference Center - Park North, 618 N.W. Loop 410, #207, San Antonio, Texas 78216. This year's symposium focuses on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates surrounding the field. Congressman Joaquin Castro will deliver the keynote speech on immigration policy, and St. Mary's Professor Erica Schommer will discuss ethical issues when representing families seeking humanitarian relief. Attorneys can earn 6.5 CLE hours, including 1 hour of Ethics. The event is free for St. Mary's faculty and staff and \$30 for students. Learn more and register at www.scholarlawreview.org/symposium.

Flint Fest Institute on World Legal Problems In Innsbruck

The annual Flint Fest, Innsbruck information meeting will be held **Friday, February 23rd** at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 223 E. Summit Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Mixer and dinner will follow starting at 7:00 p.m. Come on out to enjoy Professor Flint's home-brewed beer and famous barbecue. Join us to learn all about the Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck, Austria. Come and hear all about travel tips from past participants and also obtain financial aid and scholarship information. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased from Hannah Kramer, hcramer@mail.stmarytx.edu, in the Law Classroom during tabling, or contact Sister Grace Walle via email at gwall@stmarytx.edu. All proceeds will benefit the Flint Fund for scholarships. This is a family friendly event.

Alternative Spring Break Send Off

All students participating in Alternative Spring Break are asked to attend a final information meeting before your departure. The meeting will be held at The Pub, Thursday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. Come on out to meet and greet students volunteering in your city, find out about law alumni socials for each location, gas card distribution and other important information.

Become a Guardian Ad Litem for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children

The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights will host its Child Advocate Training at St. Mary's on March 24th and 25th, for anyone wishing to volunteer as guardians ad litem for children in deportation proceedings. Child Advocates will meet with a child one hour per week throughout the duration of their detention to learn their story, and help determine what's in the child's best interest. All volunteers must be over 21 years of age, pass a background check, and submit to a tuberculosis screening (Spanish not required, but highly preferred). For more information on how to apply, please visit <http://theyoungcenter.org> or contact Nicole Cooper at ncooper@theyoungcenter.org.

Announcements

Research Assistant for Professor Kauffman

Prof. Al Kauffman (akauffman@stmarytx.edu) wants to hire a research assistant to work on a book on Latino education civil rights and updates on Constitutional Law and Texas Civil Procedure. If interested, please email your vita and a very short cover letter explaining your experience and interest in those areas and your promise of available time of at least 10 hours per week. The position will be filled in early February.

Externship Program

The Externship Program is a course that allows you to earn credit while learning from seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel externship. Start planning for Summer and Fall NOW. 2018 Popcorn Day will be on Wednesday's, so pop over to the Law Commons with your questions for real answers. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines. If you are not able to attend Popcorn Wednesday, contact Amanda Rivas, arivas@stmarytx.edu to set an appointment with any questions on the program.

Volunteer with VITA

Gain valuable pro bono experience while assisting area taxpayers with the St. Mary's University Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. VITA will train you in tax preparation and offer you twelve weekends to earn pro bono hours, all while preparing returns that can make a major difference in taxpayers' lives. To register, and to learn more, please visit <https://www.stmarytxvita.org/>. For more information, contact Leslie Rangel at lrangel@stmarytx.edu.

Renew Your FAFSA for Academic Year 2018/2019

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2018/19 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2018 will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may now complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA application and are encouraged to complete it early in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 1st deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include St. Mary's school code 003623. Please note that the 2018/19 FAFSA will require 2016 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at 210.436.3141.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school after your first semester, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

Health & Wellness

Take a Break and get some Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Lemon Chicken with Orzo

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/lemon-chicken-with-orzo>

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 3/4 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1-1/4 cups uncooked whole wheat orzo pasta
- 2 cups chopped fresh spinach
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, halved
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh basil
- Lemon wedges, optional

Directions

- In a shallow bowl, mix flour and garlic powder. Cut chicken into 1-1/2-in. pieces; pound each with a meat mallet to 1/4-in. thickness. Sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper. Dip both sides of chicken in flour mixture to coat lightly; shake off excess.
- In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add chicken; cook 3-4 minutes on each side or until golden brown and chicken is no longer pink. Remove from pan; keep warm. Wipe skillet clean.
- In same pan, bring broth to a boil; stir in orzo. Return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 8-10 minutes or until tender. Stir in spinach, tomatoes, lemon juice, basil and remaining salt; remove from heat. Return chicken to pan. If desired, serve with lemon wedges. Yield: 4 servings.

Nutritional Facts

1-1/4 cups: 399 calories, 11g fat (2g saturated fat), 63mg cholesterol, 807mg sodium, 43g carbohydrate (2g sugars, 9g fiber), 32g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 3 lean meat, 2 starch, 1-1/2 fat, 1 vegetable.

Notices

Summer Internship at the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

A summer internship with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2018. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys. Those interested in applying should send a resumé and a cover letter addressed to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224, RABA, Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. **The deadline for applications is 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.**

Now Accepting Nominations for Women in Law and Rock of Justice Leadership Awards

The Alma L. Lopez, Women in Law and Catherine M. Stone, Rock of Justice awards are named after two distinguished Fourth Court (retired) Chief Justices. Do you know a female St. Mary's University School of Law student with strong leadership qualities? If so, indicate in a few sentences why you would nominate this law student for a leadership award. Any faculty, staff, students, or student organizations may submit nominations; self-nominations are not valid. Please submit nominations no later than 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2018 to Sister Grace Walle, FMI at gwalle@stmarytx.edu. All nominees will be asked to submit a resume. Award recipients will be recognized at the Women in Law Reception. For more information contact Sister Grace Walle or please

see  [will award 2018.pdf](#) 133.38 KB .PDF

Accepting Donations

The Public Interest Law Foundation is collecting used and good condition eyeglasses. Donations will go to New Eyes for the Needy. You may bring your donation to the Law Commons and or the Law Classroom building. Please contact Pilar Martinez at pmartinez46@mail.stmarytx.edu for more information. The donation drive will end Friday, February 23.

People's Law School

Free educational sessions will be provided to the public on common legal topics. Saturday, February 24, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Law Classrooms Building. If you are interested in volunteering, you may sign up on the Pro Bono TWEN page or contact Pilar Martinez at pmartinez46@mail.stmarytx.edu for more information. For more information, call the Center for Legal and Social Justice at 210.431.5734.

The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court may do so. Dues for law students are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

3/22 - San Antonio Petroleum Club

4/19 - San Marcos Embassy Suites

For more information please contact Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com, visit

<https://home.innsocourt.org/> or see  [a tradition of excellence brochure.pdf](#) 1.18 MB · PDF.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/studentsservices/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now

Spring Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply. Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the below confidential monthly education meetings for lawyers, judges and law students seeking help while healing from depression, addiction, job stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, Second Floor

1st Tuesday of Month 6:30-7:30 p.m.

San Antonio Lawyers Wellness Group, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, 825 E. Basse Road, Room W105

For more information, contact ileana Velazquez, 210.431.4225 or ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu or visit www.tlaphelps.org.

Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

Younger Comparativists Committee, American Society of Comparative Law. Colin B. Picker Prize. Information on the Picker Prize is contained in the call for papers for the YCC's Annual Conference, which can be found [here](#). The second prize is the Phanor J. Eder Prize, awarded to the best paper on any topic in comparative law by an LLB or JD student. The call for submissions can be found [here](#).

Brauns Law, PC. <https://braunslaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is February 28, 2018.

National Italian American Bar Association & Sons of Italy. [apply directly here](#). \$5,000 scholarship. Deadline is February 28, 2018.

ABA 2018 Ed Mendrzycki Essay Contest. <http://ambar.org/LPLEssayContest>. \$5,000. Deadline is March 9, 2018.

Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation. <http://www.dallashispaniclawfoundation.com/>. Internship deadline is 2/16. Scholarship and grants deadline is 3/9.

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Congratulations

The External Advocacy Program Competed in Two Regional Qualifiers Last Week with Three Teams Advancing to National Finals

St. Mary's National Moot Court Team Advances to the National Finals of the 2018 ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition

The National Moot Court Team traveled to New York City to participate in the American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The ABA NAAC is the largest moot court tournament in the United States, with approximately 200 law schools competing in six regions for the opportunity to reach Washington, DC and participate in the National Finals of this most prestigious event. Two St. Mary's teams: Sophia George (3L), Gary Hillier (3L), and Bobby Biedrzycki (2L) **and** Shaunte Collins (2L), Katelynn Armijo (2L) and Eden Ramirez (2L) competed in the Manhattan Regional, which included 32 teams from such schools as: Georgetown, Cornell, George Mason, Michigan State, Barry, LSU, Pace, Texas A&M and UCLA. The team of Collins / Armijo / Ramirez missed the semi-final break by less than 1 1/2 points, while the team of **George / Hillier / Biedrzycki** broke second overall at the tournament and did not drop a single round on their way to being crowned **Regional Champion**. **Mr. Biedrzycki** also was recognized as having the **Second Best Brief** at the Manhattan Regional. The win qualifies St. Mary's for the National Finals of the ABA NAAC, in Washington, DC and provides the team with the opportunity to seek an unprecedented **third consecutive** ABA National Championship. Mr. Ricky J. Poole, JD, '90, coach of the National Moot Court Team, expressed his gratitude to the advocates: "Successes like this weekend are a constant reminder of the extremely high caliber of law students we have at St. Mary's and I am very lucky to have this opportunity to coach them."

Mediation Perfection in Miami: St. Mary's National ADR Team Sweeps ABA National Mediation Competition

The National ADR Team competed in the American Bar Association's National Mediation Regional Competition in Miami, Florida. This is the first time the National ADR Team competed in this tournament which was added to our schedule just a few weeks ago. Two St. Mary's teams: **William Biggers** (2L) teamed up with **Amy Donaldson** (2L), along with **Gilberto Vasquez** (2L) teamed with **Jordan Jentz** (2L). After the preliminary rounds, 32 teams were forced into a devastating break. Out

of only four teams that advanced to the finals, St. Mary's secured two of the four stops. Showcasing quick-thinking and a textbook display of integrative bargaining techniques, St. Mary's National ADR Team completed a sweep at the National Mediation Competition Regional in Miami finishing in 1st and 2nd place. William Biggers and Amy Donaldson walked away as Regional Champs, knocking out former champions, South Texas College of Law, while Jordan Jentz and Gilbert Vasquez finished in second place with an undefeated record. One judge commented that St. Mary's National ADR Team's performance was "near perfect." Emily Landon, was elated at the comments received during the competition: "Having been the National ADR Team's first mediation competition ever, the sweep definitively announced St. Mary's National ADR Team as an ADR authority on a national stage. Professor Landon noted "the team's 'near-perfect' performance finished with a perfect result." Join us in congratulating both teams and wishing them the very best at the ABA Mediation Finals in Washington D.C. in April.

OCS News You Can Use

Military Law Recruitment Event

Visit with JAG officers and recruiters from each of the military branches to learn more about internship opportunities and a career after law school in the military. The event will be held Monday, February 26 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room. Lunch will be served.

Meet the Tax Attorneys: Government and Private Practitioners

Join us on Wednesday, February 28 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. on the Office of Career Services patio for an interactive discussion with local private practice and public sector tax attorneys about the various career opportunities open to students interested in tax law. Please RSVP in the Events section in CORE.

Pathways to Careers in International Law has been Cancelled

Due to a scheduling conflict on the part of the presenters, this event with the ABA International Law Section has been cancelled. We hope to partner with the section in the coming academic year.

Professional Headshots Retake Date

Sign up in CORE if you would like to retake your professional headshot. Retakes are going to be offered for one day on Wednesday, February 28 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please sign up for a time slot in CORE. Students may also sign up to have their headshot taken if they missed the original headshot opportunity.

Student Organizations

StMU Law Toastmasters Meeting

StMU Law Toastmasters will meet Tuesday, February 27 in RABA, room 207, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. All students are invited to attend.

Student Bar Association Golf Tournament

The Student Bar Association is hosting a Golf Tournament at [the Quarry Golf Course on Saturday, March 3 at 8:00 a.m.](#) This is a social event, open to all students, professors, and friends—no need to

be a golf pro! There will be 4-person teams, and prizes will be awarded. The registration fee is \$25, and which includes your ticket, a t-shirt, and food. Payment and registration information may be found at <https://law.alumni.stmarytx.edu/events/sba-golf-tournament/>.

Technology and Intellectual Property Association

If you would like to join the Technology and Intellectual Property Association please see the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association page on Rattler Tracks at <https://stmarytx.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/TechIPLaw> or visit their FaceBook page at www.facebook.com.

Announcements

Summer Internship at the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

A summer internship with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2018. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys. Those interested in applying should send a resumé and a cover letter addressed to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224, RABA, Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. **The deadline for applications is 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.**

Federal Court Judicial Internships in San Antonio Semesters: Summer 2018, Fall 2018, and Spring 2019 Deadline: Noon Wednesday February 28, 2018

Applications are now being accepted for pre-graduation judicial internships with two federal judges who have chambers in San Antonio. A detailed pamphlet, entitled "*Pre-Graduation Judicial Internships*," can be found on the judicial internship page of the law school website. It discusses these and other judicial internship opportunities.

The United States District Court

At the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, two internships will be available during the fall and spring semesters with the Honorable Xavier Rodriguez. Interns will assist the judges with a variety of tasks, which may include rulings on motions, preparation of jury charges, and other forms of research and writing related to trial court litigation. Interns may earn two pass/fail credits for 120 hours of work. *Successful candidates typically have a strong academic record.*

The United States Magistrate Court

At the United States Magistrate Court, one internship may be available with the Honorable Henry Bemporad during summer 2018. In the internship with Judge Bemporad, students may earn four graded credits in exchange for 240 hours of work. *Successful candidates typically have a strong academic record.*

Pass/Fail Credit Limitations

Students may not count toward graduation more than eight ungraded (pass/fail) elective credit hours earned at St. Mary's.

Applications

Interested students should submit an application to Professor Vincent R. Johnson. Please give your application materials to Ms. Erica Eicenhour on the second floor of the Raba Law Faculty Building.

An application should include:

- (1) One federal court internship form, available from the Receptionist desk or on the law school website. (The form asks a student to indicate the judges to which the student is applying and the semesters the student is available to serve as an intern.)
- (2) For each judge by whom a candidate would like to be considered:
 - One resume, including cumulative GPA and current class rank;
 - One cover letter in business-letter format (return address, date, judge's address (see below), proper salutation (e.g., Dear Judge Prado), and signature. In terms of tone, the letter should be restrained, professional, factual, interesting, and confident;
 - Please staple the cover letter to the front of the resume. Please do not use special folders or bindings; they will be removed before the applications are sent to the judges.

Writing samples should not be included, except for the internship with Judge Bemporad.

Eligibility of Full-Time and Part-Time Students: Students may apply for any internship that will commence in a semester after the student has completed 30 hours of course work. Thus, a first-year full-time student may apply for an internship that will take place in the summer between first and second year, or during any subsequent semester. A first-year part-time student may apply for a judicial internship that commences in the spring of the student's second year or later.

ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order — which is open only to third-year law students — provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's University School of Law is permitted to select up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor David Grenardo, Chairman of the faculty's Advocacy Committee, LFB 240. **The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning February 26th.** The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 20th, 2018. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full-time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Grenardo) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. **All completed applications must be returned to Professor Grenardo's office no later than NOON on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.**

Externship Program

The Externship Program is a course that allows you to earn credit while learning from seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel externship. Start planning for Summer and Fall NOW. 2018 Popcorn Day will be on Wednesday's, so pop over to the Law Commons with your questions for real answers. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines. If you are not able to attend Popcorn Wednesday, contact Amanda Rivas, arivas@stmarytx.edu to set an appointment with any questions on the program.

Volunteer with VITA

Gain valuable pro bono experience while assisting area taxpayers with the St. Mary's University Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. VITA will train you in tax preparation and offer you twelve weekends to earn pro bono hours, all while preparing returns that can make a major difference in taxpayers' lives. To register, and to learn more, please visit <https://www.stmarytxvita.org/>. For more information, contact Leslie Rangel at lrangel@stmarytx.edu.

Renew Your FAFSA for Academic Year 2018/2019

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2018/19 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2018 will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may now complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA application and are encouraged to complete it early in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 1st deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include St. Mary's school code 003623. Please note that the 2018/19 FAFSA will require 2016 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at 210.436.3141.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school after your first semester, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

Events

Alternative Spring Break Send Off

All students participating in Alternative Spring Break are asked to attend a final information meeting before your departure. The meeting will be held at The Pub, Thursday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. Come on out to meet and greet students volunteering in your city, find out about law alumni socials for each location, gas card distribution and other important information.

Marta Prada Peláez, The Battered Women and Children's Shelter "A Journey Through Time"

Marta Prada Peláez, President/CEO of Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc., will speak on the topic of domestic violence in our community and how to prevent it. Peláez will be here Thursday, March 1, as part of the International Women's Month. The event will be held from 6:15 – 8:15 p.m. in the Moody Life Sciences building, room 101. Peláez will also speak on how to empower survivors of domestic abuse. This event is *sponsored by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences*. For more

information contact Gwendolyn Diaz Ridgeway gdiazridgeway@stmarytx.edu or see <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=66738>.

Film and the Law – Michael Clayton

Join us for Film and the Law on Thursday, March 8, 2018, in the Atrium, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. for "Michael Clayton". The film asks interesting moral and ethical questions after a lawyer has a breakdown during a deposition. Discussion to follow after the screening.

Become a Guardian Ad Litem for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children

The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights will host its Child Advocate Training at St. Mary's on March 24th and 25th, for anyone wishing to volunteer as guardians ad litem for children in deportation proceedings. Child Advocates will meet with a child one hour per week throughout the duration of their detention to learn their story, and help determine what is in the child's best interest. All volunteers must be over 21 years of age, pass a background check, and submit to a tuberculosis screening (Spanish not required, but highly preferred). For more information on how to apply, please visit <http://theyoungcenter.org> or contact Nicole Cooper at ncooper@theyoungcenter.org.

Health & Wellness

Take a Break and get some Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Grilled Garlic Herb Chicken and Vegetables

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/grilled-garlic-and-herb-chicken-and-veggies/print/>

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 lbs boneless, skinless thin sliced chicken cutlets
- 3 ounce package [Delallo garlic and herb veggie marinade](#)
- kosher salt
- 1 lb asparagus (1 bunch), tough ends removed
- 1 medium 8 ounce zucchini, sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1 medium yellow squash, sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and sliced into strips

- olive oil cooking spray

DIRECTIONS:

1. Shake marinade well. Season chicken with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 2 tablespoons of the veggie herb marinade at least 1 hour, or as long as overnight.
2. Marinate the veggies with the remaining marinade.
3. Heat a grill over medium-high, be sure grates are clean and well oiled to prevent sticking.
4. Put veggies on 1 large grill tray or 2 smaller trays (or cook in batches), season with 3/4 teaspoon salt and black pepper and cook, turning constantly until the edges are browned, about 8 minutes. Set aside on a platter.
5. Cook the chicken about 4 to 5 minutes on each side, until grill marks appear and the chicken is cooked through, transfer to a platter with the veggies and serve.

NUTRITION INFORMATION

Yield: 6 servings, Serving Size: 3 oz chicken, 1 cup veggies

- *Amount Per Serving:*
- Calories: 290 calories
- Total Fat: 16g
- Saturated Fat: g
- Cholesterol: 83mg
- Sodium: 145mg
- Carbohydrates: 8g
- Fiber: 3g
- Sugar: 3.5g
- Protein: 28.5g

Notices

Law Clinic Applications

The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Summer 2018 and Fall 2018. The application is available online on the Clinic's page of the Law School website and also on the following link: <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/p1fueui916gsh9b/>. Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission. All applicants will be required to attend a pre-registration session (to be scheduled later this semester).

Now Accepting Nominations for Women in Law and Rock of Justice Leadership Awards

The Alma L. Lopez, Women in Law and Catherine M. Stone, Rock of Justice awards are named after two distinguished Fourth Court (retired) Chief Justices. Do you know a female St. Mary's University School of Law student with strong leadership qualities? If so, indicate in a few sentences why you would nominate this law student for a leadership award. Any faculty, staff, students, or student organizations may submit nominations; self-nominations are not valid. Please submit nominations no later than 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2018 to Sister Grace Walle, FMI at gwalle@stmarytx.edu. All nominees will be asked to submit a resume. Award recipients will be recognized at the Women in Law Reception. For more information contact Sister Grace Walle or please

see  [will_award_2018.pdf](#) 133.38 KB · PDF

Accepting Donations

The Public Interest Law Foundation is collecting used and good condition eyeglasses. Donations will go to New Eyes for the Needy. You may bring your donation to the Law Commons and or the Law Classroom building. Please contact Pilar Martinez at pmartinez46@mail.stmarytx.edu for more information. The donation drive will end Friday, February 23.

The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court may do so. Dues for law students are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

3/22 - San Antonio Petroleum Club

4/19 - San Marcos Embassy Suites

For more information please contact Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com, visit

<https://home.innsofcourt.org/> or see  [a tradition of excellence brochure.pdf](#) 1.18 MB · PDF.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/studentsservices/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now

Spring Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply. Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the below confidential monthly education meetings for lawyers, judges and law students seeking help while healing from depression, addiction, job stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, Second Floor

1st Tuesday of Month 6:30-7:30 p.m.

San Antonio Lawyers Wellness Group, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, 825 E. Basse Road, Room W105

For more information, contact ileana Velazquez, 210.431.4225 or ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu or visit www.tlaphelps.org.

Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

Younger Comparativists Committee, American Society of Comparative Law. Colin B. Picker Prize. Information on the Picker Prize is contained in the call for papers for the YCC's Annual Conference, which can be found [here](#). The second prize is the Phanor J. Eder Prize, awarded to the best paper on any topic in comparative law by an LLB or JD student. The call for submissions can be found [here](#).

Brauns Law, PC. <https://braunslaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is February 28, 2018.

National Italian American Bar Association & Sons of Italy. [apply directly here](#). \$5,000 scholarship. Deadline is February 28, 2018.

ABA 2018 Ed Mendrzycki Essay Contest. <http://ambar.org/LPLEssayContest>. \$5,000. Deadline is March 9, 2018.

Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation. <http://www.dallashispaniclawfoundation.com/>. Internship deadline is 2/16. Scholarship and grants deadline is 3/9.

International Law Section, The State Bar of Texas. <http://ilstexas.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/State-Bar-ILS-Human-Rights-Writing-Contest.pdf>. \$1,500. Deadline is March 16, 2018.

Cameron County Bar Association. \$2,500. Deadline is March 23, 2018.

Law Office of George Salinas. <https://www.salinastriallaw.com/scholarship/> \$1,250. Deadline is March 30, 2018.

Beco Life. <https://becolife.com/scholarship/>. \$1,500. Deadline is March 31, 2018.

State Bar of Texas, Tax Section. <http://www.texasbar.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=245>. Three \$2,000 scholarships. Deadline is April 2, 2018.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition. www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf. \$2,500. Deadline is April 27, 2018.

Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/>. \$1,250. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. <http://www.brownsims.com/about-brownsims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline is June 1, 2018.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Alpert Screyer, LLC. <https://dcmldlaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2018.
https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.authcheckdam.pdf

Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence Tax Scholarship. <https://www.tannenwald.org/2018-Competition-Announcement>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. Deadline is July 6, 2018.

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

OCS News You Can Use

Tricks and Traps of Oral Argument

First-year students: concerned about your upcoming moot court participation? The San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association invites you to a brown bag presentation to make your 1L moot court experience as easy and successful as possible. Upper class students are also welcome. The event takes place in the Law Alumni Room Wednesday, March 7 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Speed Dating With In-House Counsel

Join us on Thursday, March 8 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room for an intimate gathering with in-house counsel from a number of local businesses and corporations. Food will be provided. Please RSVP in the Events section of CORE.

Summer Job Update in CORE

Do you have a summer job? If so, congratulations! Please be sure to update CORE with information about your summer job by clicking on the “Jobs and Job Offers” tab on your profile page. If you don’t yet have a position lined up, please schedule an advising appointment in CORE so we can help find you a position that “fits” with your longer-term career plans.

Judicial Internship and Scholars Program Opportunity

Fulton and Waite Scholars extends an offer to all 1L and 2L law students who are interested in shadowing/working with a judge. The program is based in Washington, D.C., but is offering programs in 14+ states this summer. Program lengths vary between 1 and 4 weeks. Judges participating in the program are available to answer any questions the scholar has as well as mentor him or her as they choose a career path. Need-based financial aid is available. For more information, and to apply, please visit fwscholars.org.

Upcoming Job Fairs

Loyola University Chicago School of Law is hosting the **2018 Patent Law Interview Program** on Thursday and Friday, July 26-27 in Chicago, Illinois. This is a nationwide interview program that targets patent law employers, rising 2L and 3L students, and students in Intellectual Property LLM

programs. Online registration is now open at <https://patentlawregistration.luc.edu/lawstudents/>. Registration closes Friday, March 23, 2018.

The San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association (SFIPLA) invites you to attend the **21st Annual SFIPLA Bay Area Job Fair**. The Job Fair will be held at and co-sponsored by the University of San Francisco School of Law on Saturday, July 21, 2018. Register online at: <https://law-sfiplacsm.symplicity.com/students/>.

Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair is hosting the **2018 IndyBar Diversity Job Fair** on Monday and Tuesday, August 6-7, 2018 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Diversity Job Fair is open to diverse, fall 2018, full-time 2L law students (graduating May 2020) or part-time 2L or 3L law students (graduating Dec. 2020/May 2021). Register online at <https://law-indybar-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

Save the Date!

- Uniquely Qualified: What You Bring to the Table, Thursday, April 5, 5:00- 6:00 p.m. Panel Discussion, 6:00 – 7:00 Networking Reception in the Law Alumni Room


Student Organizations

Student Bar Association Golf Tournament

The Student Bar Association would like to thank everyone who attended the Golf Tournament this weekend. It was a great success and we were able to fill all 100 spots and rent out the entire Quarry Golf Club. We are looking forward to Health Awareness week coming up March 26-29th. Thanks again for your support!

Brief Break

Sponsored by Black Law Students Association

Are you looking for some much needed encouragement to push through the final week before spring break? Or maybe you need a small Break from your Brief. Take a break with BLSA by grabbing snacks and other goodies to get you through this tough and busy week. Be sure to stop by our table in the Law Classroom Building from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. today, March 5th and Thursday, March 8th as we host our very first "Brief Break."  [blsa_brief_break.pdf](#) 208.78 KB . PDF

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If you would like to join the Technology and Intellectual Property Association please see the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association page on Rattler Tracks at <https://stmarytx.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/TechIPLaw> or visit their FaceBook page at www.facebook.com.

Student Competitions

Jimi Derrick Constitutional Moot Court

Register for the annual Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition. This one day, one person competition, will be held April 7, 2018. Sign-ups will start the week of March 19th and will conclude March 29th at 5:00 p.m. Prompt will be sent out the evening of March 29th. For any questions contact Hannah Cramer, hrcramer@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

Summer Internship at the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

A summer internship with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2018. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys. Those interested in applying should send a resumé and a cover letter addressed to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224, RABA, Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. **The deadline for applications is 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.**

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Film and the Law – Michael Clayton

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Become a Guardian Ad Litem for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children

The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights will host its Child Advocate Training at St. Mary's on March 24th and 25th, for anyone wishing to volunteer as guardians ad litem for children in deportation proceedings. Child Advocates will meet with a child one hour per week throughout the duration of their detention to learn their story, and help determine what is in the child's best interest. All volunteers must be over 21 years of age, pass a background check, and submit to a tuberculosis screening (Spanish not required, but highly preferred). For more information on how to apply, please visit <http://theyoungcenter.org> or contact Nicole Cooper at ncooper@theyoungcenter.org.

Health & Wellness

ABA Law Student Division Mental Health Awareness Health Awareness Week 2018

MONDAY, March 26

Breakfast and Blessing

What: Join us for a healthy breakfast and blessing by Fr. Tim Tobin

When: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Where: RABA Foyer

Fr. Tim will be available for confession or pastoral counseling.

Chris Ritter, TLAP Staff Attorney and Panel

What: "Tips for Legal Success and Mental Wellness"

When: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Law Library Alumni Room

Lunch and drinks will be provided

TUESDAY, March 27

Cooking Demonstration with Raul Longoria III, Nutrition Education Chef

Health & Wellness San Antonio Food Bank

San Antonio Food Bank

What: "Healthy Eating on a Budget"

When: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Law Administration Building Atrium

Lunch and drinks will be provided

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Dr. Shana Hansen, MD Lt Col, USAF, MC

Staff Adolescent Medicine/Sleep Physician Fellowship, Joint Base San Antonio

What: "Sleep Deprivation and Fatigue Management – How To Get Better Sleep and Help You Be More Productive"

When: 12:00 – 1:00pm

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Take a Break and get some Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Turkey Stuffed Peppers

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/turkey-stuffed-peppers-45-pts/>

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb 93% lean ground turkey
- 1 garlic, minced

- 1/4 onion, minced
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp cumin powder
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 3 large sweet red bell peppers, washed
- 1 cup fat free chicken broth
- 1/4 cup tomato sauce
- 1 1/2 cups cooked brown rice
- Olive oil spray
- 6 tbsp part skim shredded cheddar cheese*

DIRECTIONS:

1. Heat oven to 400°F.
2. Lightly spray olive oil spray in a medium nonstick skillet and heat on a medium heat.
3. Add onion, garlic and cilantro and saute about 2 minutes, add ground turkey, salt, garlic powder, cumin and cook meat for 4 to 5 minutes until meat is completely cooked through.
4. Add 1/4 cup of tomato sauce and 1/2 cup of chicken broth, mix well and simmer on low for about 5 minutes.
5. Combine cooked rice and meat together.
6. Cut the bell peppers in half lengthwise, and remove all seeds. Spoon 2/3 cup meat mixture into each pepper half and place in a 9 x 13-inch baking dish. Top each with 1 tbsp cheese.
7. Pour the remainder of the chicken broth on the bottom of the pan. Cover tightly with aluminum foil and bake for about 45 minutes.
8. Carefully remove the foil and serve right away.
*check labels for gluten-free

NUTRITION INFORMATION


Yield: 6 servings, Serving Size: 1/2 pepper

- *Amount Per Serving:*
- Calories: 221 calories
- Total Fat: 3g
- Saturated Fat: g
- Cholesterol: 61mg
- Sodium: 248mg
- Carbohydrates: 19g
- Fiber: 3g
- Sugar: 1g
- Protein: 18g

Notices

Now Accepting Nominations for Women in Law and Rock of Justice Leadership Awards

The Alma L. Lopez, Women in Law and Catherine M. Stone, Rock of Justice awards are named after two distinguished Fourth Court (retired) Chief Justices. Do you know a female St. Mary's University School of Law student with strong leadership qualities? If so, indicate in a few sentences why you would nominate this law student for a leadership award. Any faculty, staff, students, or student organizations may submit nominations; self-nominations are not valid. Please submit nominations no

later than 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2018 to Sister Grace Walle, FMI at gwalle@stmarytx.edu. All nominees will be asked to submit a resume. Award recipients will be recognized at the Women in Law Reception. For more information contact Sister Grace Walle or please see  [will award 2018.pdf](#) 133.38 KB · PDF


The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court may do so. Dues for law students are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

3/22 - San Antonio Petroleum Club

4/19 - San Marcos Embassy Suites

For more information please contact Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com, visit

<https://home.innsofcourt.org/> or see  [a tradition of excellence brochure.pdf](#) 1.18 MB · PDF.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now

Spring Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply. Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the below confidential monthly education meetings for lawyers, judges and law students seeking help while healing from depression, addiction, job stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, Second Floor

1st Tuesday of Month 6:30-7:30 p.m.

San Antonio Lawyers Wellness Group, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, 825 E. Basse Road, Room W105

For more information, contact ileana Velazquez, 210.431.4225 or ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu or visit www.tlaphelps.org.

Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

Younger Comparativists Committee, American Society of Comparative Law. Colin B. Picker Prize. Information on the Picker Prize is contained in the call for papers for the YCC's Annual Conference, which can be found [here](#). The second prize is the Phanor J. Eder Prize, awarded to the best paper on any topic in comparative law by an LLB or JD student. The call for submissions can be found [here](#).

ABA 2018 Ed Mendrzycki Essay Contest. <http://ambar.org/LPLEssayContest>. \$5,000. Deadline is March 9, 2018.

Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation. <http://www.dallashispaniclawfoundation.com/>. Scholarship and grants deadline is 3/9.

International Law Section, The State Bar of Texas. <http://ilstexas.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/State-Bar-ILS-Human-Rights-Writing-Contest.pdf>. \$1,500. Deadline is March 16, 2018.

Cameron County Bar Association. \$2,500. Deadline is March 23, 2018.

Law Office of George Salinas. <https://www.salinastriallaw.com/scholarship/> \$1,250. Deadline is March 30, 2018.

Beco Life. <https://becolife.com/scholarship/>. \$1,500. Deadline is March 31, 2018.

State Bar of Texas, Tax Section. <http://www.texastaxsection.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=245>. Three \$2,000 scholarships. Deadline is April 2, 2018.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition.

www.nd.edu/~ndl/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf. \$2,500. Deadline is April 27, 2018.

Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/>. \$1,250. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. <http://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline is June 1, 2018.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Alpert Screyer, LLC. <https://dcmdlaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2018.

https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.auth_checkdam.pdf

Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence Tax Scholarship.

<https://www.tannenwald.org/2018-Competition-Announcement>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. Deadline is July 6, 2018.

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

OCS News You Can Use

First-Year Evening Students Connections and Conversations

Connections and Conversations for 1LEs are now listed in the Events section in CORE. All 1LEs must sign up for a Connections and Conversations meeting as part of their ALM requirement. Connections and Conversations provides an overview of the Office of Career Services and an introduction to its programs and resources. The sessions will take place April 2, 3 and 4.

Fall On Campus Interviewing Program

Come learn all about Fall On-Campus Interviewing process, including a list of participating employers. If you plan on participating in the Fall On-Campus Interviewing program in August, including interviewing with local Big Law firms, you **MUST** attend a Fall On-Campus Interviewing Program. Please sign up in the Events section in CORE for one of the four sessions to be held in April.

Judicial Internship and Scholars Program Opportunity

Fulton and Waite Scholars extends an offer to all 1L and 2L law students who are interested in shadowing/working with a judge. The program is based in Washington, D.C., but is offering programs in 14+ states this summer. Program lengths vary between one and four weeks. Judges participating in the program are available to answer any questions the scholar has as well as mentor him or her as they choose a career path. Need-based financial aid is available. For more information, and to apply, please visit fwscholars.org.

Upcoming Job Fairs

Loyola University Chicago School of Law is hosting the **2018 Patent Law Interview Program** on Thursday and Friday, July 26-27 in Chicago, Illinois. This is a nationwide interview program that targets patent law employers, rising 2L and 3L students, and students in Intellectual Property LLM programs. Online registration is now open at <https://patentlawregistration.luc.edu/lawstudents/>. Registration closes Friday, March 23, 2018.

The San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association (SFIPLA) invites you to attend the **21st Annual SFIPLA Bay Area Job Fair**. The Job Fair will be held at and co-sponsored by the University of San Francisco School of Law on Saturday, July 21, 2018. For more information and to register online, please visit <https://law-sfiplacsm.symplicity.com/students/>.

Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair is hosting the **2018 IndyBar Diversity Job Fair** on Monday and Tuesday, August 6-7, 2018 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Diversity Job Fair is open to diverse, fall 2018, full-time 2L law students (graduating May 2020) or part-time 2L or 3L law students (graduating Dec. 2020/May 2021). Register online at <https://law-indybar-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

Save the Date

- Uniquely Qualified: What You Bring to the Table, Thursday, April 5, 5:00- 6:00 p.m. Panel Discussion, 6:00 – 7:00 Networking Reception in the Law Alumni Room

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National Security Law Lecture

On Tuesday, March 20, Mr. Erich Ferrari will deliver a lecture on Challenges in Practicing National Security Law – in the D.C. Legal Trenches, 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. in Law Classroom 100. This event is open to all law students.

Sue and Leonard Bentch Endowed Clinical Law Scholarship

One applicant will be selected to receive the Sue and Leonard Bentch Endowed Clinical Law Scholarship. **All applicants are required to submit a completed application along with an essay, maximum 250 words, detailing his or her Clinical experience and what he or she has learned by virtue of being in Clinic.**

Applicants must be current students enrolled at the law school, and current or former St. Mary's University School of Law Clinical Program ("Clinic") students (including 3Ls graduating this semester). While one semester of Clinic is sufficient for eligibility, weight will be given to:

- the quality of the student's clinic work;
- going beyond the work required of the legal representation of a client to provide additional service to the client;
- service as a Clinic Volunteer or as a Clinic Teaching or Research Assistant; and
- additional service through the St. Mary's University School of Law Pro Bono Program or other public interest volunteer opportunities.

The anticipated amount of the award is approximately \$1,200. **Applications are available online and are due by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, 2018.** The application can be accessed by clicking on the following link: <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/bentch-endowed-clinical-scholarship-application/>.

Fourth Court of Appeals

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in a [single appeal](#) Thursday, March 29, beginning at 9 a.m., before Justices Irene Rios (*J.D. '90*), Marialyn Barnard and Patricia O. Alvarez in the Law Classrooms building Courtroom. For more information, contact Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

St. Thomas More Award

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Center for Terrorism Law Fellowship Application

The Center for Terrorism Law is accepting applications for Research Fellowship positions for 2018-2020. The application can be downloaded from the Center for Terrorism Law course on TWEN, or obtained as a hard copy from the Center for Terrorism Law. Application is due April 11th, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. Interviews will be held for selected applicants on April 16th-20th. If anyone has any questions, feel free to come by the office, located in the Raba building, or contact Ryan Phelan at rphelan2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

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<https://www.skinnytaste.com/zesty-lime-shrimp-and-avocado-salad/>

Total Time: 20 minutes

Lime juice and cilantro are the key ingredients to creating this wonderful, healthy salad you'll want to make all summer long. Made with cooked peeled shrimp and the freshest ingredients – avocados, tomatoes, red onion, cilantro and chopped jalapeño tossed with some freshly squeezed lime juice and a touch of olive oil.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 2 limes, juice of
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt, black pepper to taste
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- 1 medium tomato, diced
- 1 medium hass avocado, diced (about 5 oz)
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DIRECTIONS:

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NUTRITION INFORMATION

Yield: 4 servings, Serving Size: 1 cup

- *Amount Per Serving:*
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- Total Fat: 8g
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- Fiber: 3g
- Sugar: 0g
- Protein: 25g

Notices

The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court may do so. Dues for law students are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

3/22 - San Antonio Petroleum Club

4/19 - San Marcos Embassy Suites

For more information please contact Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com, visit

<https://home.innsofcourt.org/> or see  [a tradition of excellence brochure.pdf](#) 1.18 MB · PDF.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

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- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

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Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

[Inviting Dignitaries to Campus - Policy Library](#)

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Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now

Spring Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is

flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply. Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the below confidential monthly education meetings for lawyers, judges and law students seeking help while healing from depression, addiction, job stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, Second Floor

1st Tuesday of Month 6:30-7:30 p.m.

San Antonio Lawyers Wellness Group, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, 825 E. Basse Road, Room W105

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Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

International Law Section, The State Bar of Texas. <http://ilstexas.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/State-Bar-ILS-Human-Rights-Writing-Contest.pdf>. \$1,500. Deadline is March 16, 2018.

Cameron County Bar Association. \$2,500. Deadline is March 23, 2018.

Law Office of George Salinas. <https://www.salinastriallaw.com/scholarship/> \$1,250. Deadline is March 30, 2018.

Beco Life. <https://becolife.com/scholarship/>. \$1,500. Deadline is March 31, 2018.

State Bar of Texas, Tax Section. <http://www.texastaxsection.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=245>. Three \$2,000 scholarships. Deadline is April 2, 2018.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition. www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf. \$2,500. Deadline is April 27, 2018.

Municipal Judges Section of the State Bar of Texas. \$500.00. Deadline is May 11, 2018.*

Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/>. \$1,250. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. <http://www.brownsims.com/about-brownsims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline is June 1, 2018.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Alpert Screyer, LLC. <https://dcmdlaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2018.
https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.authcheckdam.pdf

Theodore Tannewald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence Tax Scholarship.
<https://www.tannenwald.org/2018-Competition-Announcement>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. Deadline is July 6, 2018.

WITAN St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue 26 – March 19, 2018

Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

OCS News You Can Use

First-Year Evening Students Connections and Conversations

All first-year evening students must sign up for a Connections and Conversations meeting as part of their ALM requirement. Connections and Conversations provides an overview of the Office of Career Services and an introduction to its programs and resources. The sessions will take place April 2, 3 and 4. Please RSVP for one of the sessions in CORE.

Fall On Campus Interviewing Program

If you plan on participating in the Fall On-Campus Interviewing program in August, including interviewing with local Big Law firms, you MUST attend a Fall On-Campus Interviewing Program. Please sign up in the Events section in CORE for one of the 4 sessions to be held in April.

Upcoming Job Fairs

Loyola University Chicago School of Law is hosting the **2018 Patent Law Interview Program** on Thursday and Friday, July 26-27 in Chicago, Illinois. This is a nationwide interview program that targets patent law employers, rising 2L and 3L students, and students in Intellectual Property LLM programs. Online registration is now open at <https://patentlawregistration.luc.edu/lawstudents/>. **Registration closes Friday, March 23, 2018.**

The San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association (SFIPLA) invites you to attend the **21st Annual SFIPLA Bay Area Job Fair**. The Job Fair will be held at and co-sponsored by the University of San Francisco School of Law on Saturday, July 21, 2018. For more information and to register online, please visit <https://law-sfiplacsm.symplicity.com/students/>.

Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair is hosting the **2018 IndyBar Diversity Job Fair** on Monday and Tuesday, August 6-7, 2018 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Diversity Job Fair is open to diverse, full-time 2L law students (graduating May 2020) or part-time 2L or 3L law students (graduating Dec. 2020/May 2021). Register online at <https://law-indybar-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

Save the Date

- Uniquely Qualified: What You Bring to the Table, Thursday, April 5, 5:00- 6:00 p.m. Panel Discussion, 6:00 – 7:00 Networking Reception in the Law Alumni Room

Announcements

Sanctions Compliance and National Security Law Lecture

On Tuesday, March 20, Mr. Erich Ferrari, J.D. '06, will deliver a lecture on Sanctions Compliance and National Security Law, 9:00 a.m. in Law Classroom 100. This event is open to all law students. For more information, contact the Center for Terrorism Law at 210.431.2219 or terrorismlaw@stmarytx.edu.

Sue and Leonard Bentch Endowed Clinical Law Scholarship

One applicant will be selected to receive the Sue and Leonard Bentch Endowed Clinical Law Scholarship. **All applicants are required to submit a completed application along with an essay, maximum 250 words, detailing his or her Clinical experience and what he or she has learned by virtue of being in Clinic.**

Applicants must be current students enrolled at the law school, and current or former St. Mary's University School of Law Clinical Program ("Clinic") students (including 3Ls graduating this semester). While one semester of Clinic is sufficient for eligibility, weight will be given to:

- the quality of the student's clinic work;
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- service as a Clinic Volunteer or as a Clinic Teaching or Research Assistant; and
- additional service through the St. Mary's University School of Law Pro Bono Program or other public interest volunteer opportunities.

The anticipated amount of the award is approximately \$1,200. **Applications are available online and are due by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, 2018.** The application can be accessed by clicking on the following link: <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/bentch-endowed-clinical-scholarship-application/>.

Fourth Court of Appeals

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in a [single appeal](#) Thursday, March 29, beginning at 9 a.m., before Justices Irene Rios (*J.D. '90*), Marialyn Barnard and Patricia O. Alvarez in the Law Classrooms building Courtroom. For more information, contact Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

St. Thomas More Award

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Law Clinic Applications

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ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order — which is open only to third-year law students — provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's University School of Law is permitted to select up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor David Grenardo, Chairman of the faculty's Advocacy Committee, LFB 240. **The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning February 26th.** The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 20th, 2018. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full-time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Grenardo) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. **All completed applications must be returned to Professor Grenardo's office no later than NOON on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.**

Center for Terrorism Law Fellowship Application

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Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

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Recipe of the Week

California Spicy Crab Stuffed Avocado

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/california-spicy-crab-stuffed-avocado/>

Total Prep Time: 10 minutes

These avocados are stuffed with lump crab, cucumbers and spicy mayo topped with furikake and drizzled with soy sauce.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons light mayo (Hellmans) *for whole30 use compliant mayo
- 2 teaspoons sriracha, plus more for drizzling
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh chives
- 4 oz lump crab meat
- 1/4 cup peeled and diced cucumber
- 1 small Hass avocado (about 4 oz avocado when pitted and peeled)
- 1/2 teaspoon furikake (Eden Shake or use sesame seeds)
- 2 teaspoons gluten-free soy sauce (coconut aminos for whole30/paleo)

DIRECTIONS

1. In a medium bowl, combine mayo, sriracha and chives.

2. Add crab meat and cucumber and chive and gently toss.
3. Cut the avocado open, remove pit and peel the skin or spoon the avocado out.
4. Fill the avocado halves equally with crab salad.
5. Top with furikake and drizzle with soy sauce.

NUTRITION INFORMATION

Yield: 2 servings, Serving Size: 1/2 stuffed avocado

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- Points +: 5
- Calories: 194 calories
- Total Fat: 13g
- Saturated Fat: g
- Cholesterol: 60mg
- Sodium: 746mg
- Carbohydrates: 7g
- Fiber: 4g
- Sugar: 1g
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Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the below confidential monthly education meetings for lawyers, judges and law students seeking help while healing from depression, addiction, job stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, Second Floor

1st Tuesday of Month 6:30-7:30 p.m.

San Antonio Lawyers Wellness Group, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, 825 E. Basse Road, Room W105

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Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

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Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

Cameron County Bar Association. \$2,500. Deadline is March 23, 2018.

Law Office of George Salinas. <https://www.salinastriallaw.com/scholarship/> \$1,250. Deadline is March 30, 2018.

Beco Life. <https://becolife.com/scholarship/>. \$1,500. Deadline is March 31, 2018.

State Bar of Texas, Tax Section. <http://www.texasbar.com/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=245>. Three \$2,000 scholarships. Deadline is April 2, 2018.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition. www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf. \$2,500. Deadline is April 27, 2018.

Municipal Judges Section of the State Bar of Texas. \$500.00. Deadline is May 11, 2018.

Austin Bar Foundation & Austin LGBT Bar Association. Two \$3,000 scholarships. www.austingbtbar.org/scholarship. Deadline is May 30, 2018.*

Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/>. \$1,250. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. <http://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline is June 1, 2018.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Alpert Screyer, LLC. <https://dcmldlaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2018. https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.auth_checkdam.pdf

Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence Tax Scholarship. <https://www.tannenwald.org/2018-Competition-Announcement>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. Deadline is July 6, 2018.



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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

Congratulations

St. Mary's Moot Court Teams Close Out Final Round at FBA Competition **St. Mary's Crowned FBA National Champion (Again)**

Members of the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team traveled to Washington, DC over the weekend and participated in the Federal Bar Association's 23rd Annual Thurgood Marshall Memorial National Moot Court Competition. The competition included forty teams from all over the country and has become one of the premier moot court competitions in the nation.

For the second time in the competition's history, two teams from the same school competed against each other in the final round. The last time that occurred was in 2015, and also involved two St. Mary's teams. Team members **Katelynn Duane Armijo (2L)** and **Eden Ramirez (2L)** reached the final round, while **Sophia George (3L)** and **Gary Hillier (3L)** won the final round and were crowned **National Champions**. **Sophia George** was also recognized as the **Best Oral Advocate in the Final Round**.

This is the fifth time in the eight years St. Mary's has participated in this prestigious tournament that St. Mary's advocates have brought the FBA National Championship Cup home to the law school and the fifth year in a row that St. Mary's teams have reached the finals. With this most recent championship, St. Mary's has now won the tournament more times than any other moot court program in the country. St. Mary's Moot Court Coach Ricky J. Poole congratulates these advocates on their incredible success at the FBA National Moot Court Competition and for the countless hours of hard work and dedication exhibited by these exemplary students.

National Mock Trial Team Advances in South Texas Challenge

Members of the St. Mary's National Trial Team (NTT) participated in the 7th Annual South Texas Challenge. Thirty teams from across the Country traveled to Houston last week. After three rounds, St. Mary's was undefeated advancing to the mock trial sweet 16 where they beat Nationally ranked Faulkner to advance to the quarter final round against Georgia State. The team finished 7th overall. The team consisted of four students – Our brief writer, **Shaunte Collins (2L)**, **Bradley Bellows (2L)**, **Gabriel Elorreaga (2L)** and **Ryan Phelan (2L)**. Adjunct Professor Joshua Sandoval took the lead coaching responsibilities and was assisted by Adjunct Professor Jason Goss. "We had a tremendous amount of support from non-traveling team members and coaches who gave up their spring break to get this team ready. I am grateful to everyone, especially Coach Sandoval, who gave so much of their

time and the students whose performances were exactly what we expect from competent, capable attorneys” said Advocacy Director, Professor A.J. Bellido de Luna.

The National Team will have tryouts taking place in the next few weeks for the National Trial Team, The National Moot Court Team and the National ADR Team. An information session is planned this week. The entire EAP look forward to seeing who we add to this incredible cadre of talented students and hope you will come out for one or more teams.

Congratulations to The Scholar Award Winners

Congratulations to *The Scholar* Staff Writers who received recognition at the 20th Anniversary Awards Banquet on March 24.

STAFF WRITER OF THE YEAR
Stephanie Harlien

LEE J. TERÁN HUMANITARIAN AWARD
Pilar Martinez

COMMENTS SELECTED FOR PUBLICATION

Shaunte Collins, *White Robes Don't Matter: Atoning for America's Original Sin*

Katelyn Copperud, *Reforming Recidivism: Making Prison Practical Through HELP*

Ashley Kunz, *Biting Back*

Pauline Portillo, *Undocumented Crime Victims: Unheard, Unnumbered, and Unprotected*

Daniella Salas-Chacon, *The Effects of Senate Bill 4 on Wage Theft: Why All Workers Are at Risk in Low-Income Occupations*

COMMENTS: CREDIT WITH HONORS

Kristian "Joy" Barrientes, *Cover Grandpa, Stop Blanketing the System: Substandard Nursing Home Care and Hospital District Partnerships in Texas*

Stephanie Harlien, *Taxpayer-Funded Discrimination: The Consequences of Texas House Bill 3859*

Mercedes Salazar, *Blue Collar Peril: How Blue Collar Workers Have Unknowingly Surrendered Their Legal Rights*

Samantha Smith, *When People Starve, Who Do We Blame? State Responsibility and the Need for International Intervention to End Conflict-Driven Famine*

Riley Tunnell, *May Your Land Be Ruined Like Ours*

OCS News You Can Use

Fall On Campus Interviewing Program

If you plan on participating in the Fall On-Campus Interviewing program in August, including interviewing with local Big Law firms, you MUST attend a Fall On-Campus Interviewing Program. Please sign up in the Events section in CORE for one of the 4 sessions to be held in April.

Upcoming Job Fairs

Registration is now underway for the National Black Prosecutors Association 2018 Convention to be held July 8 – 13 in Denver, Colorado. Please visit their website: <http://blackprosecutors.org/annual-conference> for more information and to register.

The San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association (SFIPLA) invites you to attend the **21st Annual SFIPLA Bay Area Job Fair**. The Job Fair will be held at and co-sponsored by the University of San Francisco School of Law on Saturday, July 21, 2018. For more information and to register online, please visit <https://law-sfiplacsm.symplicity.com/students/>.

Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair is hosting the **2018 IndyBar Diversity Job Fair** on Monday and Tuesday, August 6-7, 2018 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Diversity Job Fair is open to diverse, full-time 2L law students (graduating May 2020) or part-time 2L or 3L law students (graduating Dec. 2020/May 2021). Register online at <https://law-indybar-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

Save the Date

- Uniquely Qualified: What You Bring to the Table, Thursday, April 5, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Panel Discussion, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Networking Reception
- Behind the Scenes of the Patent Bar Exam, Tuesday, April 10, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- So You Want to be a Solo! What Now?, Wednesday, April 11, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Announcements

External Advocacy Program NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM Try-Outs Begin Monday, April 9, 2018

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE ST. MARY'S NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM. The St. Mary's External Advocacy Program will be conducting interviews beginning Monday, April 9, 2018 to select rising 2L students for the 2018 - 2019 EAP National Moot Court Team. If you would like to be considered for a position **on the most successful advocacy team in the history of St. Mary's University School of Law**, please access the sign-up sheet on the TWEN page for "EAP Moot Court Team" and select a convenient date and time for your interview. EAP Moot Court teams have won numerous national, regional and state competitions, and travel throughout the United States representing our law school. The try-outs will take place between April 9 - 12 and, if necessary, April 13, 2018. Additional information and interview requirements can be found on the TWEN page (please be sure to comply with the requirements set forth on TWEN), as well as EAP Moot Court's Facebook link. If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact adjunct professor and St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Coach, Ricky J. Poole at rpoole@alamocityattorney.com. Good luck and we look forward to seeing you at the try-outs.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Team Tryouts

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) includes Negotiation, Mediation, and Arbitration. The team competes nationally in several competitions, and is now accepting applications from highly motivated law students.

The ADR team is holding tryouts on Saturday, April 14 starting at 10:30 a.m. Prospective students must do four things to tryout. These are:

1. Register on TWEN: Register on the TWEN page "The National Team: ADR Tryouts 2018"
2. Download Tryout Packet: Go to "Course Materials" and download The National Team-ADR Tryout Packet
3. Apply: Submit: (1) resume and (2) application on TWEN under "Assignments" by midnight on Wednesday, April 4
4. Tryout: Students will be notified on April 9 if they are selected to tryout. Tryouts will be Saturday, April 14 (starting at 10:30 a.m.). Sign-up sheets will be available on TWEN

2018 Linda and Dave Schlueter First Year Moot Court Competition Final Round

The final round of the 2018 Linda and Dave Schlueter First Year Moot Court Competition, hosted by the Board of Advocates, will take place on Thursday, March 29th at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Mary's School of Law Courtroom (LC 102 and LC 103). Oral arguments will be heard in front of the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals sitting en banc. St. Mary's School of Law is the only law school in the nation with an en banc court presiding over First Year Moot Court Finals. This year the Court will address the issue of whether the "good cause" requirement is a permissible limitation on an individual's Second Amendment right to possess firearms in public. All faculty, students, family, and friends are welcome to attend and watch the competition.

Fourth Court of Appeals

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in a single appeal Thursday, March 29, beginning at 9 a.m., before Justices Irene Rios (*J.D. '90*), Marialyn Barnard (*J.D. '92*), and Patricia O. Alvarez in the Law Classrooms building Courtroom. For more information, contact Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

St. Thomas More Award

The St. Thomas More Award is presented annually by The San Antonio Catholic Lawyers' Guild. This award is given to a St. Mary's University School of Law 3L Student, honoring a person who has distinguished him/herself through leadership in the law school community and/or the St. Thomas More Society. The award is named after St. Thomas More, an extraordinary example of faithful virtue and public service, who remains an inspiration for lawyers, judges, and law students. The \$300 award is presented at the Fiesta Farewell graduation picture and awards ceremony. For more information please contact Mr. Paul Gonzalez at pgonzalez@dtgrglaw.com. Interested students should apply by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday April 3, 2018. [2018 clg st thomas more application.doc](#) 77.50 KB · DOC

Law Clinic Applications

The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Summer 2018 and Fall 2018. The application is available online on the Clinic's page of the Law School website and also on the following link: <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/p1fueui916gsh9b/>. For more information, speak to Clinic students in the Law Commons and Law Classroom Building, this Tuesday and Wednesday (March 27 and 28) 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. To see prior student testimonials about their clinical experience please see <https://youtu.be/IeQmSenVQJ0>. Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission. All applicants will be required to attend a pre-registration session (to be scheduled later this semester).

Center for Terrorism Law Fellowship Application

The Center for Terrorism Law is accepting applications for Research Fellowship positions for 2018-2020. The application can be downloaded from the Center for Terrorism Law course on TWEN, or obtained as a hard copy from the Center for Terrorism Law. Application is due April 11th, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. Interviews will be held for selected applicants on April 16th-20th. If anyone has any questions, feel free to come by the office, located in the Raba building, or contact Ryan Phelan at rphelan2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Externship Program

The Externship Program is a course that allows you to earn credit while learning from seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel externship. Start planning for Summer and Fall NOW. 2018 Popcorn Day will be on Wednesday's, so pop over to the

Law Commons with your questions for real answers. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines. If you are not able to attend Popcorn Wednesday, contact Amanda Rivas, arivas@stmarytx.edu to set an appointment with any questions on the program.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school after your first semester, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

Events

Fiesta Farewell Class of 2018

All students, faculty and staff are invited to Fiesta Farewell on Monday, April 9 at 12:00 p.m. in the School of Law, Library Commons. Stephen M. Sheppard, JSD, Dean and Charles E. Cantú Distinguished Professor of Law will offer remarks, followed by welcome, service awards, blessing of all third-year students and a luncheon. A class graduation picture will follow the luncheon. Please wear business attire. Pictures will be available for sale. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle at gwall@stmarytx.edu.

Student Organizations

***The Scholar* Now Accepting Applications for Vol. 21 Staff Writer**

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice is now accepting applications for staff writer positions on the Vol. 21 Journal. The application can be found on TWEN and will be due on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. Applicants selected for interviews will be notified by midweek, and interviews will take place the following weekend, April 7-9. Additionally, Vol. 21 board members will be visiting classrooms the week of March 19th to speak with students. *The Scholar* will also host an open house on March 27th, more details to follow.

Technology and Intellectual Property Association

If you would like to join the Technology and Intellectual Property Association please see the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association page on Rattler Tracks at <https://stmarytx.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/TechIPLaw> or visit their FaceBook page at www.facebook.com.

Student Competitions

Jimi Derrick Constitutional Moot Court

Register for the annual Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition. This one day, one person competition, will be held April 7, 2018. Sign-ups will start the week of March 19th and will conclude March 29th at 5:00 p.m. Prompt will be sent out the evening of March 29th. For any questions contact Hannah Cramer, hrcramer@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Health & Wellness

ABA Law Student Division Mental Health Awareness Health Awareness Week 2018

MONDAY, March 26

Breakfast and Blessing

What: Join us for a healthy breakfast and blessing by Fr. Tim Tobin

When: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Where: RABA Foyer

Fr. Tim will be available for confession or pastoral counseling.

Chris Ritter, TLAP Staff Attorney and Panel

What: "Tips for Legal Success and Mental Wellness"

When: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Law Library Alumni Room

Lunch and drinks will be provided

TUESDAY, March 27

Cooking Demonstration with Raul Longoria III, Nutrition Education Chef

Health & Wellness San Antonio Food Bank

San Antonio Food Bank

What: "Healthy Eating on a Budget"

When: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Law Administration Building Atrium

Lunch and drinks will be provided

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Dr. Shana Hansen, MD Lt Col, USAF, MC

Staff Adolescent Medicine/Sleep Physician Fellowship, Joint Base San Antonio

What: "Sleep Deprivation and Fatigue Management – How To Get Better Sleep and Help You Be More Productive"

When: 12:00 – 1:00pm

Where: Law Administration Building Atrium

Lunch and drinks will be provided

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Grilled Shrimp and Vegetable Bowl

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/grilled-shrimp-and-vegetable-bowl/>

Grilled shrimp, corn, peppers and zucchini topped with fresh avocado and lime juice – an easy light salad.

INGREDIENTS:

- 32 (12 oz) large peeled and deveined shrimp
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Pinch cayenne pepper (or more, to taste)
- Olive oil spray
- 1 (7 oz) zucchini, quartered lengthwise
- 1 medium red bell pepper, halved, seeds and membrane removed
- 4 small corn cobs, husks removed
- 4 ounces Hass avocado (1 small), diced
- Juice from ½ a lime

DIRECTIONS:

1. Gently pat shrimp dry with a paper towel and place them in a medium bowl. Add the olive oil and toss to evenly coat. Add the onion powder, garlic powder, smoked paprika, brown sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, pepper and cayenne. Toss again and carefully skewer shrimp onto pre-soaked wood or metal skewers. Set aside.
2. Lightly spray the bell pepper, zucchini and corn with olive oil spray and use your hands to evenly coat. Season with 1/4 tsp salt and pepper.
3. Over medium-high heat, grill the corn cobs, bell pepper halves and zucchini for 4 minutes. Using long metal tongs, carefully turn the corn cobs, peppers and zucchini then place the shrimp on the grill. Cook for an additional 4 minutes, flipping the shrimp after 2 minutes. Remove everything from the grill at the same time.
4. Place corn cobs on a cutting board and carefully cut off the kernels from the cob. Dice the peppers and zucchini. Place the kernels in a medium bowl with the peppers, zucchini, avocado and lime juice. Add ¼ teaspoon salt and pepper, to taste. Toss to evenly coat. Divide shrimp and salad among 4 plates and serve.

NUTRITION INFORMATION

Yield: 4 Servings, Serving Size: 1 1/4 cups salad, 8 shrimp

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- *Amount Per Serving:*
- Freestyle Points: 3
- Points +: 6
- Calories: 247 calories
- Total Fat: 20g
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Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need

information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

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The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the below confidential monthly education meetings for lawyers, judges and law students seeking help while healing from depression, addiction, job stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, Second Floor

For more information, contact ileana Velazquez, 210.431.4225 or ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu or visit www.tlaphelps.org.

Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

Cameron County Bar Association. \$2,500. Deadline is March 23, 2018.

Law Office of George Salinas. <https://www.salinastriallaw.com/scholarship/> \$1,250. Deadline is March 30, 2018.

Beco Life. <https://becolife.com/scholarship/>. \$1,500. Deadline is March 31, 2018.

State Bar of Texas, Tax Section. <http://www.texastaxsection.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=245>. Three \$2,000 scholarships. Deadline is April 2, 2018.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition. www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf. \$2,500. Deadline is April 27, 2018.

Municipal Judges Section of the State Bar of Texas. \$500.00. Deadline is May11, 2018.

Austin Bar Foundation & Austin LGBT Bar Association. Two \$3,000 scholarships. www.austintlgbtbar.org/scholarship. Deadline is May 30, 2018.

Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/>. \$1,250. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. <http://www.brownsims.com/about-brownsims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline is June 1, 2018.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Alpert Screyer, LLC. <https://dcmldlaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2018.
https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.authcheckdam.pdf

Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence Tax Scholarship.
<https://www.tannenwald.org/2018-Competition-Announcement>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. Deadline is July 6, 2018.

WITAN St. Mary's University School of Law

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

OCS News You Can Use

Uniquely Qualified: What You Bring to the Table, Thursday, April 5

Join us for an opportunity to see how a number of local professionals have used their life experiences as fuel to drive their practice of the law. This event is open to all law students because everyone has their own history and life experiences that make them stand out. The event will be held in the Law Alumni Room with the panel discussion from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and the networking reception from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP in the Events section in CORE.

Blask Fellowship for Southern District of Texas

The Southern District of Texas Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is accepting applicants for the 2018 Blask Fellowships. Grants of at least \$2,500 are available for a limited number of law students who serve as legal interns during the summer of 2018 in the offices of a federal court or agency located within the Southern District of Texas. More information on how to apply is posted in the job postings section on CORE under 2018 Blask Fellowship. The **deadline to apply is April 13**.

Fall On Campus Interviewing Program

If you plan on participating in the Fall On-Campus Interviewing program in August, including interviewing with local Big Law firms, you **MUST** attend a Fall On-Campus Interviewing Program. Please sign up in the Events section in CORE for one of the 4 sessions happening this week.

Tips for a Successful Summer, Part I: Social Etiquette

Social events organized by your summer employer, local bar associations, and even the Office of Career Services, are great opportunities to grow your list of networks. Here are few etiquette tips to help you make a great impression at these events.

- Dress for success. Make a great first impression by dressing up for networking events in business casual attire (or business professional, depending on the event). Clothes should be ironed, shoes polished, nails clean.
- Look in the mirror before you enter the event. Check to be sure you don't have any food in your teeth, your makeup is applied cleanly, and your hair is combed.
- Maintain eye contact. Provide a firm handshake. Don't forget to smile.
- Limit yourself to one alcoholic drink. You know why.

- Enjoy the food. But please don't gorge yourself.
- Strike up a conversation. Be prepared to make small talk, but nix politics and religion. More importantly, be prepared to listen!
- Nice to meet you Judge/Professor/Mr./Ms. Last Name. Never assume it is okay to do otherwise unless and until someone has specifically asked you to call them by their first name.
- Put your phone away and turn the ringer off.

Upcoming Job Fairs

Registration is now underway for the National Black Prosecutors Association 2018 Convention to be held July 8 – 13 in Denver, Colorado. Please visit their website: <http://blackprosecutors.org/annual-conference> for more information and to register.

The San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association (SFIPLA) invites you to attend the **21st Annual SFIPLA Bay Area Job Fair**. The Job Fair will be held at and co-sponsored by the University of San Francisco School of Law on Saturday, July 21, 2018. For more information and to register online, please visit <https://law-sfiplacsm.symplicity.com/students/>.

Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair is hosting the **2018 Indy Bar Diversity Job Fair** on Monday and Tuesday, August 6-7, 2018 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Diversity Job Fair is open to diverse, full-time 2L law students (graduating May 2020) or part-time 2L or 3L law students (graduating Dec. 2020/May 2021). Register online at <https://law-indybar-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

Save the Date

- Behind the Scenes of the Patent Bar Exam, Tuesday, April 10, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- So You Want to be a Solo! What Now?, Wednesday, April 11, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Events

St. Mary's Law Journal Information Session

The St. Mary's Law Journal extends an invitation to 1Ls interested in becoming Staff Writers to attend an informational session held on **Wednesday, April 4**, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Atrium, Law Administration Building. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about the Staff Writer role and the Write-On Competition. Food and drinks will be provided. For more information, please contact Katherine Spiser Rios at kspiser@mail.stmarytx.edu or 210.912.0319.

Prosecution Program

There will be an organizational meeting for current first-year students (day or evening program) in Law Classroom 100 at Noon on **Thursday, April 5**, who are interested in learning about St. Mary's new program in Prosecution Law, which will culminate in an opportunity to participate in an intensive practice card internship at the Bexar County District Attorney's Office during the third-year of law school. First-year students with a possible career interest in criminal law and/or prosecution are encouraged to attend. Program requirements and benefits will be addressed in the meeting that will last less than an hour.

Fiesta Farewell Class of 2018 Graduation Photo

All students, faculty and staff are invited to Fiesta Farewell on **Monday, April 9**, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Law Commons. Stephen M. Sheppard, JSD, Dean and Charles


E. Cantú Distinguished Professor of Law will offer remarks, followed by welcome, service awards, blessing of all third-year students and a luncheon. A class graduation picture will follow the luncheon. Please wear business attire. Class photo will be available for purchase. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

Life and Law in Burma

Professor Vincent R. Johnson served as a Fulbright Scholar in Burma from November 2017 to April 2018, where he taught courses at the University of Mandalay and conducted training sessions for members of Parliament and pro-democracy reformers. He will show slides and discuss "Life and Law in Burma" from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. on **Thursday, April 12** in LC 106.

Student Organizations

The Law Society for Sports Entertainment and Media presents *A Conversation with Donna Schneider of iHeartMedia*

Join The Law Society for Sports Entertainment and Media (S.E.M.) for a conversation with Donna Schneider, SVP Associate General Counsel of iHeartMedia. The Office of Career Services will provide refreshments for this event. The main event will be held 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on **Friday, April 6** in the Law Atrium. This event is open to the entire St. Mary's Law Community. S.E.M. members will have an exclusive networking opportunity with Mrs. Schneider beginning at 1:00 p.m. Not a member of S.E.M.? Register to join us on Rattlertracks. For questions or for more information about this event, please contact Blanca Baeza at bbaeza@mail.stmarytx.edu or follow S.E.M. on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/216148985606530/>.  580.73 KB .PNG.

SBA Senator Positions

If you would like to represent your class as a 2L or 3L Student Bar Association (SBA) Senator, please complete a petition on *Rattler Tracks* no later than Friday, April 6 at 5:00 p.m. Campaigning for SBA Senator positions will begin **Monday, April 9** and elections will take place **Wednesday, April 11 at 8:00 a.m. through Thursday, April 12 at 12:00 p.m.**

#MeToo Panel

Please join the Women's Law Association, Black Law Student Association, and Hispanic Law Student Association for their #MeToo Panel on **Tuesday, April 10**, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room. The Panel will be moderated by Professor Bonita Roberts and will include Professor T.K. Floyd, Eduardo Juarez from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Lara Brock who will offer a plaintiff's lawyer perspective, and Chris Reinhard offering an employer defense lawyer perspective. Come to gain knowledge and insight on the legal aspect and procedure of an important and timely issue. Lunch will be provided. This will be a great event that you don't want to miss. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathryn Kluge by email at kkluge@mail.stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 713.261.3531.

External Advocacy Program National Team Tryouts

- The External Advocacy Program National Teams will be conducting interviews and tryouts beginning April 2. Please see the requirements for each team below:
- Requirements for all EAP National Teams:
 - Must be a student in good standing in the JD program
 - Students must have a GPA of 2.5 or above at the start of the Fall semester

- If GPA falls below 2.5:
 - *GPA must be a 2.33 or above to remain on the team*
 - *Suspended from competitions, but not team for one semester*
 - *If GPA not elevated after one semester to 2.5 or above, must be excluded*
- FULL - two year commitment from students

National Moot Court Team

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE ST. MARY'S NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM. The St. Mary's External Advocacy Program will be conducting interviews beginning Monday, April 9, 2018 to select rising 2L students for the 2018 - 2019 EAP National Moot Court Team. If you would like to be considered for a position **on the most successful advocacy team in the history of St. Mary's University School of Law**, please access the sign-up sheet on the TWEN page for "EAP Moot Court Team" and select a convenient date and time for your interview. EAP Moot Court teams have won numerous national, regional and state competitions, and travel throughout the United States representing our law school. The try-outs will take place between **April 9 - 12 and, if necessary, April 13, 2018**. Additional information and interview requirements can be found on the TWEN page (please be sure to comply with the requirements set forth on TWEN), as well as EAP Moot Court's Facebook link. If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact adjunct professor and St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Coach, Ricky J. Poole at rpoole@alamocityattorney.com. Good luck and we look forward to seeing you at the try-outs.

National Alternative Dispute Resolution Team

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) includes Negotiation, Mediation, and Arbitration. The team competes nationally in several competitions, and is accepting applications from highly motivated law students. The ADR team is holding tryouts on **Saturday, April 14** starting at 10:30 a.m. Prospective students must do four things to tryout. These are:

1. Register on TWEN: Register on the TWEN page "The National Team: ADR Tryouts 2018"
2. Download Tryout Packet: Go to "Course Materials" and download The National Team-ADR Tryout Packet
3. Apply: Submit: (1) resume and (2) application on TWEN under "Assignments" by midnight on Wednesday, April 4
4. Tryout: Students will be notified on April 9 if they are selected to tryout. Tryouts will be Saturday, April 14 (starting at 10:30 a.m.). Sign-up sheets will be available on TWEN

National Trial Team

Students who are members of the law school's *National Trial Team* compete in regional and national trial competitions that encourage and strengthen students' advocacy skills through quality competition and valuable interaction with members of the bench and bar. The program is designed to expose law students to the nature of trial practice and to serve as a supplement to your education. To be considered for the team, complete an application and submit three copies, along with your resume to your interview/assessment. The application and time slot sign-ups can be found by adding "EAP: National Trial Team Tryout Page" to your courses. The sign-up sheet will become available on Friday, April 6 at 2:30pm and will close on Monday April 9th at 6:00pm. The application can be found in the Course Materials tab.

Interviews/assessments will be conducted on **April 14th** from 9 AM to 6PM. A short training session and question and answer period will take place on April 6 at 1:00PM. The session will briefly cover theory of the case, case analysis and presenting a closing argument. Members of the current National Trial Team will present a closing argument and answer any questions you may have about being a team member. The session is not mandatory, however it is highly recommended. Each applicant will prepare a 4-6 minute closing argument from a set of facts given to the applicants on April 6, 2018. The coaches will use the remaining time for the interview portion of the process. Contact Prof. A.J. Bellido de Luna - abellidodeluna@stmarytx.edu if you have any questions.

Jessup International Moot Court Team

Application Process: You will be required to submit a resume and a writing sample at your interview/assessment.

Interviews/Assessments: The interviews/assessments will be conducted **April 2-6**. In order to sign up for a time slot, visit <http://signup.com/go/BaxVWce>.

- During your interview, you should be prepared to present a 10-minute argument from the First Year Moot Court problem.
- If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Marion Reilly – marionmreilly@gmail.com, or Prof. Robert Summers – rsummers@stmarytx.edu

Board of Advocates (BOA)

Application Process: You will be required to register on the team BOA TWEN page - "Board of Advocates"- then choose a time slot. Applications can be found under the "Course Materials" tab. It is important you follow all instructions and submit your application to the BOA Office before **no later than 12:00pm on Tuesday, April 10**.

Interviews/Assessments Interviews will be conducted **April 10, 11 & 12**.

- During your interview, you should be prepared to present a 10-minute presentation from the First Year Moot Court problem. There will be a short interview at the conclusion of your presentation.
- If you have any questions, please contact BOA Secretary Tiffany Lee - tlee11@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

St. Thomas More Award

The St. Thomas More Award is presented annually by The San Antonio Catholic Lawyers' Guild. This award is given to a St. Mary's University School of Law 3L Student, honoring a person who has distinguished him/herself through leadership in the law school community and/or the St. Thomas More Society. The award is named after St. Thomas More, an extraordinary example of faithful virtue and public service, who remains an inspiration for lawyers, judges, and law students. The \$300 award is presented at the Fiesta Farewell graduation picture and awards ceremony. For more information please contact Mr. Paul Gonzalez at pgonzalez@dtrqlaw.com. Interested students should apply by **5:00 p.m., Tuesday April 3, 2018**. [2018_clg_st_thomas_more_application.doc](#) 77.50 KB · DOC

Law Clinic Applications

The Clinical Program now accepting applications for Summer 2018 and Fall 2018. Application available online on the Clinic's page of the Law School website and also on the following link: <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/p1fueui916gsh9b/>. To see prior student testimonials about their clinical experience, see <https://youtu.be/IeQmSenVQJ0>. Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission. All applicants are **required** to attend a pre-registration session: **April 11, April 12, or April 17**. (Rising 3Ls should attend April 11 or 12.) All sessions 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., at the Center for Legal & Social Justice, 2507 N.W. 36th St. Any questions, contact Marisa Santos, msantos@stmarytx.edu, (210) 431-5703.

Center for Terrorism Law Fellowship Application

The Center for Terrorism Law is accepting applications for Research Fellowship positions for 2018-2020. The application can be downloaded from the Center for Terrorism Law course on TWEN, or obtained as a hard copy from the Center for Terrorism Law. Application is due **April 11, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.** Interviews will be held for selected applicants on **April 16th-20th**. If anyone has any questions, feel free to come by the office, located in the Raba building, or contact Ryan Phelan at rphelan2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships

Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships: For students who commit to work on legal matters for veterans, with the Veterans Advocacy Project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA). Fellowships (\$4,000 or \$2,000) available for Summer 2018, Fall 2018, and/or Spring 2019. **Online application due May 20, 2017. Applications for Summer encouraged by April 27.** <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/moody-foundation-veterans-law-fellowships/>

Externship Program

The Externship Program is a course that allows you to earn credit while learning from seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel externship. Start planning for Summer and Fall NOW. 2018 Popcorn Day will be on Wednesday's, so pop over to the Law Commons with your questions for real answers. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines. If you are not able to attend Popcorn Wednesday, contact Amanda Rivas, arivas@stmarytx.edu to set an appointment with any questions on the program.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school after your first semester, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

Student Organizations

***The Scholar* Now Accepting Applications for Vol. 21 Staff Writer**

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice is now accepting applications for staff writer positions on the Vol. 21 Journal. The application can be found on TWEN and will be due on **Monday, April 2, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.** Applicants selected for interviews will be notified by midweek, and interviews will take place the following weekend, April 7-9. Additionally, Vol. 21 board members will be visiting classrooms the week of March 19th to speak with students. *The Scholar* will also host an open house on March 27th, more details to follow.

Technology and Intellectual Property Association

If you would like to join the Technology and Intellectual Property Association please see the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association page on Rattler Tracks at <https://stmarytx.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/TechIPLaw> or visit their FaceBook page at www.facebook.com.

Health & Wellness

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Grilled Chicken Bruschetta

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/grilled-chicken-bruschetta/>

Total Time: 30 minutes plus marinade time

INGREDIENTS

- 3 medium vine ripe tomatoes
- 2 small cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 2 tbsp fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 1 tbsp extra virgin oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- kosher salt and fresh cracked pepper to taste
- 3 oz part skim mozzarella, diced (omit for whole30, paleo)
- 1.25 lbs (8 thin sliced) chicken cutlets

DIRECTIONS

1. Combine onion, olive oil, balsamic, 1/4 tsp kosher salt and pepper. Set aside a few minutes.
2. Chop tomatoes and place in a large bowl. Combine with garlic, basil, onion-balsamic combo and additional 1/8 tsp salt and pepper to taste. Set aside and let it sit at least 10 minutes or as long as overnight.
3. Toss in the cheese when ready to serve.
4. Season chicken with salt and fresh pepper.
5. Preheat the grill to medium-high, clean and oil the grates to prevent sticking.

6. Grill the chicken 2 minutes on each side, set aside on a platter and top with bruschetta and serve.

NUTRITION INFORMATION

Yield: 4 servings, Serving Size: 2 cutlets

- *Amount Per Serving:*
- Freestyle Points: 3
- Points +: 6
- Calories: 237 calories
- Total Fat: 8.5g
- Saturated Fat: g
- Cholesterol: mg
- Sodium: 183mg
- Carbohydrates: 7g
- Fiber: 1g
- Sugar: 0.5g
- Protein: 32g

Notices

The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court may do so. Dues for law students are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

4/19 - San Marcos Embassy Suites

For more information please contact Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com, visit

<https://home.innsofcourt.org/> or see  [a tradition of excellence brochure.pdf](#) 1.18 MB · PDF.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football

(nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

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OCS News You Can Use

Behind the Scenes of the Patent Bar Exam

If you are a student with an undergrad degree (or at least two years of coursework) in engineering, computer sciences or the hard sciences (chemistry, biology, physics, some related fields), and are interested in becoming a Patent Agent or Attorney, Practising Law Institute (PLI) invites you to an informative presentation on all the ins and outs of the Patent Bar Exam. Join us on **Tuesday, April 10, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Atrium**. RSVP in the Events section on CORE. Lunch will be served.

So You Want to be a Solo! What Now?

Local criminal defense attorney, Steven Gilmore, will give insight to being a true solo attorney on Wednesday, **April 11 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. in Room 217** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Learn how to generate business, manage your docket, and maintain professional relationships while branching out on your own. This is a brown bag event - bring your lunch. Snacks provided. Please RSVP in the Events section on CORE.

Win a S'Well Water Bottle for Updating CORE

The Office of Career Services is having a raffle! We are picking 3 winners – one from each class. All you have to do is update your summer or post-graduation plans- in the Jobs and Job Offers tab on CORE. If you need assistance, please visit OCS and they will help you. Deadline to be entered in the raffle is **Sunday, April 15**.

Tips for a Successful Summer, Part 2: Email Etiquette

Communicating by email is so widely used today that it has become our primary source of communication, especially in the professional world. Here are a few tips to help you navigate professional emails:

- Emails are writing samples. Make sure they are error-free and written well, double-checking spelling and grammar.
- Be descriptive but succinct in your email subject line to help the receiver prioritize her likely very full inbox.
- Maintain a professional tone in your email communications. Unless specifically invited to use the recipient's first name, address your email to "Mr./Ms./Professor/Judge."
- Avoid using email for confidential, highly emotional or sensitive communication. Remember email messages are not private. Face-to-face communication is best.
- Ensure you are emailing the right person. And don't "reply all" unless absolutely necessary.
- Habitually check your school and work email daily. Respond to messages within 24 hours.
- BM&Y, JTLYK, and IMHO, don't use acronyms in your professional email messages. Yes, using abbreviations are E123, but email isn't text. Spell out your words!
- NEVER use emojis in an email.

Blask Fellowship for Southern District of Texas

The Southern District of Texas Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is accepting applicants for the 2018 Blask Fellowships. Grants of at least \$2,500 are available for a limited number of law students who serve as legal interns during the summer of 2018 in the offices of a federal court or agency located within the Southern District of Texas. More information on how to apply is posted in the job postings section on CORE under 2018 Blask Fellowship. The deadline to apply is **April 13**.

Events

Fiesta Farewell Class of 2018 Graduation Photo

All students, faculty and staff are invited to Fiesta Farewell on **Monday, April 9**, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Law Commons. Stephen M. Sheppard, JSD, Dean and Charles E. Cantú Distinguished Professor of Law will offer remarks, followed by welcome, service awards, blessing of all third-year students and a luncheon. A class graduation picture will follow the luncheon. Please wear business attire. Class photo will be available for purchase. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

Life and Law in Burma

Professor Vincent R. Johnson served as a Fulbright Scholar in Burma from November 2017 to April 2018, where he taught courses at the University of Mandalay and conducted training sessions for members of Parliament and pro-democracy reformers. He will show slides and discuss "Life and Law in Burma" from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. on **Thursday, April 12** in LC 106.

Student Organizations

#MeToo Panel

Please join the Women's Law Association, Black Law Student Association, and Hispanic Law Student Association for their #MeToo Panel on **Tuesday, April 10**, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room. The Panel will be moderated by Professor Bonita Roberts and will include Professor T.K. Floyd, Eduardo Juarez from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Lara Brock who will offer a plaintiff's lawyer perspective, and Chris Reinhard offering an employer defense lawyer perspective. Come to gain knowledge and insight on the legal aspect and procedure of an important and timely issue. Lunch will be provided. This will be a great event that you don't want to miss. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathryn Kluge by email at kkluge@mail.stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 713.261.3531.

External Advocacy Program National Team Tryouts

- The External Advocacy Program National Teams has started to conduct interviews and tryouts. Please see the requirements for each team below:
- Requirements for all EAP National Teams:
 - Must be a student in good standing in the JD program
 - Students must have a GPA of 2.5 or above at the start of the Fall semester
 - If GPA falls below 2.5:
 - *GPA must be a 2.33 or above to remain on the team*
 - *Suspended from competitions, but not team for one semester*
 - *If GPA not elevated after one semester to 2.5 or above, must be excluded*
 - FULL - two year commitment from students

National Moot Court Team

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE ST. MARY'S NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM. The St. Mary's External Advocacy Program will be conducting interviews beginning Monday, April 9, 2018 to select rising 2L students for the 2018 - 2019 EAP National Moot Court Team. If you would like to be considered for a position **on the most successful advocacy team in the history of St. Mary's University School of Law**, please access the sign-up sheet on the TWEN page for "EAP Moot Court Team" and select a convenient date and time for your interview. EAP Moot Court teams have won numerous national, regional and state competitions, and travel throughout the United States representing our law school. The try-outs will take place between **April 9 - 12 and, if necessary, April 13, 2018**. Additional information and interview requirements can be found on the TWEN page (please be sure to comply with the requirements set forth on TWEN), as well as EAP Moot Court's Facebook link. If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact adjunct professor and St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Coach, Ricky J. Poole at rpoole@alamocityattorney.com. Good luck and we look forward to seeing you at the try-outs.

National Trial Team

Students who are members of the law school's *National Trial Team* compete in regional and national trial competitions that encourage and strengthen students' advocacy skills through quality competition and valuable interaction with members of the bench and bar. The program is designed to expose law students to the nature of trial practice and to serve as a supplement to your education. To be considered for the team, complete an application and submit three copies, along with your resume to your interview/assessment. The application and time slot sign-ups can be found by adding "EAP: National Trial Team Tryout Page" to your courses. The application can be found in the Course Materials tab.

Interviews/assessments will be conducted on **April 14th** from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Members of the current National Trial Team will present a closing argument and answer any questions you may have about being a team member. The session is not mandatory, however it is highly recommended. Contact Prof. A.J. Bellido de Luna – abellidodeluna@stmarytx.edu if you have any questions.

Board of Advocates (BOA)

Application Process: You will be required to register on the team BOA TWEN page - “Board of Advocates”- then choose a time slot. Applications can be found under the “Course Materials” tab. It is important you follow all instructions and submit your application to the BOA Office before **no later than 12:00pm on Tuesday, April 10.**

Interviews/Assessments Interviews will be conducted **April 10, 11 & 12.**

- During your interview, you should be prepared to present a 10-minute presentation from the First Year Moot Court problem. There will be a short interview at the conclusion of your presentation.
- If you have any questions, please contact BOA Secretary Tiffany Lee - tlee11@mail.stmarytx.edu.

The St. Mary’s Law journal-Writing Competition

The St. Mary’s Law Journal is excited to announce its annual Write-On Competition for qualified first-year students interested in becoming Staff Writers for 2018-2019 academic year. The write-on packet, including instructions and all necessary materials, will be available at the Law Journal office (Law Library 2nd floor) starting Friday, May 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. The **deadline** to return completed packets will be **Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** Submissions must be made at the Law Journal office or on TWEN no later than the deadline. For more information, contact Savannah Files at sfiles@mail.stmarytx.edu, or visit our website www.stmaryslawjournal.org.

Announcements

Law Clinic Applications

The Clinical Program now accepting applications for Summer 2018 and Fall 2018. Application available online on the Clinic’s page of the Law School website and also on the following link: <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/p1fueui916gsh9b/>. To see prior student testimonials about their clinical experience, see <https://youtu.be/IeOmSenVQJ0>. Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission. All applicants are **required** to attend a pre-registration session: **April 11, April 12, or April 17.** (Rising 3Ls should attend April 11 or 12.) All sessions 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., at the Center for Legal & Social Justice, 2507 N.W. 36th St. Any questions, contact Marisa Santos, msantos@stmarytx.edu, (210) 431-5703.

Center for Terrorism Law Fellowship Application

The Center for Terrorism Law is accepting applications for Research Fellowship positions for 2018-2020. The application can be downloaded from the Center for Terrorism Law course on TWEN, or obtained as a hard copy from the Center for Terrorism Law. Application is due **April 11, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.** Interviews will be held for selected applicants on April 16th-20th. If anyone has any questions, feel free to come by the office, located in the Raba building, or contact Ryan Phelan at rphelan2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships

Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships: For students who commit to work on legal matters for veterans, with the Veterans Advocacy Project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA). Fellowships (\$4,000 or \$2,000) available for Summer 2018, Fall 2018, and/or Spring 2019. **Online application due May 20, 2017. Applications for Summer encouraged by April 27.** <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/moody-foundation-veterans-law-fellowships/>

Externship Program

The Externship course combines a specialized curriculum that supports your professional development while working with seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel office. If you have a summer internship offer and are interested in registering for the course, contact us before finals! Find us during the last three Popcorn Wednesdays (Law Commons 12pm-1pm) or make an Externship Counseling appointment on CORE with Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Externships. There are plenty of fall internship opportunities open on CORE. It is never too early to talk to us about enrollment in future semesters. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school after your first semester, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

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Technology and Intellectual Property Association

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Health & Wellness

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Balsamic Chicken with Roasted Vegetables

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/balsamic-chicken-with-roasted/>

Total Time: 30 minutes

Chicken and vegetables seasoned with sage, rosemary and balsamic vinegar, then baked in the oven. A delicious healthy meal-in-one.

Ingredients:

- 8 (4 oz each) boneless skinless chicken thighs, trimmed of fat
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- fresh black pepper, to taste
- cooking spray
- 10 medium asparagus, ends trimmed, cut in half
- 2 red bell peppers
- 1 red onions, chopped in large chunks
- 1/2 cup carrots, sliced in half long, cut into 3-inch pieces
- 5 oz sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, smashed and roughly chopped
- 1/2 tsp sugar (omit for whole30, keto, paleo)
- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh rosemary
- 1/2 tbsp dried oregano or thyme
- 2 leaves fresh sage, chopped

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F.
2. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Spray 2 large baking sheets with oil.
3. Combine all the ingredients together in a large bowl using your hands to mix well then arrange everything onto the prepared baking sheets spread out in a single layer.
4. The vegetables should not touch the chicken or it will steam instead of roast.
5. Bake about 20 to 25 minutes, rotating the pan top to bottom, or until the chicken is cooked through and the vegetables are roasted and tender.

Nutrition Information:

Yield: 4 servings, Serving Size: 2 thighs

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- *Amount Per Serving:*
- Freestyle Points: 5

- Points +: 10
- Calories: 401 calories
- Total Fat: 17g
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- Cholesterol: 214mg
- Sodium: 518mg
- Carbohydrates: 15g
- Fiber: 4g
- Sugar: 2g
- Protein: 48g

Notices

The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court may do so. Dues for law students are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

4/19 - San Marcos Embassy Suites

For more information please contact Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com, visit

<https://home.innsofcourt.org/> or see  [a tradition of excellence brochure.pdf](#) 1.18 MB · PDF.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment
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Need a Break?

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Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now

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Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

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Congratulations

St. Mary's National ADR Team Declared the ABA Mediation National Runner-Up Champions

Congratulations to **Gilbert Vasquez (2L), Jordan Jentz (2L), Amy Donaldson (2L), and William Biggers (2L)** who competed at the 19th Annual American Bar Association National Representation in Mediation Competition in Washington D.C. The ABA National Mediation Competition was held in conjunction with the ABA Annual Conference in Washington, DC on April 3-4, 2018.

Coming into Nationals, William Biggers, Amy Donaldson, Gil Vasquez, and Jordan Jentz set a new precedent by ranking 1st and 2nd at the ABA Regional Competition in Miami, Florida just a few weeks ago. As a result, St. Mary's National ADR Team was the only school in the nation to take two teams to the National Mediation Finals. Out of over 120 teams from over 60 law schools, William Biggers, Amy Donaldson, Gil Vasquez, and Jordan Jentz were the best of the best, ranking two of the top eight teams in the country.

After two preliminary rounds on April 3, with a difficult cut to four teams, Amy Donaldson and William Biggers advanced to the Semi-Final Round on April 4 competing against teams from Samford University Cumberland School of Law, Sturm College of Law, and the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Jordan Jentz and Gil Vasquez just missed advancement by a few points after competing against two of the four teams that ultimately advanced to the Semi-Final Round.

In the Semi-Final Round, Amy Donaldson and William Biggers blew the judges away with their strategic negotiating and unparalleled problem-solving. As a result, Amy Donaldson and William Biggers advanced to the Championship Final Round as the number one team against Sturm College of Law. With a nearly flawless final round and a split-judge decision, Amy and Will finished as the **2018 ABA Mediation National Runner-up Champions!**

Professor Emily Landon, coach of the National Alternative Dispute Resolution Team, expressed her immense gratitude to the advocates: "The speed in which these students have picked up ADR processes and their proficient understanding of mediation is nothing short of amazing. Being declared one of the top two teams and one of the top eight teams in the nation, having never competed in a mediation competition before, is absolutely spectacular."

Following this weekend, St. Mary's National ADR team has truly established themselves as an Alternative Dispute Resolution powerhouse.

OCS News You Can Use

Just Two More Popcorn Wednesdays Left

Popcorn Wednesday is held in the Law Commons every Wednesday from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m. Come by and treat yourself to delicious popcorn served up with answers to your Career Services, Pro Bono and Externship questions. Our last Popcorn Wednesday for the semester is April 25.

Tips for a Successful Summer, Part 3: Social Media Etiquette

Given that many employers will check social media posts for both potential new hires and current employees, keep these tips in mind:

- Make your privacy settings private to ensure the public cannot see what you post (but remember that your friends and their friends can share your information with unintended audiences.)
- Pause before you post. If you don't want an employer, or worse your grandma, seeing your post or picture, don't post it.
- Get permission to share others' personal information, including their photos.
- Be mindful of consequences. While you may feel strongly about certain topics, publicly voicing them on social media may lead to unexpected repercussions.
- Make sure your facts are in fact, facts.
- Nothing is every truly gone on the internet. You may be able to delete anything you don't want found, but it is never really gone. So please, think before you post.

Upcoming Job Fairs

Registration is now underway for the National Black Prosecutors Association 2018 Convention to be held July 8–13 in Denver, Colorado. Please visit their website: <http://blackprosecutors.org/annual-conference> for more information and to register.

The San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association (SFIPLA) invites you to attend the **21st Annual SFIPLA Bay Area Job Fair**. The Job Fair will be held at and co-sponsored by the University of San Francisco School of Law on Saturday, July 21, 2018. For more information and to register online, please visit <https://law-sfiplacsm.symplicity.com/students/>.

Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair is hosting the **2018 IndyBar Diversity Job Fair** on Monday and Tuesday, August 6-7, 2018 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Diversity Job Fair is open to diverse, full-time 2L law students (graduating May 2020) or part-time 2L or 3L law students (graduating Dec. 2020/May 2021). Register online at <https://law-indybar-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

Student Organizations

The St. Mary's Law Journal-Writing Competition

The St. Mary's Law Journal is excited to announce its annual Write-On Competition for qualified first-year students interested in becoming Staff Writers for 2018-2019 academic year. The write-on packet, including instructions and all necessary materials, will be available at the Law Journal office (Law

Library 2nd floor) starting Friday, May 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. The **deadline** to return completed packets will be **Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** Submissions must be made at the Law Journal office or on TWEN no later than the deadline. For more information, contact Savannah Files at sfiles@mail.stmarytx.edu, or visit our website www.stmaryslawjournal.org.

Announcements

Interested in a Joint Degree?

If you are interested in a joint degree, come on out to an information meeting Monday, April 23, 12:00–1:00 p.m. in LC 101. The other schools will be available to answer questions on opportunities, registration, requirements and more.

Law Clinic Applications

The Clinical Program now accepting applications for Summer 2018 and Fall 2018. Application available online on the Clinic's page of the Law School website and also on the following link: <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/p1fueui916gsh9b/>. To see prior student testimonials about their clinical experience, see <https://youtu.be/IeOmSenVQJ0>. Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission. All applicants are **required** to attend a pre-registration session: **April 11, April 12, or April 17.** (Rising 3Ls should attend April 11 or 12.) All sessions 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., at the Center for Legal & Social Justice, 2507 N.W. 36th St. Any questions, contact Marisa Santos, msantos@stmarytx.edu, (210) 431-5703.

Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships

Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships: For students who commit to work on legal matters for veterans, with the Veterans Advocacy Project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA). Fellowships (\$4,000 or \$2,000) available for Summer 2018, Fall 2018, and/or Spring 2019. **Online application due May 20, 2017. Applications for Summer encouraged by April 27.** <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/moody-foundation-veterans-law-fellowships/>

Externship Program

The Externship course combines a specialized curriculum that supports your professional development while working with seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel office. If you have a summer internship offer and are interested in registering for the course, contact us before finals! Find us during the last three Popcorn Wednesdays (Law Commons 12pm-1pm) or make an Externship Counseling appointment on CORE with Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Externships. There are plenty of fall internship opportunities open on CORE. It is never too early to talk to us about enrollment in future semesters. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines.

Final Exam Policies

General policies

Faculty will not proctor exams. This task will be undertaken by outside, independent proctors hired by the law school. Proctors are to supervise the exam process, enforce rules, and eliminate the opportunity to cheat. Each Proctor shall treat all students with respect at all times. Each exam room will have assigned seat numbers prominently displayed in front of the seats in the room. Students will be seated, following the check-in process described below, according to the randomly-assigned seat numbers provided to the Proctors by the Office of the Associate Dean. Students will not have access to this list prior to the check-in process.

Check-in procedure

Students may not enter their exam room any earlier than 15 minutes (i.e., 7:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., or 5:45 p.m.) before the scheduled start. No student will be checked into the exam room until fifteen minutes before the scheduled exam time. Any student who is in the exam room before the official check-in time will be asked to leave the exam room by the proctor until the formal check-in process begins.

Students will be checked-in to their assigned exam room by presenting their St. Mary's-issued student photo ID to the proctor. The student will be confirmed by the proctor and told her/his seat number for that exam. Students without the proper ID will not be allowed in the exam room. The check-in table will have ear plugs, pencils (if the exam is using a scantron), and, if the exam allows both laptop and handwriting, a blue book for students who are handwriting. Students who are handwriting may pick-up only one (1) blue book upon check-in. If a second blue book is needed once the exam is underway, the student will raise her/his hand and the proctor will bring a second blue book to the student.

Students arriving late to the exam will be checked in according to the above procedure in the regular exam room, and will not be given any additional time to complete their exam.

Proctors will NOT have access to the students' exam numbers at any time during the exam administration. It is the responsibility of the student to have her/his exam number prior to entering the exam room.

Students must keep their photo ID face-up on their desk top by their seat number throughout the exam.

Students can have only their photo ID, pencils, erasers, a pencil sharpener, pens, and highlighters at their seat. If a student is using a laptop computer with ExamSoft already loaded, the student may also have the laptop and its power cord at their seat.

Items not allowed in the exam room

Students may not bring any of the following banned devices into the exam room:

- Cell phones
- Smart watches
- Tablets
- Any other electronic device (except for a laptop if the exam can be taken using ExamSoft or as otherwise approved by the individual professor)
- Drinks in any sort of container
- Food, candy, gum, etc.

Students are strongly urged not to bring any backpacks, purses, clutches, rolling bags, or the like into the exam room. **If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium.** Please note that if a large number of students bring these items to the exam room and place them at the front of the room, it may be disruptive or a nuisance when it comes time to retrieve them at the end of the exam.

For an exam that is modified closed (faculty may allow their students to bring in specific items such as textbook, code book, printed notes, printed outlines, or non-wireless calculator, and this will be conveyed to the proctor in the manifest) the student must carry the items in her/his hands. **If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium.**

Hats, caps, sunglasses, keys, etc. must be placed in the students' bags at the front of the room OR on the floor by their seat. These items may not be on the desktop.

The Associate Dean's Office will inform the proctor if the professor has approved the usage of scratch paper.

Exam pledge and handing out exams

Students will be required to complete the *School of Law Exam Pledge*, placed by their assigned seat prior to check-in, for each exam in each course. By completing the *Exam Pledge*, the student certifies that he/she does not have a cell phone or other banned electronic device, and acknowledges that the student will submit all required exam materials at the end of the exam.

The Exam Pledge will be kept in the Office of the Associate Dean and will NOT be given to the professor.

Other material that may be placed at each assigned seat, depending on the type of exam and instructions by the professor, include a scantron, blue book (if laptops are not allowed and answers are to be handwritten only), or scratch paper (if allowed by the professor).

The exams will be handed out to each student while picking-up the completed *Exam Pledge* according to their numbered seat/test number at the start of the scheduled exam time (i.e., 8:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.) unless there is still a line for students waiting to be checked in by the proctor. **The Proctor will not give an exam to a student without first picking up the completed Exam Pledge. No exam will be placed at a seat unless the student is in her/his place.**

Preparing to start the exam – handwriting and lapping

Students must place their exam number on all exam materials. Student names must **never** be written on any exam materials.

All laptop users **must** bring and use a power adapter for their computer. If they do not bring it with them, they must write their exam in a bluebook.

Students planning to type their exam must run the law school's prescribed exam software regardless of whether the exam is open book or closed book. Students must download ExamSoft (for exams where allowed) prior to the start of the exam period.

Students who intend to laptop must immediately launch ExamSoft when they enter the exam room and shall not turn on their computers and pull up their notes, outline, etc. to study in the exam room. Students cannot connect to the internet except for the SoftTest website.

Students who are lapping must get to the "Stop" (PC) or "i" (Mac) screen and wait for further instructions from the professor. The "Spell Check" feature has been disabled for ExamSoft users.

Students planning to type using ExamSoft who are not able to successfully launch SoftTest at the start of the exam must handwrite. Any lost time will not be given back to the student to complete the exam.

The start of an exam will not be delayed to wait for a laptop user to finish uploading or launching the exam. A laptop user **MUST** be ready and at the "STOP" (for PC) or "i" (for Mac) when all other students in the exam room are ready to begin. Any laptop user who is NOT ready **MUST** handwrite and will be handed a blue book by the proctor.

If a laptop crashes or freezes during an exam, the student will be given a blue book and allowed to complete the exam by handwriting the remainder of the exam, but no extra time will be allowed for the exam. The Administration will ensure the professor receives both the portion of the exam completed on ExamSoft and the portion completed in a blue book.

If a student arrives late to an exam she/he will NOT be allowed to laptop and MUST handwrite.

Bluebook writers and laptop users will begin their exams at the same time.

During the exam

Proctors will use the on-screen stopwatch to post the exam time for the room; it will provide a countdown of the time remaining on the exam that all students can see.

Proctors are required to QUIETLY walk around during the examination approximately at unpredictable intervals every hour of the exam. In rooms where there are 2 proctors, 1 proctor will be at the back of the room and 1 proctor at the front throughout the exam.

Students who are handwriting receive 1 blue book at check-in. If a student needs a second blue book to complete the exam, the student must raise his/her hand and the proctor will bring the blue book to the student. A student should not rip pages from the Bluebook.

Students will be instructed to raise their hands if they have a question or problem once the exam is in progress. Proctors will walk to the student to answer any questions once the exam is in progress.

Students are permitted to use the restrooms only in the building where they are taking the exam; only one student is allowed to be out of the exam room for a restroom break at a time. Students must leave their student ID and all exam materials with the proctor in the front of the room and may not take any materials with them during an exam break. Students will provide their test number to the proctor, who will log the departure and return time of the student on a log sheet. Each restroom will have a dedicated proctor. Students must return within five minutes and will not receive additional time on their exam.

Students are **not** permitted to leave the building where they are taking an exam for any reason until they have completed their exam.

Students are **not** permitted to leave their seats during the last 5 minutes of the exam.

Exam conclusion

No student is allowed to leave the room, or turn in her/his exam, during the last 5 minutes of the exam.

The proctor will announce when 5 minutes are remaining and that all students are to remain in their seats until time is called. The proctor will loudly announce "STOP WORK" at the end of the exam time. Any student who continues to write or type will be noted on the Exam Manifest by the proctor and reported to the Administration, with the exact amount of time the student continued to write or type.

Students using ExamSoft must upload their completed exam at the end of the exam administration once time has been called by the proctor. A "Congratulations" screen will appear after a successful upload. A student shall not leave the classroom until she/he has received this notice. If a student fails to upload their exam immediately after the exam has ended and before leaving the exam room, the professor will be notified of the delay and the extent of the delay by the law school administration. The professor may lower the student's grade based on the reported delay.

Once the student has turned in the examination and any required supporting materials (scantron, blue book, scratch paper) he/she must leave the room as quickly as possible and proceed outside.

Students must leave the building once they have completed their exam and are not to remain in the hallways where they could cause a disturbance to other students still taking an exam.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's

personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school after your first semester, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

Student Organizations

Technology and Intellectual Property Association

If you would like to join the Technology and Intellectual Property Association please see the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association page on Rattler Tracks at <https://stmarytx.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/TechIPLaw> or visit their FaceBook page at www.facebook.com.

Health & Wellness

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Sheetpan Italian Chicken and Vegetables

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/sheetpan-italian-chicken-and-veggie-dinner/>

429 calories

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Assemble this super easy chicken and vegetable dinner on a sheet pan (or two) and pop it into your oven for a delicious, fuss-free meal. For easy clean-up, line your sheet pan with foil or parchment.

Ingredients:

For the Seasoning:

- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar (omit for Paleo and Whole 30)
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 clove crushed garlic
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

For the sheetpan:

- cooking spray
- 8 (4 oz each) boneless skinless chicken thighs, trimmed of fat
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 12 ounces zucchini, diced into 1-inch pieces
- 3 carrots, peeled and diced into 1-inch pieces
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 yellow bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 red onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
- chopped parsley for garnish

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 450F degrees. Spray 2 large nonstick sheetpans with oil or use parchment or foil for easy cleanup. Arrange the center rack and lower third.
2. Combine the Italian seasoning ingredients in a large bowl. Season chicken with 1/2 teaspoon salt, then add the chicken, zucchini, carrots, bell peppers and red onion to the bowl and toss well to coat. Marinate 30 minutes or as long as overnight.
3. Arrange everything onto the prepared baking sheets spread out into a single layer. The vegetables and chicken should not touch. Bake about 20 minutes, turn chicken and vegetables and bake an additional 10 minutes, until roasted and tender. Top with fresh parsley and serve.

Freezer Friendly

1. Let the cooked dish cool completely.
2. Portion it into freezer containers and freeze for up to 3 months.
3. To serve, thaw in the refrigerator overnight.
4. Reheat in a 325°F oven until warmed through 20 minutes.

Nutrition Information

Yield: 4 Servings, Serving Size: 2 thighs + veggies

- **Amount Per Serving:**
- Freestyle Points: 8
- Points +: 8
- Calories: 429 calories
- Total Fat: 20g
- Saturated Fat: 4g
- Cholesterol: 214mg
- Sodium: 672.5mg
- Carbohydrates: 15.5g
- Fiber: 4g
- Sugar: 4.5g


- Protein: 46.5g

Notices

The Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court Student Membership

Students who wish to apply for membership as Pupils of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court may do so. Dues for law students are waived. You will be assigned to a team and added to the email list. Meeting dates and locations for the year are as follow:

4/19 - San Marcos Embassy Suites

For more information please contact Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com, visit <https://home.innsofcourt.org/> or see  [a tradition of excellence brochure.pdf](#) 1.18 MB · PDF.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San

Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now

Spring Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply. Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the below confidential monthly education meetings for lawyers, judges and law students seeking help while healing from depression, addiction, job stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, Second Floor

For more information, contact ileana Velazquez, 210.431.4225 or ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu or visit www.tlaphelps.org.

Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

Justice and Diversity Center (JDC). [**Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship**](#). \$10,000. Deadline is April 20, 2018.*

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition. www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf. \$2,500. Deadline is April 27, 2018.

Intellectual Property Law Section. State Bar of Texas. <https://texasbariplaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-SBOT-IP-Section-Scholarship-App-Form.pdf>. Two \$5,000 scholarships. Deadline is May 1, 2018.

Municipal Judges Section of the State Bar of Texas. \$500.00. Deadline is May11, 2018.

Austin Bar Foundation & Austin LGBT Bar Association. Two \$3,000 scholarships. www.austinlgbtbar.org/scholarship. Deadline is May 30, 2018.

Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/>. \$1,250. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. <http://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline is June 1, 2018.

American Planning Association. <https://www.planning.org/divisions/planningandlaw/writingcompetition/>. \$2,000, \$400, \$100. Deadline is June 4, 2018.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Alpert Screyer, LLC. <https://dcmldlaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Zavodnick, Zavodnick & Lasky, LLC.
<http://www.yourdelawareworkerscompensation.lawyer/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is June 30, 2018.*

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2018.
https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.auth_checkdam.pdf

Chicago-Kent College of Law/Roy C. Palmer Civil Liberties Prize. www.kentlaw.iit.edu/palmer-prize. \$10,000. Deadline to apply is July 1, 2018.

Theodore Tannewald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence Tax Scholarship.
<https://www.tannenwald.org/2018-Competition-Announcement>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. Deadline is July 6, 2018.

Bourdon Defence. <http://www.bourdondefence.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is August 31, 2018.

Abels & Annes. <https://www.davebels.com/scholarship>. \$1,500. Deadline to apply is December 15, 2018.*

Berkowitz & Myer. <http://berkmyer.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is January 15, 2019.*

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the 2018 Order of Barristers and Awardees

Congratulations to the 2018 Order of Barristers and Awardees. The Order of Barristers is a national organization that recognizes students who possess the highest caliber of spoken and written persuasion in advocacy. It is also the highest honor a law school can bestow upon ten of its most impressive graduates.

Texas State Bar Association Award for Appellate Excellence — **Sophia George**
Outstanding Board of Advocates' Service Award — **Misty Deatherage**
Outstanding Mock Trial Award — **Matthew Birdwell & Victoria Fernandez**
Outstanding Moot Court Award — **Gary Hillier**
Judge Jack B. Miller Award for Integrity, Dedication & Professionalism — **Taylor Crull & Maria Fernandez-Merlo**
Patricia Scott Award — **Sophia George**

The new inductees into the Order of the Barristers are as follow:

1. Matthew R. Birdwell
2. Taylor L. Crull
3. Victoria A. Fernandez
4. Misty L. Deatherage
5. Maria S. Fernandez-Merlo
6. Cali M. Franks
7. Gary Hillier
8. Destinee N. Russell
9. Sophia M. George
10. Luke A. Harle
11. David A. Schlueter (Honorary)

Professor Schlueter was inducted into the Order of the Barristers based on his efforts to create and lead a nationally recognized advocacy program that promotes and supports advocacy. Professor

Schlueter also encouraged and facilitated advocacy through internal competitions and the national Lone Star Classic competition that includes mock trial teams from across the nation.

OCS News You Can Use

Just One More Popcorn Wednesday Left!

The last Popcorn Wednesday of the semester will be held this week Wednesday, April 25, in the Law Commons from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m. You can always get your career services, pro bono, and externship questions answered, but this will be the last time before finals for our one-stop “shopping.”

Career Services Summer Hours

Rest assured, you can continue to access our advising, mock interview, and document review assistance (not to mention the coffee and candy) all summer. Beginning on Monday, May 14, our office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Summer Legal Experience

It is not too late to secure a legal position this summer. We encourage you to focus on finals and then restart your summer job search. Look for opportunities in CORE and schedule an appointment with one of our career advisors to develop a networking strategy for finding a good “fit” for the summer.

Judicial Observership Deadline Extended to Friday

St. Mary’s partners with local county and district court judges to offer a Judicial Observer program in which students are matched with a criminal or civil judge during Summer I or Summer II to get exposure to the courthouse, practicing attorneys, and the inside of a courtroom. These observer positions are extremely flexible, and can be worked around summer classes and other summer work commitments. We have extended the deadline to apply in CORE until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27.

Student Organizations

The St. Mary’s Law Journal-Writing Competition

The St. Mary’s Law Journal is excited to announce its annual Write-On Competition for qualified first-year students interested in becoming Staff Writers for 2018-2019 academic year. The write-on packet, including instructions and all necessary materials, will be available at the Law Journal office (Law Library 2nd floor) starting Friday, May 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. The **deadline** to return completed packets will be **Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** Submissions must be made at the Law Journal office or on TWEN no later than the deadline. For more information, contact Savannah Files at sfiles@mail.stmarytx.edu, or visit our website www.stmaryslawjournal.org.

Events

MBE Advantage

Kick off bar prep with MBE Advantage – a two-day Barbri workshop to help prepare all St. Mary’s 3L students for the multiple choice portion of the bar exam. The program will start at 9:00 a.m. May 14-

15, and will meet in LC 101/102/103. Lunch will be provided both days. Interested participants must register with Patricia Solano at psolano@stmarytx.edu by May 9th.

Raise the Bar Intro Sessions

Raise the Bar has one mission—to help you pass the bar exam! We offer individualized feedback, one-on-one assistance, schedule planning, and information about the Texas examiners, as well as incentives for people enrolled in the program.

Please attend one of our 20 minute INTRO SESSIONS to receive enrollment details:

- Monday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. in LC104
- Tuesday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. in LC105
- Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in LC105
- Thursday, April 26 at 4:30 p.m. in LC104
- Friday, April 27 at 2:30 p.m. in LC104

Announcements

Interested in a Joint Degree?

If you are interested in a joint degree, come on out to an information meeting Monday, April 23, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in LC 101. The other schools will be available to answer questions on opportunities, registration, requirements and more.

Dean's Research Fellows is Hiring

Class of 2020 (full time) and 2021 (part time) 2L students are invited to submit their resume for consideration of becoming a Dean's Research Fellow. There will be five available upcoming openings in the Dean's Research Fellows starting this summer. The Dean's Research Fellows Program performs a variety of legal research for the Dean, law faculty, and the University. Researchers will need to work between 10 and 20 hours a week on writing or research projects at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. If interested, please submit resume to Professor Mike Martinez at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu. See us on CORE as well!

Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships

Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships: For students who commit to work on legal matters for veterans, with the Veterans Advocacy Project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA). Fellowships (\$4,000 or \$2,000) available for Summer 2018, Fall 2018, and/or Spring 2019. **Online application due May 20, 2017. Applications for Summer encouraged by April 27.** <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/moody-foundation-veterans-law-fellowships/>

Externship Program

The Externship course combines a specialized curriculum that supports your professional development while working with seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel office. If you have a summer internship offer and are interested in registering for the course, contact us before finals! Find us during the last three Popcorn Wednesdays (Law Commons 12pm-1pm) or make an Externship Counseling appointment on CORE with Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Externships. There are plenty of fall internship opportunities open on CORE. It is never too early to talk to us about enrollment in future semesters. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines.

Final Exam Policies

General policies

Faculty will not proctor exams. This task will be undertaken by outside, independent proctors hired by the law school. Proctors are to supervise the exam process, enforce rules, and eliminate the opportunity to cheat. Each Proctor shall treat all students with respect at all times. Each exam room will have assigned seat numbers prominently displayed in front of the seats in the room. Students will be seated, following the check-in process described below, according to the randomly-assigned seat numbers provided to the Proctors by the Office of the Associate Dean. Students will not have access to this list prior to the check-in process.

Check-in procedure

Students may not enter their exam room any earlier than 15 minutes (i.e., 7:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., or 5:45 p.m.) before the scheduled start. No student will be checked into the exam room until fifteen minutes before the scheduled exam time. Any student who is in the exam room before the official check-in time will be asked to leave the exam room by the proctor until the formal check-in process begins.

Students will be checked-in to their assigned exam room by presenting their St. Mary's-issued student photo ID to the proctor. The student will be confirmed by the proctor and told her/his seat number for that exam. Students without the proper ID will not be allowed in the exam room. The check-in table will have ear plugs, pencils (if the exam is using a scantron), and, if the exam allows both laptop and handwriting, a blue book for students who are handwriting. Students who are handwriting may pick-up only one (1) blue book upon check-in. If a second blue book is needed once the exam is underway, the student will raise her/his hand and the proctor will bring a second blue book to the student.

Students arriving late to the exam will be checked in according to the above procedure in the regular exam room, and will not be given any additional time to complete their exam.

Proctors will NOT have access to the students' exam numbers at any time during the exam administration. It is the responsibility of the student to have her/his exam number prior to entering the exam room.

Students must keep their photo ID face-up on their desk top by their seat number throughout the exam.

Students can have only their photo ID, pencils, erasers, a pencil sharpener, pens, and highlighters at their seat. If a student is using a laptop computer with ExamSoft already loaded, the student may also have the laptop and its power cord at their seat.

Items not allowed in the exam room

Students may not bring any of the following banned devices into the exam room:

- Cell phones
- Smart watches
- Tablets
- Any other electronic device (except for a laptop if the exam can be taken using ExamSoft or as otherwise approved by the individual professor)
- Drinks in any sort of container
- Food, candy, gum, etc.

Students are strongly urged not to bring any backpacks, purses, clutches, rolling bags, or the like into the exam room. **If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium.** Please note that if a large number of students bring these items to the exam room and place them at the front of the room, it may be disruptive or a nuisance when it comes time to retrieve them at the end of the exam.

For an exam that is modified closed (faculty may allow their students to bring in specific items such as textbook, code book, printed notes, printed outlines, or non-wireless calculator, and this will be conveyed to the proctor in the manifest) the student must carry the items in her/his hands. **If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium.**

Hats, caps, sunglasses, keys, etc. must be placed in the students' bags at the front of the room OR on the floor by their seat. These items may not be on the desktop.

The Associate Dean's Office will inform the proctor if the professor has approved the usage of scratch paper.

Exam pledge and handing out exams

Students will be required to complete the *School of Law Exam Pledge*, placed by their assigned seat prior to check-in, for each exam in each course. By completing the *Exam Pledge*, the student certifies that he/she does not have a cell phone or other banned electronic device, and acknowledges that the student will submit all required exam materials at the end of the exam.

The Exam Pledge will be kept in the Office of the Associate Dean and will NOT be given to the professor.

Other material that may be placed at each assigned seat, depending on the type of exam and instructions by the professor, include a scantron, blue book (if laptops are not allowed and answers are to be handwritten only), or scratch paper (if allowed by the professor).

The exams will be handed out to each student while picking-up the completed *Exam Pledge* according to their numbered seat/test number at the start of the scheduled exam time (i.e., 8:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.) unless there is still a line for students waiting to be checked in by the proctor. **The Proctor will not give an exam to a student without first picking up the completed Exam Pledge. No exam will be placed at a seat unless the student is in her/his place.**

Preparing to start the exam – handwriting and lapping

Students must place their exam number on all exam materials. Student names must **never** be written on any exam materials.

All laptop users **must** bring and use a power adapter for their computer. If they do not bring it with them, they must write their exam in a bluebook.

Students planning to type their exam must run the law school's prescribed exam software regardless of whether the exam is open book or closed book. Students must download ExamSoft (for exams where allowed) prior to the start of the exam period.

Students who intend to laptop must immediately launch ExamSoft when they enter the exam room and shall not turn on their computers and pull up their notes, outline, etc. to study in the exam room. Students cannot connect to the internet except for the SoftTest website.

Students who are lapping must get to the "Stop" (PC) or "i" (Mac) screen and wait for further instructions from the professor. The "Spell Check" feature has been disabled for ExamSoft users.

Students planning to type using ExamSoft who are not able to successfully launch SoftTest at the start of the exam must handwrite. Any lost time will not be given back to the student to complete the exam.

The start of an exam will not be delayed to wait for a laptop user to finish uploading or launching the exam. A laptop user MUST be ready and at the "STOP" (for PC) or "i" (for Mac) when all other students

in the exam room are ready to begin. Any laptop user who is NOT ready MUST handwrite and will be handed a blue book by the proctor.

If a laptop crashes or freezes during an exam, the student will be given a blue book and allowed to complete the exam by handwriting the remainder of the exam, but no extra time will be allowed for the exam. The Administration will ensure the professor receives both the portion of the exam completed on ExamSoft and the portion completed in a blue book.

If a student arrives late to an exam she/he will NOT be allowed to laptop and MUST handwrite.

Bluebook writers and laptop users will begin their exams at the same time.

During the exam

Proctors will use the on-screen stopwatch to post the exam time for the room; it will provide a countdown of the time remaining on the exam that all students can see.

Proctors are required to QUIETLY walk around during the examination approximately at unpredictable intervals every hour of the exam. In rooms where there are 2 proctors, 1 proctor will be at the back of the room and 1 proctor at the front throughout the exam.

Students who are handwriting receive 1 blue book at check-in. If a student needs a second blue book to complete the exam, the student must raise his/her hand and the proctor will bring the blue book to the student. A student should not rip pages from the Bluebook.

Students will be instructed to raise their hands if they have a question or problem once the exam is in progress. Proctors will walk to the student to answer any questions once the exam is in progress.

Students are permitted to use the restrooms only in the building where they are taking the exam; only one student is allowed to be out of the exam room for a restroom break at a time. Students must leave their student ID and all exam materials with the proctor in the front of the room and may not take any materials with them during an exam break. Students will provide their test number to the proctor, who will log the departure and return time of the student on a log sheet. Each restroom will have a dedicated proctor. Students must return within five minutes and will not receive additional time on their exam.

Students are **not** permitted to leave the building where they are taking an exam for any reason until they have completed their exam.

Students are **not** permitted to leave their seats during the last 5 minutes of the exam.

Exam conclusion

No student is allowed to leave the room, or turn in her/his exam, during the last 5 minutes of the exam.

The proctor will announce when 5 minutes are remaining and that all students are to remain in their seats until time is called. The proctor will loudly announce "STOP WORK" at the end of the exam time. Any student who continues to write or type will be noted on the Exam Manifest by the proctor and reported to the Administration, with the exact amount of time the student continued to write or type.

Students using ExamSoft must upload their completed exam at the end of the exam administration once time has been called by the proctor. A "Congratulations" screen will appear after a successful upload. A student shall not leave the classroom until she/he has received this notice. If a student fails to upload their exam immediately after the exam has ended and before leaving the exam room, the professor will be notified of the delay and the extent of the delay by the law school administration. The professor may lower the student's grade based on the reported delay.

Once the student has turned in the examination and any required supporting materials (scantron, blue book, scratch paper) he/she must leave the room as quickly as possible and proceed outside.

Students must leave the building once they have completed their exam and are not to remain in the hallways where they could cause a disturbance to other students still taking an exam.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school after your first semester, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

Student Organizations

Technology and Intellectual Property Association

If you would like to join the Technology and Intellectual Property Association please see the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association page on Rattler Tracks at <https://stmarytx.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/TechIPLaw> or visit their FaceBook page at www.facebook.com.

Health & Wellness

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Chopped Salad with Shrimp, Blue Cheese and Bacon

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/chopped-salad-with-shrimp-blue-cheese-and-bacon/>

7 Freestyle Points 368 calories

Total Time: 20 minutes

This hearty Chopped Salad with Shrimp, Avocado, Blue Cheese and Bacon is simple and satisfying. Great for lunch or dinner!

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 slices center cut bacon, chopped
- 1/2 pound peeled and deveined shrimp
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 ounce butter lettuce, chopped
- 1 small corn on the cobb, grilled or roasted
- 1 ounce blue cheese or gorgonzola
- 1/2 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 2 ounces diced avocado (1 half small haas)
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- kosher salt and black pepper, to taste

DIRECTIONS:

1. Heat a skillet over medium heat and add the bacon. Cook until crisp and the fat is rendered.
2. Transfer the bacon to a paper towel using a slotted spoon.
3. Remove all but 1 teaspoon of the bacon grease and discard the rest.
4. Add the shrimp and garlic to the skillet and cook 3 minutes, until opaque. Remove and chop into bite sized pieces.
5. To assemble the salad divide between 2 plates or toss everything together in a large bowl.
6. Serve right away, drizzled with 1 teaspoon olive oil, salt and pepper over each salad.

NUTRITION INFORMATION

Yield: 2 servings, Serving Size: 1 salad

- *Amount Per Serving:*
- Freestyle Points: 7
- Points +: 9
- Calories: 368 calories
- Total Fat: 19g
- Saturated Fat: 6g
- Cholesterol: 188mg
- Sodium: 590mg
- Carbohydrates: 14.5g
- Fiber: 4g
- Sugar: 3g
- Protein: 35g

Notices

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain

such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/studentsservices/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now

Spring Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply. Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the below confidential monthly education meetings for lawyers, judges and law students seeking help while healing from depression, addiction, job stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, Second Floor

For more information, contact ileana Velazquez, 210.431.4225 or ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu or visit www.tlaphelps.org.

Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.
Deadline is the last day of every month.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition.
www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf. \$2,500. Deadline is April 27, 2018.

Intellectual Property Law Section. State Bar of Texas. <https://texasbariplaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-SBOT-IP-Section-Scholarship-App-Form.pdf>. Two \$5,000 scholarships.
Deadline is May 1, 2018.

Municipal Judges Section of the State Bar of Texas. \$500.00. Deadline is May11, 2018.

Austin Bar Foundation & Austin LGBT Bar Association. Two \$3,000 scholarships. www.austingbtbar.org/scholarship. Deadline is May 30, 2018.

Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/>. \$1,250. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. <http://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline is June 1, 2018.

American Planning Association.
<https://www.planning.org/divisions/planningandlaw/writingcompetition/>. \$2,000, \$400, \$100.
Deadline is June 4, 2018.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Alpert Screyer, LLC. <https://dcmldlaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Zavodnick, Zavodnick & Lasky, LLC.
<http://www.yourdelawareworkerscompensation.lawyer/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is June 30, 2018.*

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500.
Deadline is July 1, 2018.
https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.auth_checkdam.pdf

Chicago-Kent College of Law/Roy C. Palmer Civil Liberties Prize. www.kentlaw.iit.edu/palmer-prize.
\$10,000. Deadline to apply is July 1, 2018.

Theodore Tannewald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence Tax Scholarship.
<https://www.tannenwald.org/2018-Competition-Announcement>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. Deadline is July 6, 2018.

Bourdon Defence. <http://www.bourdondefence.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is August 31, 2018.

Abels & Annes. <https://www.davebels.com/scholarship>. \$1,500. Deadline to apply is December 15, 2018.*

Berkowitz & Myer. <http://berkmyer.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is January15, 2019.*

WITAN

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

Congratulations

Board of Advocates – New Members

Congratulations to the new members of the Board of Advocates and the National Team. The new Board of Advocates Executive Board is as follow:

Chair:	Oscar Gonzalez
Vice Chair:	Hannah Cramer
Secretary:	Chance Wolfe
Treasurer:	Marina Lewis
Historian:	Antrivia Powe

The new Board of Advocates members approved by the Faculty Advocacy Committee are as follow:

Alvarez, Leslie
Bellows, Bradley
Berlanga, Sarah
Bright, Ann
Coats, Deandra
Denis, Aisha
Farias, Oscar
Gay, Contessa
Kellum, Casey
Land, Cynthia (Morgan)
Levy, Diego
Martinez, Daniel E.
Martinez, Daniel G.
McHorse, Kara
Morgan, Caitlin
Pena, Frank
Power, Carly
Schlagel, Tiffany
Stevens, Felicia
Sepeda, Joseph
Wolfe, Jacob

The National Team expanded from 31 current members to 63 members in 2018-2019 to allow more students the opportunity to put their skills to the test. The 45 new members are as follow:

Jessup

Denman, Mark
Laielli, Lindsey
Lee, Brianna
Loudermilk, Nancy
Vollmer, Louise
Quintana, Mireya

ADR

Berlanga, Sarah
Comalander, Devan
Cruz, Pearl
Fisher, Tamra
Gay, Tessa
Martinez, Daniel
Nelson, Scott
Salinas, Ricardo
Segura, Marcos
Wallace, Chandler
Winslow, Amanda

Mock Team

Allgair, Lex
Arce, Ricardo
Barteck, Kayla
Burgess, Tiffany
Del Rio, Alexis
Pitlock, Michael Duffy
Land, Cynthia
Lewis, Marina
Green, John
Ledsinger, Megan
McHorse, Kara
Schlagel, Tiffany
Siler, Holi
Simmons, Amber
Taylor, Tanisha
Quintana, Mireya

Moot Team

Aguilar, Francisco
Abou-Hossa, Nadeen
Cooper, Nicole
Covey, Natsumi
Daniels, Stephanie
Gallaher, Otto
Laielli, Lindsey
LaVaude, Catherine
Liu, Kelsey
Reed, Emily
Stone, David
Theodosiou, Lorin

OCS News You Can Use

OCS Snack Breaks

Join the Office of Career Services for OCS Study Breaks on Monday, April 30 and Monday, May 7 from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. OCS will have coffee, snacks, fruit and candy available. Good luck on finals from OCS!

Career Services Summer Hours

Rest assured, you can continue to access our advising, mock interview, and document review assistance (not to mention the coffee and candy) all summer. Beginning on Monday, May 14, our office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Summer Legal Experience

It is not too late to secure a legal position this summer. We encourage you to focus on finals and then restart your summer job search. Look for opportunities in CORE and schedule an appointment with one of our career advisors to develop a networking strategy for finding a good "fit" for the summer.

Judicial Observership Deadline Extended to Friday

St. Mary's partners with local county and district court judges to offer a Judicial Observer program in which students are matched with a criminal or civil judge during Summer I or Summer II to get exposure to the courthouse, practicing attorneys, and the inside of a courtroom. These observer positions are extremely flexible, and can be worked around summer classes and other summer work commitments. We have extended the deadline to apply in CORE until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27.

Student Organizations

The St. Mary's Law journal-Writing Competition

The St. Mary's Law Journal is excited to announce its annual Write-On Competition for qualified first-year students interested in becoming Staff Writers for 2018-2019 academic year. The write-on packet, including instructions and all necessary materials, will be available at the Law Journal office (Law Library 2nd floor) starting Friday, May 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. The **deadline** to return completed packets will be **Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** Submissions must be made at the Law Journal office or on TWEN no later than the deadline. For more information, contact Savannah Files at sfiles@mail.stmarytx.edu, or visit our website www.stmaryslawjournal.org.

Events

MBE Advantage

Kick off bar prep with MBE Advantage – a two-day Barbri workshop to help prepare all St. Mary's 3L students for the multiple choice portion of the bar exam. The program will start at 9:00 a.m. May 14-15, and will meet in LC 101/102/103. Lunch will be provided both days. Interested participants must register with Patricia Solano at psolano@stmarytx.edu by May 9th.

Raise the Bar Intro Sessions

Raise the Bar has one mission—to help you pass the bar exam! We offer individualized feedback, one-on-one assistance, schedule planning, and information about the Texas examiners, as well as incentives for people enrolled in the program.

Please attend one of our 20 minute INTRO SESSIONS to receive enrollment details:

- Thursday, April 26 at 4:30 p.m. in LC104
- Friday, April 27 at 2:30 p.m. in LC104

Announcements

Interested in a Joint Degree?

If you are interested in a joint degree, come on out to an information meeting Monday, April 23, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in LC 101. The other schools will be available to answer questions on opportunities, registration, requirements and more.

Dean's Research Fellows is Hiring

All 2L students are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow. There will be five available upcoming openings starting this summer. The Dean's Research Fellows Program performs a variety of legal research for the Dean, law faculty, and the University. Researchers will need to work between 10 and 20 hours a week on writing or research projects at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. If interested, please submit resume to Professor Mike Martinez at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu no later than April 30. See us on CORE as well!

Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships

Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships: For students who commit to work on legal matters for veterans, with the Veterans Advocacy Project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA). Fellowships (\$4,000 or \$2,000) available for Summer 2018, Fall 2018, and/or Spring 2019. **Online application due May 20, 2017. Applications for Summer encouraged by April**

27. <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/moody-foundation-veterans-law-fellowships/>

Externship Program

The Externship course combines a specialized curriculum that supports your professional development while working with seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel office. If you have a summer internship offer and are interested in registering for the course, contact us before finals! Find us during the last three Popcorn Wednesdays (Law Commons 12pm-1pm) or make an Externship Counseling appointment on CORE with Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Externships. There are plenty of fall internship opportunities open on CORE. It is never too early to talk to us about enrollment in future semesters. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines.

Final Exam Policies

General policies

Faculty will not proctor exams. This task will be undertaken by outside, independent proctors hired by the law school. Proctors are to supervise the exam process, enforce rules, and eliminate the opportunity to cheat. Each Proctor shall treat all students with respect at all times. Each exam room will have assigned seat numbers prominently displayed in front of the seats in the room. Students will be seated, following the check-in process described below, according to the randomly-assigned seat numbers provided to the Proctors by the Office of the Associate Dean. Students will not have access to this list prior to the check-in process.

Check-in procedure

Students may not enter their exam room any earlier than 15 minutes (i.e., 7:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., or 5:45 p.m.) before the scheduled start. No student will be checked into the exam room until fifteen minutes before the scheduled exam time. Any student who is in the exam room before the official check-in time will be asked to leave the exam room by the proctor until the formal check-in process begins.

Students will be checked-in to their assigned exam room by presenting their St. Mary's-issued student photo ID to the proctor. The student will be confirmed by the proctor and told her/his seat number for that exam. Students without the proper ID will not be allowed in the exam room. The check-in table will have ear plugs, pencils (if the exam is using a scantron), and, if the exam allows both laptop and handwriting, a blue book for students who are handwriting. Students who are handwriting may pick-up only one (1) blue book upon check-in. If a second blue book is needed once the exam is underway, the student will raise her/his hand and the proctor will bring a second blue book to the student.

Students arriving late to the exam will be checked in according to the above procedure in the regular exam room, and will not be given any additional time to complete their exam.

Proctors will NOT have access to the students' exam numbers at any time during the exam administration. It is the responsibility of the student to have her/his exam number prior to entering the exam room.

Students must keep their photo ID face-up on their desk top by their seat number throughout the exam.

Students can have only their photo ID, pencils, erasers, a pencil sharpener, pens, and highlighters at their seat. If a student is using a laptop computer with ExamSoft already loaded, the student may also have the laptop and its power cord at their seat.

Items not allowed in the exam room

Students may not bring any of the following banned devices into the exam room:

- Cell phones
- Smart watches
- Tablets
- Any other electronic device (except for a laptop if the exam can be taken using ExamSoft or as otherwise approved by the individual professor)
- Drinks in any sort of container
- Food, candy, gum, etc.

Students are strongly urged not to bring any backpacks, purses, clutches, rolling bags, or the like into the exam room. **If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium.** Please note that if a large number of students bring these items to the exam room and place them at the front of the room, it may be disruptive or a nuisance when it comes time to retrieve them at the end of the exam.

For an exam that is modified closed (faculty may allow their students to bring in specific items such as textbook, code book, printed notes, printed outlines, or non-wireless calculator, and this will be conveyed to the proctor in the manifest) the student must carry the items in her/his hands. **If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium.**

Hats, caps, sunglasses, keys, etc. must be placed in the students' bags at the front of the room OR on the floor by their seat. These items may not be on the desktop.

The Associate Dean's Office will inform the proctor if the professor has approved the usage of scratch paper.

Exam pledge and handing out exams

Students will be required to complete the *School of Law Exam Pledge*, placed by their assigned seat prior to check-in, for each exam in each course. By completing the *Exam Pledge*, the student certifies that he/she does not have a cell phone or other banned electronic device, and acknowledges that the student will submit all required exam materials at the end of the exam.

The Exam Pledge will be kept in the Office of the Associate Dean and will NOT be given to the professor.

Other material that may be placed at each assigned seat, depending on the type of exam and instructions by the professor, include a scantron, blue book (if laptops are not allowed and answers are to be handwritten only), or scratch paper (if allowed by the professor).

The exams will be handed out to each student while picking-up the completed *Exam Pledge* according to their numbered seat/test number at the start of the scheduled exam time (i.e., 8:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.) unless there is still a line for students waiting to be checked in by the proctor. **The Proctor will not give an exam to a student without first picking up the completed Exam Pledge. No exam will be placed at a seat unless the student is in her/his place.**

Preparing to start the exam – handwriting and lapping

Students must place their exam number on all exam materials. Student names must **never** be written on any exam materials.

All laptop users **must** bring and use a power adapter for their computer. If they do not bring it with them, they must write their exam in a bluebook.

Students planning to type their exam must run the law school's prescribed exam software regardless of whether the exam is open book or closed book. Students must download ExamSoft (for exams where allowed) prior to the start of the exam period.

Students who intend to laptop must immediately launch ExamSoft when they enter the exam room and shall not turn on their computers and pull up their notes, outline, etc. to study in the exam room. Students cannot connect to the internet except for the SoftTest website.

Students who are lapping must get to the "Stop" (PC) or "i" (Mac) screen and wait for further instructions from the professor. The "Spell Check" feature has been disabled for ExamSoft users.

Students planning to type using ExamSoft who are not able to successfully launch SoftTest at the start of the exam must handwrite. Any lost time will not be given back to the student to complete the exam.

The start of an exam will not be delayed to wait for a laptop user to finish uploading or launching the exam. A laptop user MUST be ready and at the "STOP" (for PC) or "i" (for Mac) when all other students in the exam room are ready to begin. Any laptop user who is NOT ready MUST handwrite and will be handed a blue book by the proctor.

If a laptop crashes or freezes during an exam, the student will be given a blue book and allowed to complete the exam by handwriting the remainder of the exam, but no extra time will be allowed for the exam. The Administration will ensure the professor receives both the portion of the exam completed on ExamSoft and the portion completed in a blue book.

If a student arrives late to an exam she/he will NOT be allowed to laptop and MUST handwrite.

Bluebook writers and laptop users will begin their exams at the same time.

During the exam

Proctors will use the on-screen stopwatch to post the exam time for the room; it will provide a countdown of the time remaining on the exam that all students can see.

Proctors are required to QUIETLY walk around during the examination approximately at unpredictable intervals every hour of the exam. In rooms where there are 2 proctors, 1 proctor will be at the back of the room and 1 proctor at the front throughout the exam.

Students who are handwriting receive 1 blue book at check-in. If a student needs a second blue book to complete the exam, the student must raise his/her hand and the proctor will bring the blue book to the student. A student should not rip pages from the Bluebook.

Students will be instructed to raise their hands if they have a question or problem once the exam is in progress. Proctors will walk to the student to answer any questions once the exam is in progress.

Students are permitted to use the restrooms only in the building where they are taking the exam; only one student is allowed to be out of the exam room for a restroom break at a time. Students must leave their student ID and all exam materials with the proctor in the front of the room and may not take any materials with them during an exam break. Students will provide their test number to the proctor, who will log the departure and return time of the student on a log sheet. Each restroom will have a dedicated proctor. Students must return within five minutes and will not receive additional time on their exam.

Students are **not** permitted to leave the building where they are taking an exam for any reason until they have completed their exam.

Students are **not** permitted to leave their seats during the last 5 minutes of the exam.

Exam conclusion

No student is allowed to leave the room, or turn in her/his exam, during the last 5 minutes of the exam.

The proctor will announce when 5 minutes are remaining and that all students are to remain in their seats until time is called proctor will loudly announce "STOP WORK" at the end of the exam time. Any student who continues to write or type will be noted on the Exam Manifest by the proctor and reported to the Administration, with the exact amount of time the student continued to write or type.

Students using ExamSoft must upload their completed exam at the end of the exam administration once time has been called by the proctor. A "Congratulations" screen will appear after a successful upload. A student shall not leave the classroom until she/he has received this notice. If a student fails to upload their exam immediately after the exam has ended and before leaving the exam room, the professor will be notified of the delay and the extent of the delay by the law school administration. The professor may lower the student's grade based on the reported delay.

Once the student has turned in the examination and any required supporting materials (scantron, blue book, scratch paper) he/she must leave the room as quickly as possible and proceed outside.

Students must leave the building once they have completed their exam and are not to remain in the hallways where they could cause a disturbance to other students still taking an exam.

Young Achievers Mentor Program (Spring 2018)

The Young Achievers Mentor Program offers talented individuals the opportunity to mentor high-achieving youth at four middle schools throughout San Antonio. During this 12-week experience, mentors engage in weekly one-on-one meetings designed to affect positive change in a student's personal and intellectual development. Last year's program featured a record 50 mentors, including 7 students from St. Mary's School of Law, who combined to donate nearly 400 hours of support and encouragement to our members! Few things in life are better than helping others. So whether you're looking for a new challenge, exploring a curiosity, or hoping to pay homage to your mentor, we hope you will consider joining the Young Achievers Mentor Program. To express interest in becoming a mentor contact Program Director David Rockett at drockett@begreatsa.org. To find out more please visit <http://www.begreatsa.org>.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school after your first semester, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes by emailing Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

Student Organizations

Technology and Intellectual Property Association

If you would like to join the Technology and Intellectual Property Association please see the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association page on Rattler Tracks at <https://stmarytx.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/TechIPLaw> or visit their FaceBook page at www.facebook.com.

Health & Wellness

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball team or if you have interest in leading a small yoga or meditation group of law students, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Notices

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Networking, Flexible Hours, \$10/HR - Apply Now

Spring Development Associates for St. Mary's School of Law Gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies in the judiciary and private practice. Apply to become a Phonathon caller. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts and proceeds help support Scholarships and the Law Success Program. Associates must commit to complete 18 hours of calling over a 3 week period. Scheduling is flexible and associates will be paid \$10/hr. Visit tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate to apply. Questions? Contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu for more information.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba Building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook! For more information contact Mr. Trevor Deason at trevorjdeason@gmail.com.

Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu for an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) provides confidential support to law students for wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care. Their website is www.tlaphelps.org/law-students. TLAP sponsors the

below confidential monthly education meetings for lawyers, judges and law students seeking help while healing from depression, addiction, job stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Thursdays 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Legal Professions AA, St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, Main Building, Second Floor

For more information, contact ileana Velazquez, 210.431.4225 or ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu or visit www.tlaphelps.org.

Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. *Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Deadline is the last day of every month.

Intellectual Property Law Section. State Bar of Texas. <https://texasbariplaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-SBOT-IP-Section-Scholarship-App-Form.pdf>. Two \$5,000 scholarships. Deadline is May 1, 2018.

Municipal Judges Section of the State Bar of Texas. \$500.00. Deadline is May 11, 2018.

Hispanic National Bar Association LGBT Division. \$5,000. <https://us4.campaign-archive.com/?u=df9a27c10b6d6ba38ba001440&id=679c933889>. Deadline is May 15, 2018.

Austin Bar Foundation & Austin LGBT Bar Association. Two \$3,000 scholarships. www.austingbtbar.org/scholarship. Deadline is May 30, 2018.

Randolph Rice Injury Attorneys. <https://www.riceinjuryattorneys.com/scholarship/>. \$1,250. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. <http://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline is June 1, 2018.

American Planning Association. <https://www.planning.org/divisions/planningandlaw/writingcompetition/>. \$2,000, \$400, \$100. Deadline is June 4, 2018.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Alpert Screyer, LLC. <https://dcmldlaw.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Zavodnick, Zavodnick & Lasky, LLC.
<http://www.yourdelawareworkerscompensation.lawyer/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline is June 30, 2018.

ABA Criminal Justice Section. 2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2018.
https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.auth_checkdam.pdf

Chicago-Kent College of Law/Roy C. Palmer Civil Liberties Prize. www.kentlaw.iit.edu/palmer-prize. \$10,000. Deadline to apply is July 1, 2018.

Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence Tax Scholarship.
<https://www.tannenwald.org/2018-Competition-Announcement>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. Deadline is July 6, 2018.

Bourdon Defence. <http://www.bourdondefence.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is August 31, 2018.

Abels & Annes. <https://www.davebels.com/scholarship>. \$1,500. Deadline to apply is December 15, 2018.*

Berkowitz & Myer. <http://berkmyer.com/scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is January 15, 2019.*