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# WITAN St. Mary's University School of Law

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## Issue 1 - August 17, 2020



## Welcome to the 2020-2021 Academic Year

I'm delighted to join our faculty, staff and returning students in welcoming the newest members of our community, our incoming first-year, LL.M. and M.Jur. students. In my short time as dean, I can already attest to the welcoming and supportive community you will find at St. Mary's School of Law. We've been working all summer to be sure that all of our students have the opportunity for an engaging experience with their coursework and continued experiential learning, pro bono, and professionalism training for our future servant leaders. From Sister Grace's Community Zoom circles; to a new bar prep tool for all J.D. students; to a pilot for mentoring with alumnae and a new student organization to make you SMILE; to online career strategy and networking opportunities; to online engagement with student organizations; and a new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee, I hope you will find something that connects you to the rest of your St. Mary's Family. While we may not be able to all be together on campus, those of us who are here will be reaching out to stay connected with those of you who are without us for just a little while. Stay healthy, safe and well, so that our campus can again be a gathering place for those who answer the call to serve in this profession.

I look forward to meeting you, in person or electronically! You can reach me at [proberts6@stmarytx.edu](mailto:proberts6@stmarytx.edu).

Dean Roberts



## OCS News You Can Use

Welcome/welcome back, y'all! The Office of Career Strategy is excited for this semester to get underway. Be sure to check your inboxes for the new weekly OCS e-mail newsletter, complete with hot jobs, events, and career development tips

Each week, we will also be sure to include a list of upcoming events on here so that you don't miss out on the chance to learn from and connect with outstanding lawyers in San Antonio and across the state.

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<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/compliance/research-compliance/>

### **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 student ID to check out equipment.

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Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry  
(210) 436-3063  
RABA 105  
[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)  
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(210) 431-5080  
[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center  
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor  
(210) 436-3506—office line  
(210) 436-3656—fax line  
[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center  
Campus Recreation AACC 2145  
210-436-3997  
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



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Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

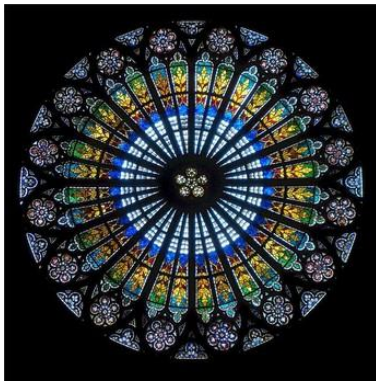
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## Ministry

### Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry is not conducting weekday or Sunday masses until further notice. For more information, you may contact University Ministry directly at 210.431.3213 or [university.ministry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:university.ministry@stmarytx.edu).



## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

American Planning Association. <https://lawprofessors.typepad.com/files/apa-pld-student-writing-competition-2020.pdf> \$2,000, \$400, \$100. Deadline to apply is 12/01/2020.



## Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

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## Stay Updated

Please visit the St. Mary's University [Emergency Notifications page](#) to learn the latest on COVID-19.





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- Tuesday, September 1, 4:00 p.m., Pathways to the Profession: Family Law
- Wednesday, September 2, 4:00 p.m., Camp Gladiator
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## **Student Organizations**

### **Welcome Marco Cepeda: A Discussion on Custody During a Pandemic**

Monday, August 24, 2020

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Remote-Zoom ID: 953 6843 4428

The Family Law Association is hosting Mr. Marco Cepeda, an experienced local family law attorney, to conduct a meaningful discussion on custody disputes during the pandemic. The presentation will be followed by a Question & Answer session to provide students the opportunity to network and learn about the topic. This event is open to everyone. For more information, please contact Sabrina Salinas at [ssalinas28@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:ssalinas28@mail.stmarytx.edu).

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**Thursday, October 22** - The St. Mary's School of Law and Catholic Lawyers' Guild of San Antonio invite members of the legal community from all faiths to the 68th Annual Red Mass, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., San Fernando Cathedral. The Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=79215> or contact Sister

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## Help prevent the spread of Covid-19

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Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

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Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday’s at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

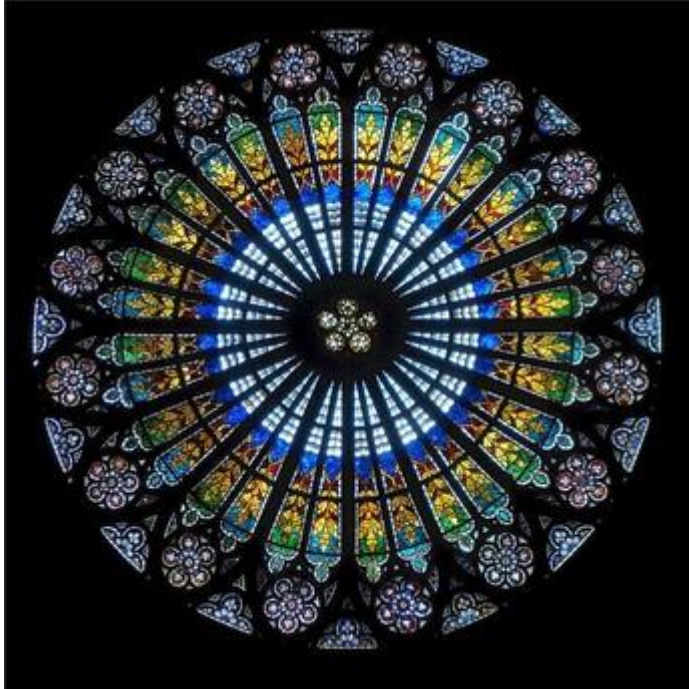
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

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## Issue 3 - August 31, 2020

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student stmu email address, family member name(s) and family member mailing address or contact Bebe Gonzalez, [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) or (210) 436-3540.

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### **Labor Day Holiday**

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### Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

### Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?

#### What You Should Know

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

### **Claim Your Free ABA Membership**

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare, let the American Bar Association help. [Join the ABA today for free and enjoy access to a multitude of resources to help you succeed.](#)

- Complimentary membership in up to five Member Groups like the Law Student Division, Civil Rights & Social Justice, Family Law and other law practice areas
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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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### **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/compliance/research-compliance/>

### **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.



## **Academic Support**

### **Law School Resources**

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)



(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank at Holy Rosary Church**

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Your St. Mary's student ID is required.



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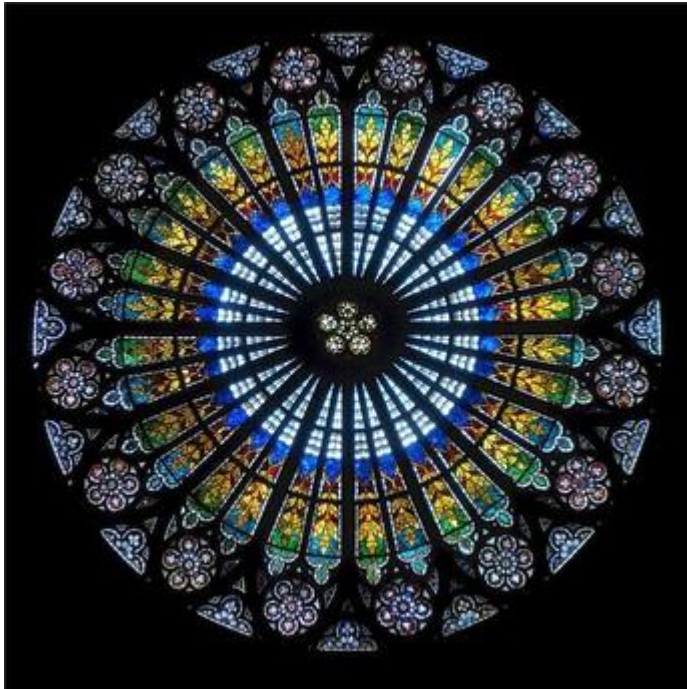
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**Issue 4 – September 8, 2020**



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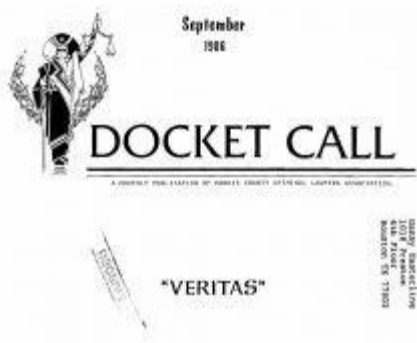
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- Tuesday, September 15, 4:00 p.m., Pathways to the Profession: Big Law, Zoom ID: 945 7779 6591
- Wednesday, September 16, 4:00 p.m., Well-Rounded Wednesday: Managing Your Money During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Zoom ID: 965 8443 8686
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Register no later than September 10 for complimentary tickets to the Sixteenth Annual Virtual Corporate Counsel Women of Color Career Strategies Conference - September 30-October 2, 2020.

A few complimentary tickets remain for up to 25 law students to attend their Millennial bootcamp Wednesday, September 30th.

Comp Link to Register

The comp link to register law student attendees for the *Corporate Counsel Women of Color (CCWC) and Hogan Lovells 16th Annual Career Strategies Conference* can be accessed at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/kyq6cb/4W?ct=30fd87fa-8a9e-4ae5-9593-aa39cf62e332>

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Conference Agenda

[https://ccwomenofcolor.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-CCWC-SCHEDULE\\_8.4.pdf](https://ccwomenofcolor.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-CCWC-SCHEDULE_8.4.pdf).



## **Assist with campus tours and Admissions events: Join Law Student Recruitment Corps**

The Office of Admissions seeks current students to provide a warm welcome to prospective students pursuing a St. Mary's Law education. Volunteers assist Admissions throughout recruit events (all-virtual at the moment), providing personal testimonies and sharing their unique background as a current student. Recruit events entail speaking at student discussion panels, reaching out to students via phone to spark interest in attending St. Mary's, and participating actively in zoom information sessions to answer any questions. During regular in-person events, volunteers assist in open houses, admitted student meetings, orientation, and campus tours. Please contact Dean Casiano, [ccasiano@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ccasiano@stmarytx.edu) for more information.



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Law students, lawyers, and others can visit [www.canivote.org](http://www.canivote.org) and click on the “[Become a Poll Worker](#)” tab to find out how to serve in their jurisdictions. Depending on the state, tasks may range from staffing polling places to processing returned ballot envelopes and more.

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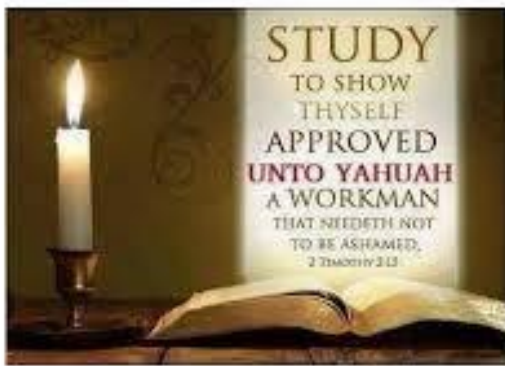
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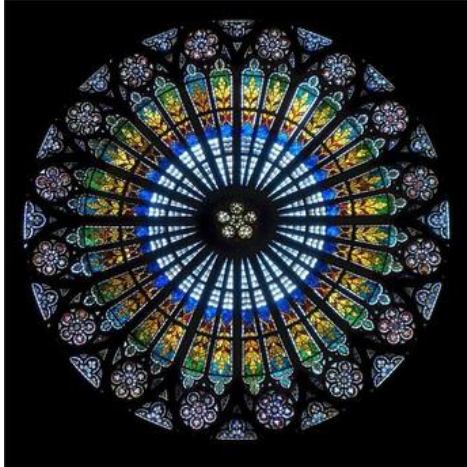
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1L Honor Court Justice - Runoff Election

- Ashlyn Scott
- Jeena Marie Gutierrez

## Congratulations to the newly elected 2020-2021 SBA Senators

1L Senators

- Claude Johnson
- Dianisa Sosa
- Joshua Johnston
- Kathryn Cantu
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## **Mark your Calendar for Red Mass**

The St. Mary's School of Law and Catholic Lawyers' Guild of San Antonio invite members of the legal community from all faiths to the 68th Annual Red Mass. The Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio, will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

Red Mass will be live streamed Thursday, October 22, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=79215> or contact Sister Grace Walle, F.M.I., D.Min., St. Mary's School of Law Campus Minister at (210) 436-3063 or [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).



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A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Texas Health Law Conference**

The Health Law Section of the State Bar of Texas is *virtually* sponsoring the annual Texas Health Law Conference on October 5-6, 2020. This year's conference theme is "Searching for Legal Clarity in Times of Crises". Details about the conference and the Health Law Section can be found at [www.texhealthlaw.org](http://www.texhealthlaw.org).

### **Become A Poll Worker**

The American Bar Association's Poll Worker, Esq., initiative is sponsored with the National Association of Secretaries of State and the National Association of State Election Directors.

Poll workers help ensure free and fair elections, and law students as well as lawyers are especially suited to serve. With the added obstacle of a pandemic this year, finding people who are at lower risk to assist as poll workers is even more important. This is an opportunity for young lawyers and soon-to-be lawyers to step up and serve their communities.

Law students, lawyers, and others can visit [www.canivote.org](http://www.canivote.org) and click on the "[Become a Poll Worker](#)" tab to find out how to serve in their jurisdictions. Depending on the state, tasks may range from staffing polling places to processing returned ballot envelopes and more.

More information is available at [ambar.org/vote](http://ambar.org/vote), a website of the ABA [Standing Committee on Election Law](#).



## Pro Bono Program

### *Community Service Requirement: Updates*

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

### **Deadline Adjustment**

Current second-year students (those who have completed 29 credit hours) will now have until October 1, 2020 to complete the 10-hour community service requirement.

Current third-year students (those who completed 60 credit hours this past spring or summer) will also have until October 1, 2020 to complete the 20-hour community service requirement. Note that at least five (5) of those hours are required to be law-related, as defined in the *Student Handbook*.

We will continue to evaluate conditions and review this extension as events dictate. With questions or concerns, please contact Greg Zlotnick, Director of Pro Bono Programs, at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

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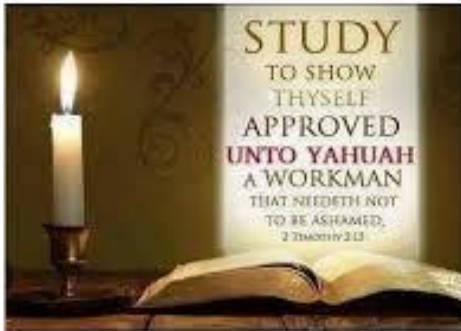
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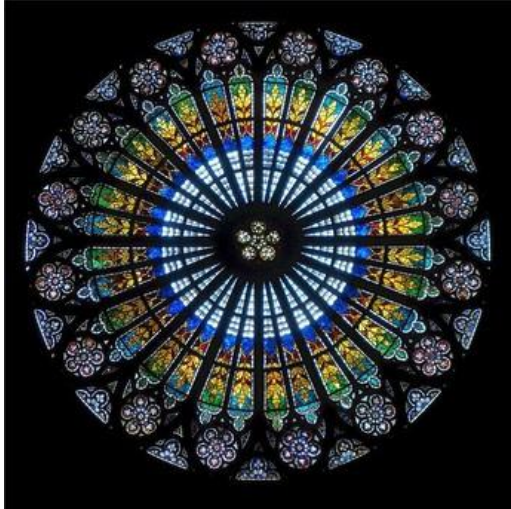
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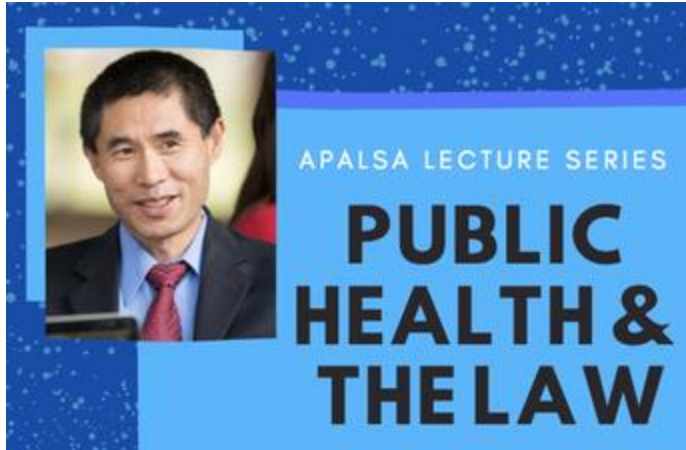
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## **APALSA Speaker Event: "Public Health & the Law" featuring St. Mary's Law Faculty Professor Liu**

APALSA is pleased to announce Law Faculty Professor Liu will speak in their lecture series on Monday, October 5, 2020, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Professor Liu will address his book, "Chinese Law on SARS" which delves into the changes that occurred in the Chinese legal system following the 2003 SARS outbreak. He will also provide his thoughts on today's COVID-19 pandemic. If you have any questions about this event please email [jshokar@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:jshokar@mail.stmarytx.edu). The meeting is open to all students, faculty and staff.

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## **Navigating Law School**

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<https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix>
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<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability/rights/>
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## **Academic Support**

### **Law School Resources**

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

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[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



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Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

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Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday’s at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

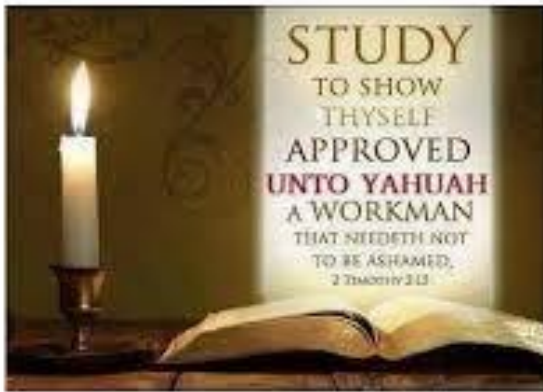
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<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

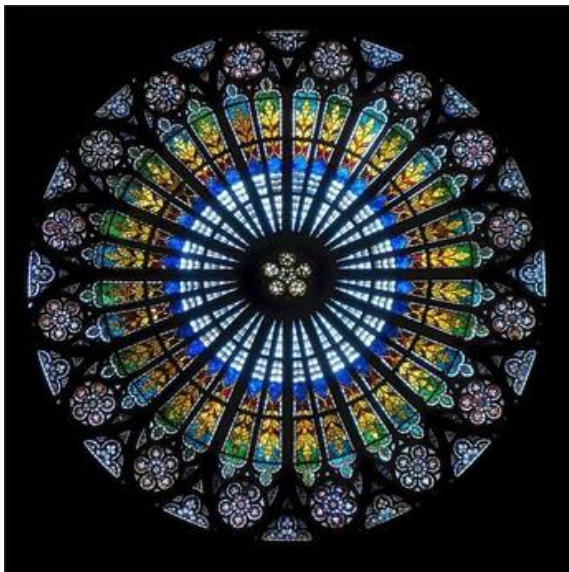
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).





# Ministry

## Liturgy and Worship Schedule

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## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

2020 Public Contract Law Journal writing competition. Complete rules [here](#). Deadline to apply is Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

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American Planning Association. <https://lawprofessors.typepad.com/files/apa-pld-student-writing-competition-2020.pdf> \$2,000, \$400, \$100. Deadline to apply is 12/01/2020.





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## **OCS News You Can Use**

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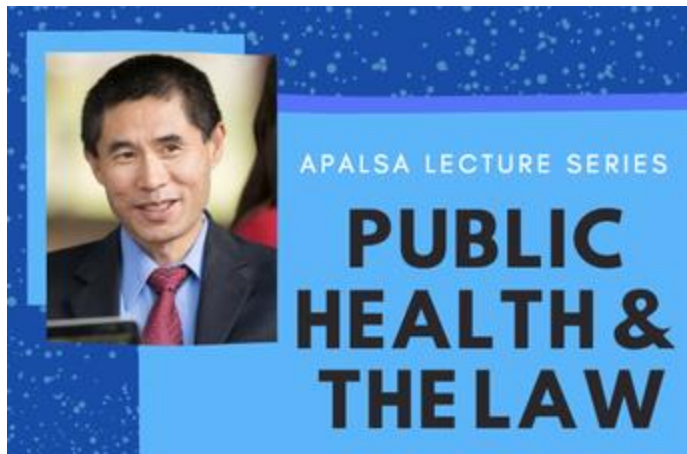
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The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice is hosting a Clothing Donation Drive through Wednesday, September 30.

Clothing kits will be distributed to individuals experiencing homelessness in the San Antonio area.

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Join Zoom Meeting: APALSA Speaker Event: Professor Liu

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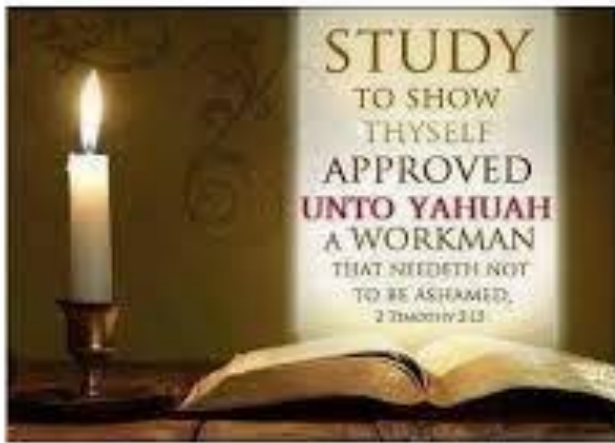
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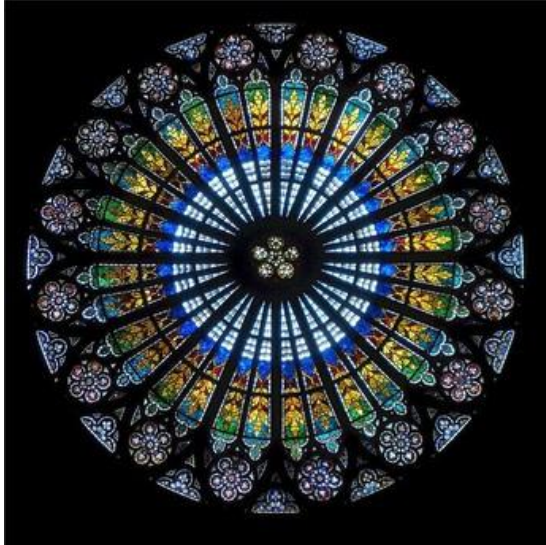
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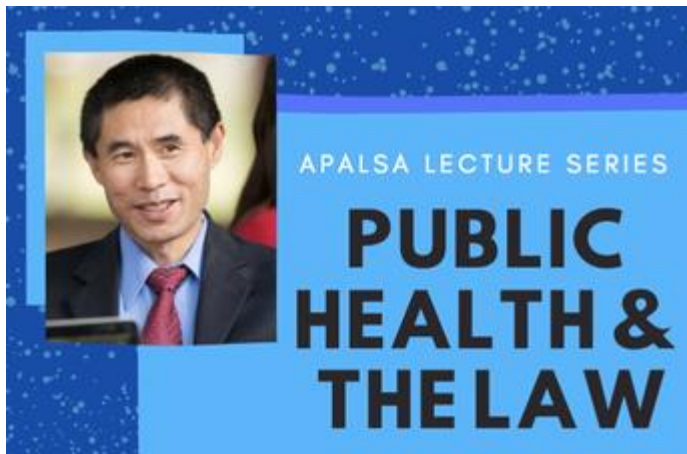
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- Friday, October 16, 7:00 p.m., Fun Thursday on Friday: The Bachelorette Discussion, Zoom ID: 980 7287 6366
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## **APALSA Speaker Event: "Public Health & the Law" featuring St. Mary's Law Faculty Professor Liu**

APALSA is pleased to announce Law Faculty Professor Liu will speak in their lecture series on **Monday, October 5, 2020**, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Professor Liu will address his book, "Chinese Law on SARS" which delves into the changes that occurred in the Chinese legal system following the 2003 SARS outbreak. He will also provide his thoughts on today's COVID-19 pandemic. If you have any questions about this event please email [jshokar@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:jshokar@mail.stmarytx.edu). The meeting is open to all students, faculty and staff.

Join Zoom Meeting: APALSA Speaker Event: Professor Liu

<https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/4880524014>

Meeting ID: 488 052 4014





## Judicial Selection Forum

Join The University of Texas at Austin, Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life for a panel discussion on the judicial selection process. The discussion will be **Wednesday, October 7, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. (CST) on [Zoom](http://bit.ly/elect-judge).

Panelists are State Representative Ina Minjarez (D-San Antonio), Judge Bert Richardson, J.D. '87 (R-Court of Criminal Appeals), and Emma Platoff of the Texas Tribune. They will provide insight into the repercussions of 1) how Texas' system of judicial selection currently works, and 2) how it may change in the future given the newly formed Commission on Judicial Selection. Also examined will be the implications of various judicial selection systems as they relate to contemporary issues in policy, politics, and law. Following the discussion, there will be a direct Q&A session.

The event is free of charge and open to the public. You may register here using this [link](http://bit.ly/elect-judge).



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<https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/2104363930> Mark your calendar. More information to follow.





## **Women's Law Association Annual Silent Auction**

**Benefitting Down Syndrome Association of South Texas**

The St. Mary's community is invited to join the Women's Law Association (WLA) Annual Silent Auction on **Thursday, October 15** via Google Forms and Zoom.

This year's silent auction will be virtual and all proceeds will benefit The Down Syndrome Association of South Texas. WLA will be going live on Zoom every hour on the half (12:30, 1:30, etc.) to show case silent auction items, Zoom ID: 999 2214 2489. Bid on a variety of items such as self-care baskets, weekend getaways, dining, entertainment, spa packages, jewelry, art, hand-crafted goods and more! If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can do so at <https://piryx.page.link/wgQe93U54sxGbqDm8>.

Everyone is welcome! For more information or to make a donation, please contact Riley Daniels at [rdaniels1@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:rdaniels1@mail.stmarytx.edu) or Abigail Roman at [aroman4@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:aroman4@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## 68th Annual Red Mass

### A legacy of faith and law

St. Mary's University School of Law and the Catholic Lawyers' Guild of San Antonio invite you to **virtually** join in the celebration of Red Mass, marking the beginning of the judicial and academic year.

The Most Rev. Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio, will be the principal celebrant.

This year, the Mass will be [livestreamed](#) from San Fernando Cathedral via Catholic Television. Click the button below for the livestream link.

**Thursday, Oct. 22**

**6 p.m.**

**Livestreamed via Catholic Television**

### [Red Mass Livestream\\*](#)

*\*Note: The livestream will not air until Thursday, Oct. 22, starting at 6 p.m.*

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## San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation Scholarship

The San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation announces the Martha Ann and John Franco Scholarship Fund for \$2,500 to be awarded to a current law student. Eligibility requirements are:

1. Recipient must be a 2nd year student, male or female, in good financial standing with the business office of the school.
2. Resident of the state of Texas.
3. Minimum grade average should be 3.0 or "B"
4. There should be a financial need.
5. The check will be written to the school for the student's account for use of tuition and fees only.
6. Scholarship funds cannot be used to pay off previous school debt.

Interested students should apply at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/law-scholarship-application/> no later than Friday, October 23, 2020.



## United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) - 2021 National Patent Application Drafting Competition

Students wishing to enter a team in the USPTO 2021 National Patent Application Drafting Competition may apply **until midnight ET, November 7**. The USPTO introduces law students to U.S. patent law issues and develops their patent application drafting, amending, and prosecuting skills. Please see the [official rules](#) for more information on participant and team eligibility. Teams must register through EventBrite at: [2021 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office National Patent Drafting Competition](#). You can also search EventBrite for event number **118492306679**. For questions please contact [PatentDraftingCompetition@USPTO.gov](mailto:PatentDraftingCompetition@USPTO.gov).



## Clinical Course Application

**The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Spring 2021.** The required online application may be found on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website and at <http://bit.ly/Spring2021ClinicApp> . **Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission.



## Announcements

### St. Mary's University 5K For the Neighborhood

The seventh annual StMU 5K for the Neighborhood is going virtual! Run, walk or hike. You can run, walk or hike anywhere, anytime in one of four virtual races. You can run, walk or hike anytime between **Friday, October 23, 2020 starting at 5:00 a.m. and Sunday, November 8, 2020 until 9:00 p.m.** Participants from every city, state and country are welcome to join in from their favorite running trails, treadmills, backyards, sidewalks or wherever else! Registration is required for all races. After you have registered for your race of choice, make sure to download the [RaceJoy mobile app](#) and have the app open and the race ready to go before you begin your run. The RaceJoy app will allow your results and time to be tracked virtually. Learn more about RaceJoy and the virtual race on the [StMU 5K FAQs page](#).

## **Become A Poll Worker**

The American Bar Association's Poll Worker, Esq., initiative is sponsored with the National Association of Secretaries of State and the National Association of State Election Directors.

Poll workers help ensure free and fair elections, and law students as well as lawyers are especially suited to serve. With the added obstacle of a pandemic this year, finding people who are at lower risk to assist as poll workers is even more important. This is an opportunity for young lawyers and soon-to-be lawyers to step up and serve their communities.

Law students, lawyers, and others can visit [www.canivote.org](http://www.canivote.org) and click on the “[Become a Poll Worker](#)” tab to find out how to serve in their jurisdictions. Depending on the state, tasks may range from staffing polling places to processing returned ballot envelopes and more.

More information is available at [ambar.org/vote](http://ambar.org/vote), a website of the ABA [Standing Committee on Election Law](#).



## **Pro Bono Program**

### *Community Service Requirement: Updates*

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Change in Recording Tracking Hours**

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

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The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! Join the Pro Bono Program course today to access weekly announcements, forms, and more.



## **Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students**

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Enjoy the Fall season with this **Creamy Pumpkin Ginger Soup**

Fall soup made creamy without vegetables and Greek yogurt; no cream.

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/pumpkin-ginger-soup/>



## Help Stop The Spread of Covid-19

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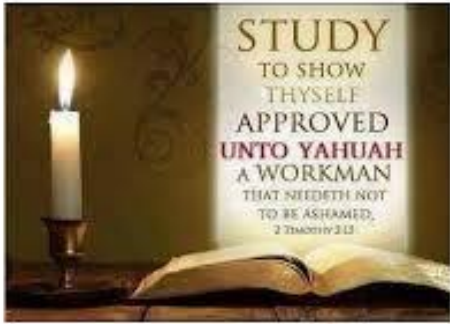
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**finals.** In the final round, St. Mary's competed against a strong team from Wake Forest University School of Law, advocating in front of a distinguished panel that included Fifth Circuit Judge Catharina Haynes, as well as three sitting or former Chief Justices of the state supreme courts in North Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee. **St. Mary's was declared the Champion of the 2020 tournament, and Melissa Fullmer was further recognized as having the Best Brief at the competition. Please take a moment to congratulate Melissa, Nicole and Lance on this tremendous accomplishment!**



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To register, simply click [Here](#).

We hope you will attend.



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The St. Mary's community is invited to join the Women's Law Association (WLA) Annual Silent Auction on **Thursday, October 15** via Google Forms and Zoom.

This year's silent auction will be virtual and all proceeds will benefit The Down Syndrome Association of South Texas. WLA will be going live on Zoom every hour on the half (12:30, 1:30, etc.) to show case silent auction items, Zoom ID: 999 2214 2489. Bid on a variety of items such as self-care baskets, weekend getaways, dining, entertainment, spa packages, jewelry, art, hand-crafted goods and more! If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can do so at <https://piryx.page.link/wgQe93U54sxGbqDm8>.

Everyone is welcome! For more information or to make a donation, please contact Riley Daniels at [rdaniels1@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:rdaniels1@mail.stmarytx.edu) or Abigail Roman at [aroman4@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:aroman4@mail.stmarytx.edu).





## **Barbri Virtual Tabling**

BARBRI invites you to stop by and ask questions about bar prep, 1L Mastery, 2L/3L Mastery or the MPRE each Monday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84012501189?pwd=WTQybm1xL1MxNnVpeDlmWG5OUmg2dz09>

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## Clinical Course Application

**The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Spring 2021.** The required online application may be found on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website and at <http://bit.ly/Spring2021ClinicApp> . **Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission.



## Announcements

### St. Mary's University 5K For the Neighborhood

The seventh annual StMU 5K for the Neighborhood is going virtual! Run, walk or hike. You can run, walk or hike anywhere, anytime in one of four virtual races. You can run, walk or hike anytime between **Friday, October 23, 2020 starting at 5:00 a.m. and Sunday, November 8, 2020 until 9:00 p.m.** Participants from every city, state and country are welcome to join in from their favorite running trails, treadmills, backyards, sidewalks or wherever else! Registration is required for all races. After you have registered for your race of choice, make sure to download the [RaceJoy mobile app](#) and have the app open and the race ready to go before you begin your run. The RaceJoy app will allow your results and time to be tracked virtually. Learn more about RaceJoy and the virtual race on the [StMU 5K FAQs page](#).

### Become A Poll Worker

The American Bar Association's Poll Worker, Esq., initiative is sponsored with the National Association of Secretaries of State and the National Association of State Election Directors.

Poll workers help ensure free and fair elections, and law students as well as lawyers are especially suited to serve. With the added obstacle of a pandemic this year, finding people who are at lower risk to assist as poll workers is even more important. This is an opportunity for young lawyers and soon-to-be lawyers to step up and serve their communities.

Law students, lawyers, and others can visit [www.canivote.org](http://www.canivote.org) and click on the “[Become a Poll Worker](#)” tab to find out how to serve in their jurisdictions. Depending on the state, tasks may range from staffing polling places to processing returned ballot envelopes and more.

More information is available at [ambar.org/vote](http://ambar.org/vote), a website of the ABA [Standing Committee on Election Law](#).



## **Pro Bono Program**

### ***Community Service Requirement: Updates***

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Change in Recording Tracking Hours**

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for



students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Find Us on Canvas!**

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! Join the Pro Bono Program course today to access weekly announcements, forms, and more.



## **Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students**

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare for, why not let the American Bar Association help? **A FREE LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** offers an array of [resources and benefits](#) to help you succeed.

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join our community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join today!](#)

**Want more from the ABA? Just \$25 unlocks *Premium Membership for the entire year.*** Premium Membership offers up to \$500 in discounts on Quimbee, Themis and Kaplan bar prep courses, networking opportunities, instant resume review to improve the content and format of your resume, and so much more. [Unlock your Premium Membership](#), today!





## Health & Wellness

### Turkey Meatball Spinach Tortellini Soup

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/turkey-meatball-spinach-tortellini-soup/>

Give this delicious recipe a try. One large bowl is under 300 calories and very satisfying.



## University Mandatory Mask Policy

This is a reminder to everyone that University policy states: **“Everyone is expected to wear cloth face masks on campus when in public spaces and other areas when appropriate, including when social distancing is not achievable...”**

You are required to wear masks at all times in the Law School. There are no exceptions to this policy. Students must also maintain appropriate social distancing throughout the Law School. The moving of chairs, tables or other furniture in the Law Library, classrooms and in Raba without the approval of Law School Administration is strictly prohibited. We thank everyone for your cooperation following University policy.



## Help Stop The Spread of Covid-19

Students are reminded to be vigilant and continue to exercise caution in preventing the spread of Covid-19. Please wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times while on campus and practice social distancing. Social gatherings are discouraged at this time. More information on CDC guidelines and campus policy may be found here <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/>.



## Notices

### Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues

Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in

time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

### **Law Students with Disabilities**

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information. **The deadline to apply for the Fall 2020 semester is October 30, 2020.**

### **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

### **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

#### **What You Should Know**

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

### **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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### **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/compliance/research-compliance/>

### **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.



# Academic Support

## Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safoodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safoodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



## **Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

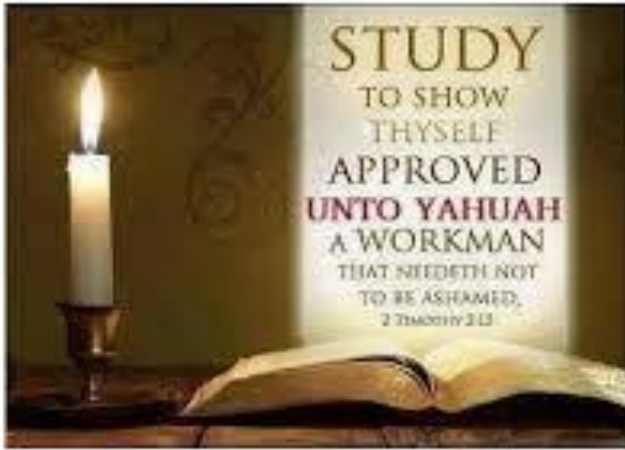
TLAP Website information:



<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

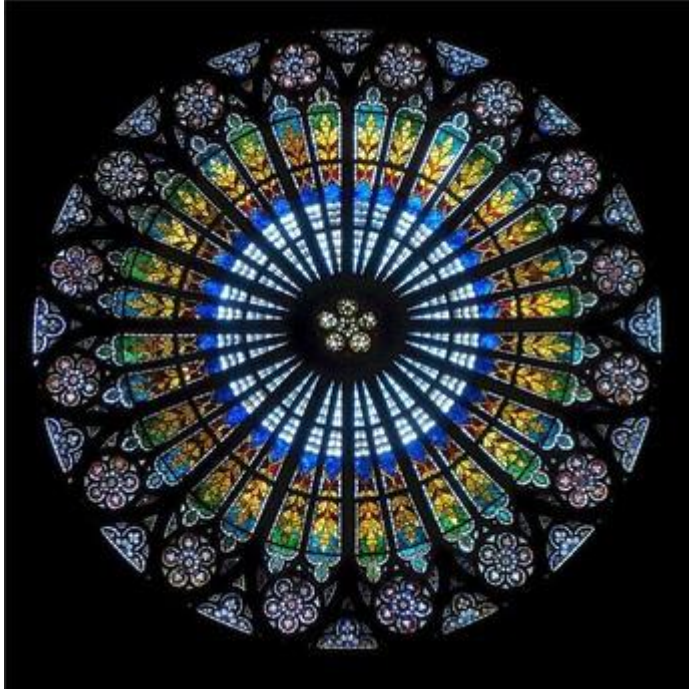
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## **Bible Study**

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## **Ministry**

### **Liturgy and Worship Schedule**

For more information on University Ministry liturgy and worship, please contact them directly at 210.431.3213 or [university.ministry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:university.ministry@stmarytx.edu).



## **Writing Competitions and Scholarships**

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

2020 Public Contract Law Journal writing competition. Complete rules [here](#). Deadline to apply is Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

The International Section of the New York State Bar Association and the Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition. <https://nysba.org/awards-competitions/international-section-albert-s-pergam-international-law-writing-competition-award/>. \$2,000. Deadline to apply is Friday, November 6, 2020.

American Planning Association. <https://lawprofessors.typepad.com/files/apa-pld-student-writing-competition-2020.pdf> \$2,000, \$400, \$100. Deadline to apply is 12/01/2020.



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Fresh off of a national moot court championship last weekend, the St. Mary's Moot Court Team competed in the 14th Annual Civil Rights and Liberties (CRAL) National Moot Court Competition, sponsored by Emory Law School in Atlanta, Georgia. The competition involves cutting edge issues of constitutional and statutory law. **National Moot Court Team members Nicole Cooper (3L), Meredith Milton (2L) and Evan Santos (2L) participated on behalf of St. Mary's**, competing against 31 other schools from all over the United States. **St. Mary's went undefeated in the preliminary rounds**, and reached the Finals of the competition, before losing a hard fought championship round to George Washington University School of Law and **placing second overall**. Fifth Circuit Judge Catharina Haynes was one of three federal judges representing the fictional 13th Circuit Court of Appeals in the Final Round. Judge Haynes, who had also judged St. Mary's Finals win last week at the Hassell National Moot Court Competition, declared after the names of the two finalist law schools were announced: "St. Mary's seems to be orally arguing the world." This is the second straight year that the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team has reached the final round of the CRAL competition, having won the competition just last year. In addition to reaching the Finals, **Meredith Milton was recognized as having a Top-10 brief and Nicole Cooper and Evan Santos were both designated Top-10 oralists**. CRAL was the first competition for Milton and Santos. Please congratulate these amazing advocates for their achievements this weekend!



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- Wednesday, October 28, 5:00 p.m., Well-Rounded Wednesday: Meditation, Zoom ID: 965 8443 8686
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## Upcoming Virtual Conference - Black Lawyers Matter: Strategies to Enhance Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

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Click [here](#) to view the current schedule and speakers.

Friday, October 30, 2020

8:15 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. CST

### RSVP

For more information, please click [here](#).



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Monday – Friday: 8am -8pm

Saturday: 8am – 5pm (starting October 17)

Sunday: 8am – 5pm (starting November 1)

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11/09/2020 - 1:00 p.m. - Section C2

11/10/2020 - 11:15 a.m. - Section B1

11/11/2020 - 11:15 a.m. - Section A

11/11/2020 - 5:30 p.m. - Section D

11/12/2020 - 11:10 a.m. - Section C1

11/13/2020 - 12:50 p.m. - Section B2

Location will be in the Law Plaza, outdoors, with safe distancing.

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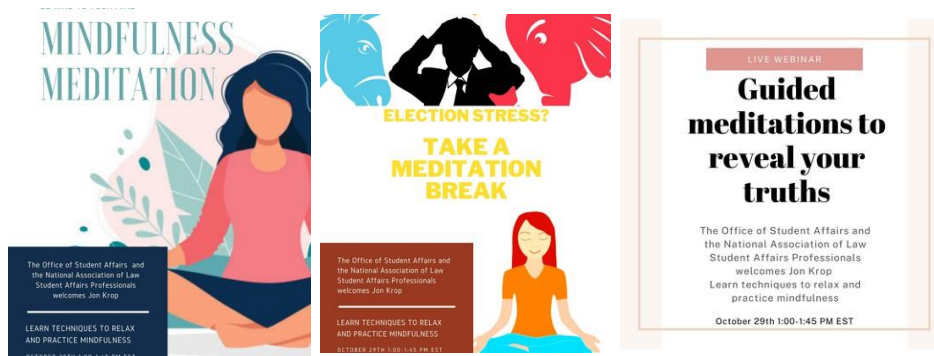
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October 29, 2020

1:00 - 1:45pm Eastern Time

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## Announcements

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## **Become A Poll Worker**

The American Bar Association's Poll Worker, Esq., initiative is sponsored with the National Association of Secretaries of State and the National Association of State Election Directors.

Poll workers help ensure free and fair elections, and law students as well as lawyers are especially suited to serve. With the added obstacle of a pandemic this year, finding people who are at lower risk to assist as poll workers is even more important. This is an opportunity for young lawyers and soon-to-be lawyers to step up and serve their communities.

Law students, lawyers, and others can visit [www.canivote.org](http://www.canivote.org) and click on the “[Become a Poll Worker](#)” tab to find out how to serve in their jurisdictions. Depending on the state, tasks may range from staffing polling places to processing returned ballot envelopes and more.

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## Health & Wellness

### Salmon Croquettes with Dill Sauce

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/salmon-croquettes-with-dill-sauce/>

According to Skinny Taste, these healthy salmon croquettes are made with canned salmon, a great pantry staple as it's nonperishable, inexpensive, and good for you. The recipe also includes the ingredients for the dill sauce which nicely compliments the croquettes.



## University Mandatory Mask Policy

This is a reminder to everyone that University policy states: **“Everyone is expected to wear cloth face masks on campus when in public spaces and other areas when appropriate, including when social distancing is not achievable...”**

You are required to wear masks at all times in the Law School. There are no exceptions to this policy. Students must also maintain appropriate social distancing throughout the Law School. The moving of chairs, tables or other furniture in the Law Library, classrooms and in Raba without the approval of Law School Administration is strictly prohibited. We thank everyone for your cooperation following University policy.



## Help Stop The Spread of Covid-19

Students are reminded to be vigilant and continue to exercise caution in preventing the spread of Covid-19. Please wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times while on campus and practice social distancing. Social gatherings are discouraged at this time. More information on CDC guidelines and campus policy may be found here <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/>.



## Notices

### Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues

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A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

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Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information. **The deadline to apply for the Fall 2020 semester is October 30, 2020.**

### **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

### **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

#### **What You Should Know**

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

### **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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### **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/studentervices/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

### **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.



# Academic Support

## Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line



[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safoodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safoodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



## **Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

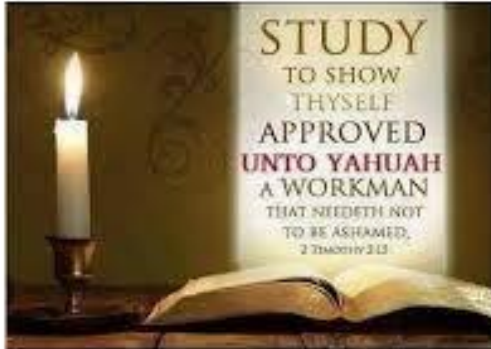
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

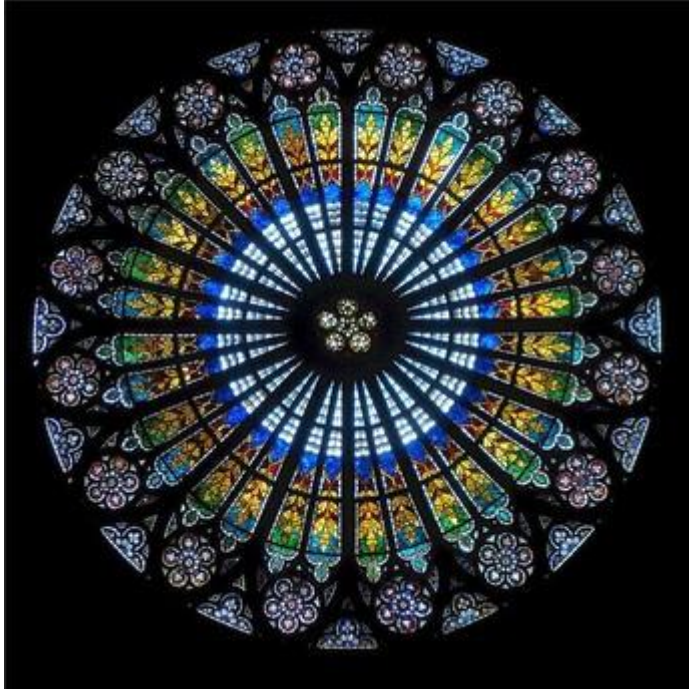
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## **Bible Study**

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## **Ministry**

### **Liturgy and Worship Schedule**

For more information on University Ministry liturgy and worship, please contact them directly at 210.431.3213 or [university.ministry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:university.ministry@stmarytx.edu).



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<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

2020 Public Contract Law Journal writing competition. Complete rules [here](#). Deadline to apply is Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

The International Section of the New York State Bar Association and the Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition. <https://nysba.org/awards-competitions/international-section-albert-s-pergam-international-law-writing-competition-award/>. \$2,000. Deadline to apply is Friday, November 6, 2020.

American Planning Association. <https://lawprofessors.typepad.com/files/apa-pld-student-writing-competition-2020.pdf> \$2,000, \$400, \$100. Deadline to apply is 12/01/2020.



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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.

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## News from the Best Advocacy Program

### St. Mary's Moot Court Team Places Second - Wins Individual Accolades

Over the weekend, the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team participated in the Mack Kidd Administrative Law State Moot Court Competition, sponsored by the Administrative Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Mack Kidd is one of two state moot court competitions, and is open to all accredited law schools in the State of Texas. St. Mary's fielded three teams this year: (1) Melissa Fullmer (3L) and Coy Westbrook (2L); (2) Daniela Virgen (2L), Angela Bauman (2L) and Nicole Thacker (2L); and (3) Rachel Garza (3L), Sarah Garcia (2L) and Dominique Bernal (2L). **The team of Garza/Garcia/Bernal reached the semi-finals of the competition, while Fullmer/Westbrook competed in the Final Round.** St. Mary's finished second to Baylor, after having unseated Baylor in the Final Round last year. **Sarah Garcia won Best Brief at the tournament, while Melissa Fullmer took home both Second Best Brief and Second Best Oral Advocate.** This is the third consecutive week that the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team has reached the finals or better of a competition. As a result of the efforts of these amazing advocates, St. Mary's Moot is currently ranked the **Best Advocacy Program in the Nation.** Congratulations to all of these exceptional students!



## **St. Mary's National Trial Team Fights to Three-Way Tie. Meagan Ledesma Wins Best Advocate**

The National Team has been busy the past few weeks. This past weekend, The National Trial Team participated in the 3rd Annual Battle of Experts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Team 3L's Joseph Casseb, Cameron Galvan, Zachary Green and Meagan Ledesma fought their way to a three-way tie in their division, needing to go to the fourth tie-breaker. UCLA won the tiebreaker, eventually winning the tournament with the final round judged by our very own Professor Jason Goss, who was selected by the teams to be the Presiding Judge for the final round. Meagan Ledesma, in her first competition as an advocate won the coveted Best Advocate Award. We are very proud of all of our National Team members and the way they represent St. Mary's School Law School.

## **St. Mary's Hosts Largest Ever Invitational Mock Trial Tournament**

Over the course of the last two weekends, St. Mary's has been host to the nation's largest mock trial tournament. Inspired by the loss of opportunities to our students and to students around the country, St. Mary's School of Law Board of Advocates (BOA) partnered with six other schools to bring the 2020 All Star National Bracket Challenge. This 64 team tournament will be joined by a 34 team tournament in early November. Together, this tournament brought in 98 teams from half of the ABA approved law schools in 34 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The Bracket Challenge mimicked the NCAA Final Four tournament with the winning team needing to win eight rounds in order to be crowned the National Champion. The BOA hosted over 550 attorneys and judges in 143 trials over 490 hours in six days. This is a remarkable feat that could not have been accomplished without the sacrifice of the BOA. The team from Stetson University won the tournament.

Students interested in the National Team or Trial Advocacy should contact Ms. Liz Duggan, Chair of the BOA to find out how you can watch future rounds.

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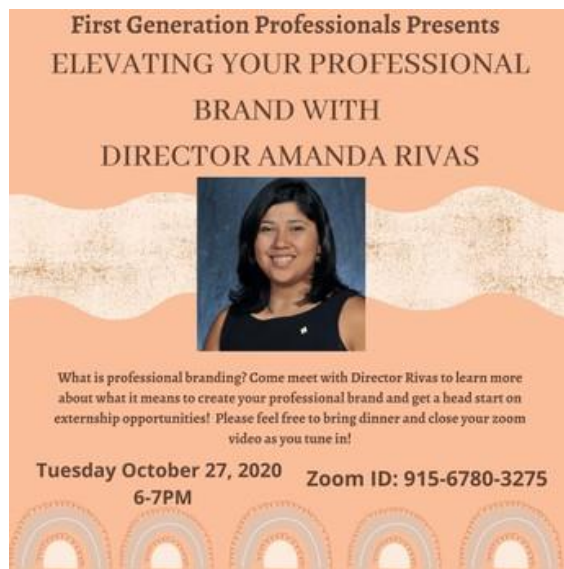




# OCS News You Can Use

## This Week's Events

- Monday, October 26, 12:00 p.m., Pathways to the Profession: Military Law, Zoom ID: 945 7779 6591
- Tuesday, October 27, 4:00 p.m., Pathways to the Profession: Business Law, Zoom ID: 945 7779 6591
- Wednesday, October 28, 5:00 p.m., Well-Rounded Wednesday: Meditation, Zoom ID: 965 8443 8686
- Thursday, October 29, 7:00 p.m., Fun Thursday: Torts Trivia – Movie: The Rainmaker, Zoom ID: 980 7287 6366
- Friday, October 30, 2:30 p.m., Remote Roundtable: Military Law
- Friday, October 30, 2:30 p.m., Remote Roundtable: Business Law



## **First Generation Professionals - Elevating Your Professional Brand with Director Amanda Rivas**

Join the First Generation Professionals tomorrow, Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., for their final meeting of the semester as they present "Elevating Your Professional Brand" with Director Amanda Rivas, a fellow First Generation Professional and St. Mary's Law Alumni.

Learn as they will discuss what an externship is, why you might consider an externship over an internship, personal/professional branding in time for job search season, and more! They will also stick around after the meeting to answer any questions you may have about finals! Don't forget to bring a snack! The Zoom meeting link is: 915 6780 3275

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## Upcoming Virtual Conference - Black Lawyers Matter: Strategies to Enhance Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Please join us October 30 for "**Black Lawyers Matter: Strategies to Enhance Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**," a virtual conference hosted by the University of Houston Law Center and SMU Dedman School of Law. The presenters will include Harvard Law Professor **David B. Wilkins**, who will deliver the inaugural **Bracewell LLP Distinguished Lecture in Racial and Social Justice**. We hope you will join us for this important conversation about the ways we can work together to increase the representation of Black lawyers in the legal profession.

Click [here](#) to view the current schedule and speakers.

Friday, October 30, 2020

8:15 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. CST

## RSVP

For more information, please click [here](#).



## Join Law Ministry and the Student Bar Association for a Safe and Spirited Halloween Candy Drive

### Candy Drive

- Each 1L Section will raise candy for local charities.
- Each section will decorate their own barrel and place them in the Law Classrooms building for donations.
- Money will be accepted for the Ministry staff to purchase candy.
- The Section that donates the most candy will receive a party from Sister Grace in their second semester (Covid permitting).

### The Section that Rocks Award

- Each section will be provided rocks to decorate in a Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Fall motif.
- Dean Patricia Roberts will judge the rocks to see who will win the “Section that Rocks” award.
- Consult your SBA Senator for rules.

## Safe and Spirited Halloween Masks

- While participating in these activities, students are reminded to wear a mask. However, encouraged to wear a mask decorated in a Halloween or Fall motif. Decorated masks must still meet COVID health requirements.

For more information, please contact Robert Furlong at [rfurlong@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:rfurlong@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## Thanksgiving Prayer for Finals & Lunch in a Box

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11/09/2020 - 1:00 p.m. - Section C2

11/10/2020 - 11:15 a.m. - Section B1

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11/11/2020 - 5:30 p.m. - Section D

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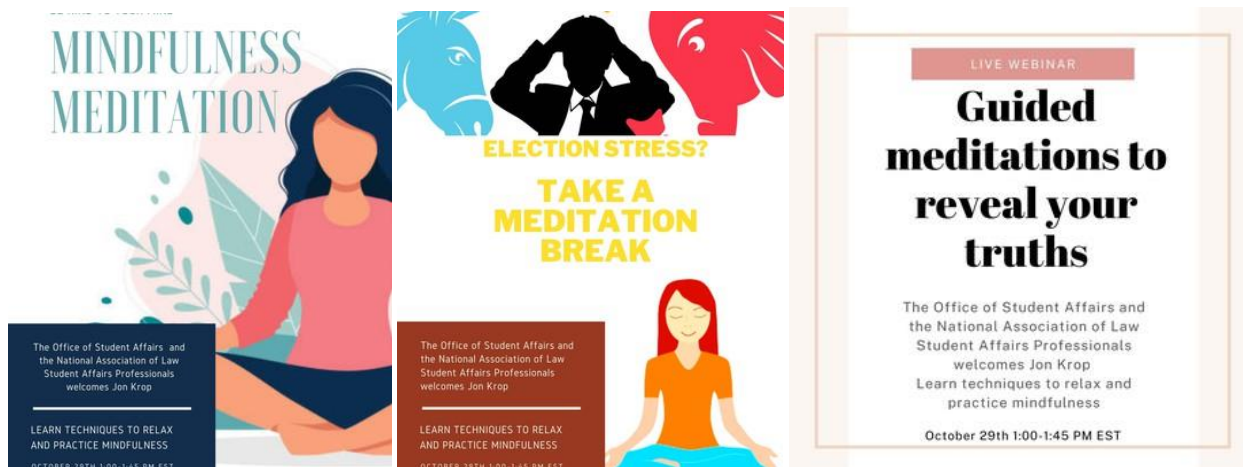
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## CEU's Available - Domestic Violence Awareness Symposium

The Collaborative Commission on Domestic Violence is hosting its first annual **free** Domestic Violence Awareness Symposium this Thursday, 10/29 and Friday, 10/30. **A criminal law track and a civil law track is available.** The symposium is planning to offer **CEUs, pending approval.** This is a great opportunity for interested law students. Register [HERE](#).

#CCDVSymposium2020



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Inspired by the Alternative Spring Break program, extended, placements are available to St. Mary's Law students to advance justice with organizations like Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Disability Rights Texas, San Antonio Legal Services Association, and more. All placements will allow for remote work in support of attorneys based in San Antonio, Austin, Houston, and elsewhere across Texas.

To learn more about specific placements, and to apply, visit CORE. Registration begins on Monday, October 12; spots are available until filled, so sign up today! This is a great opportunity to gain valuable legal experience and grow your professional networks—all while expanding access to justice.

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## Attention MAX Students - Don't Miss Out

MAX Students: Don't miss out on your chance to win \$5,000 toward your 2020-2021 tuition. The next scholarship drawing is November 1.

**Before the end of the day on October 31st:**

- Complete lessons in your [MAX App](#) or [MAX Online](#) account
- Sign up and attend this week's [MAX Events](#)

Remember, each lesson you complete and event you attend is another entry into the drawing, and don't forget to complete the MAX Survey in your account as well – yet another entry! Good luck in this drawing and in future drawings throughout the year!



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(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



## **Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

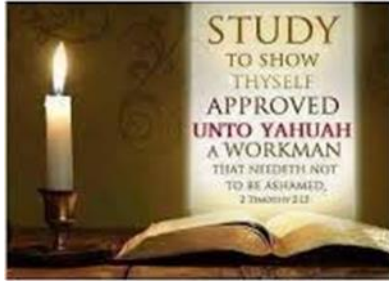
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TLAP Website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

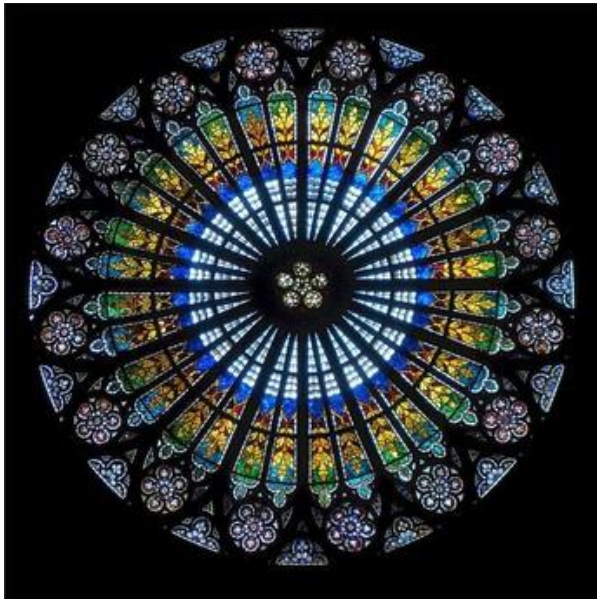
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## Ministry

### Liturgy and Worship Schedule

For more information on University Ministry liturgy and worship, please contact them directly at 210.431.3213 or [university.ministry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:university.ministry@stmarytx.edu).





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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.

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## **Halloween Candy Drive and Section That Rocks Award**

Thank you to all of the 1L Section students who contributed over 1,000 pounds of candy to benefit several children's organizations, Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital, and Holy Rosary Parish. Congratulations to Section A who contributed the most candy. Also, congratulations to Section C2 who received the coveted Dean Roberts *Section that Rocks* award for their creative designs. The winning rocks are on display in the rock garden of the Law Library entrance.



## **Miracle on 36th Street**

All students, faculty and staff are invited to partner with the Office of Alumni Relations and the University Police Department in supporting the Miracle on 36th Street.

The Miracle on 36th Street toy and donation drive benefits the children of Loma Park Elementary, Woodlawn Hills Elementary and The Children's Shelter of San Antonio.

Christmas Wish List:

- New, unwrapped toys
- Nonperishable food items

They are hosting two toy and donation curbside drop-off dates: **Thursday, November 5** from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and **Saturday, November 14** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Curbside drop-off will take place at St. Mary's University, Parking Lot J. We ask participants to please wear a mask during the donation drop-off and place the donations inside one of the donation boxes.

More information may be found here:

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## Mental Well-Being Support

We know that there are many stressors out there including upcoming final exams, concerns about COVID-19, and this week's election. Please remember that if you are having any difficulty with anxiety or depression, you can contact the Student Counseling Center. Their contact information is below:

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

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### 24-hour Crisis Response

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## OCS News You Can Use

### Save the Date – Office of Career Strategy Town Halls

- 1L Town Hall, Monday, December 7, at 12:00 p.m.
- 2L Town Hall, Monday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m.
- 3L Town Hall, Tuesday, December 8, at 12:00 p.m.
- Part-Time Students Town Hall, Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.



## **Thanksgiving Prayer for Finals & Lunch in a Box**

Join Law Ministry for a Thanksgiving Prayer over Finals and Lunch in a Box.

11/09/2020 - 1:00 p.m. - Section C2

11/10/2020 - 11:15 a.m. - Section B1

11/11/2020 - 11:15 a.m. - Section A

\*11/12/2020 - 5:30 p.m. - Section D

11/12/2020 - 11:10 a.m. - Section C1

11/13/2020 - 12:50 p.m. - Section B2

\*date changed from 11/11 to 11/12

Location will be in the Law Plaza, outdoors, for safe distancing.

Please bring two canned good items or a monetary donation (credit cards accepted) for Holy Rosary Church Food Pantry.



## Barbri Virtual Tabling

BARBRI invites you to stop by and ask questions about bar prep, 1L Mastery, 2L/3L Mastery or the MPRE each Monday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84012501189?pwd=WTQybmlxL1MxNnVpeDlmWG5OUmg2dz09>

Meeting ID: 840 1250 1189

Passcode: barbri



## Themis Bar Review Office Hours

Themis will be tabling every Monday between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Zoom, ID 623 484 2679. Swing by and ask any questions you may have or come hang out for a bit!

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## Clinical Course Application

The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Spring 2021. The required online application may be found on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website and at <http://bit.ly/Spring2021ClinicApp> . **Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission.





## Winter Break Pro Bono Placements: Register Today!

The Pro Bono Program, in conjunction with its community partners, invites you to take part in a pro bono placement over winter break.

Inspired by the Alternative Spring Break program, extended, placements are available to St. Mary's Law students to advance justice with organizations like Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Disability Rights Texas, San Antonio Legal Services Association, and more. All placements will allow for remote work in support of attorneys based in San Antonio, Austin, Houston, and elsewhere across Texas.

To learn more about specific placements, and to apply, visit CORE. Registration begins on Monday, October 12; spots are available until filled, so sign up today! This is a great opportunity to gain valuable legal experience and grow your professional networks—all while expanding access to justice.

With questions, please contact [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).



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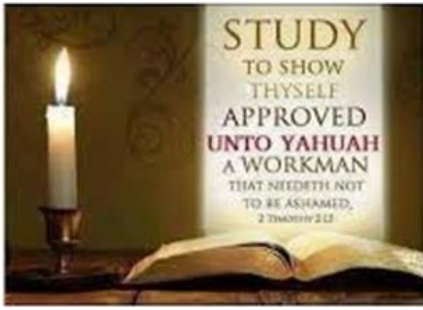
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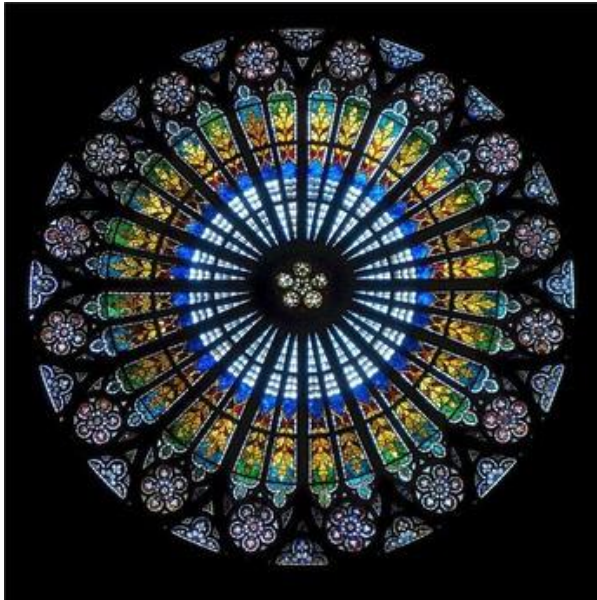
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**Issue 13 – November 9, 2020**



## **National Trial Team Has Strong Weekend with Four Competing Teams**

**ABA Arbitration Competition** – Due to our strong showing in ABA competitions, St. Mary's had three teams qualify for the ABA Arbitration competition. Three strong 2L teams competed in the American Bar Association Law Student Arbitration Regional tournament hosted by the University of Florida this weekend.

Carin Wieters, Casey Brodbeck, Caroline Campos and Kyler Heintz coached by Jess Junek; Scott Stiles, Mallory Moxbaum, Avery Stacy and William Hayes coached by Misty Deatherage; Cassidi Dietz, Richard Hansen, Ethan Bannister and Emily Fey coached by Deb Junek.

They competed against teams from Texas A&M, LaVerne, Emory, University of Florida, Stetson and Mississippi State University among others. After the preliminary rounds, Cassidi Dietz, Richard Hansen, Ethan Bannister and Emily Fey advanced to the Semi-Finals and defeated Stetson to advance to the Final round where they competed against Mississippi State.

The team came home with the 2nd place trophy. We will find out in the next few weeks if our region will be permitted to send two teams to the National Finals in January. Please congratulate the teams and their coaches.

**National All Star Competition** – St. Mary’s completed the third stage of the National All Star Competition. A 2L team consisting of Brooke Baumgardner, Hailey Nickkels, Scott Sydow, Iliana Parker and Scott Sydow represented St. Mary’s in this 34 team competition. This team was coached by Captain Brad Simon, Steven A. Lopez and Judge Monique Diaz, all new coaches.

After four rounds, St. Mary’s was ranked ninth and will be adding hardware to our trophy case. With the end of All Star, we now have sixteen 2L’s compete during their first semester on the Trial Team, setting our team up well for the future.

We are excited what they have accomplished and look forward to a terrific Spring.



## **Miracle on 36th Street**

All students, faculty and staff are invited to partner with the Office of Alumni Relations and the University Police Department in supporting Miracle on 36th Street.

The Miracle on 36th Street toy and donation drive benefits the children of Loma Park Elementary, Woodlawn Hills Elementary and The Children's Shelter of San Antonio.

Christmas Wish List:

- New, unwrapped toys
- Nonperishable food items

The toy and donation curbside drop-off date is **Saturday, November 14** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Curbside drop-off will take place at St. Mary's University, Parking Lot J. We ask participants to please wear a mask during the donation drop-off and place the donations inside one of the donation boxes.

More information may be found here:

[Miracle on 36th Street Toy and Donation Curbside Drop-Off](#)

*save  
the date!*

## **OCS News You Can Use**

### **Office of Career Strategy**

- 1L Town Hall, Monday, December 7, at 12 pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 91988098314
- 2L Town Hall, Monday, December 7, at 2 pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 99681126978
- 3L Town Hall, Tuesday, December 8, at 12 pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 93569516271
- Part-Time Students Town Hall, Tuesday, December 8, at 7 pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 92997860507
- Spring Recruitment Program deadline – Friday, January 8



## **PLEASE NOTE UPDATES BELOW for Thanksgiving Finals Prayer & Lunch in a Box**

Join Law Ministry for a Thanksgiving Prayer over Finals and Lunch in a Box.

Today's Thanksgiving Prayer and Lunch in a Box for Section C2 is rescheduled to Tuesday, 11/10 at 2:00 p.m.

Section B1 Prayer will be as scheduled at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, November 10.

Thursday's evening Section D has been moved to Tuesday, 11/10 at 5:15 p.m. inside the LCB foyer (soccer field side).

Wed 11/11/2020 - 11:15 a.m. - Section A

Thu 11/12/2020 - 11:10 a.m. - Section C1

Thu 11/12/2020 - 1:30 p.m. - Section O - Zoom <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/3973740736>

Fri 11/13/2020 - 12:50 p.m. - Section B2

Location will be in the Law Plaza, outdoors for social distancing.

Please bring two canned good items or a monetary donation (credit cards accepted) for Holy Rosary Church Food Pantry.



## Mental Well-Being Support

Students are reminded of resources available through the Student Counseling Center. Students may also reach out to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program. Contact information for both programs is below.

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

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[Center for Life Directions](#)

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)

Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### 24-hour Crisis Response

The counselor on duty may be accessed by calling the Student Counseling Center emergency line at (210) 825-3622 after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on Saturday and Sunday. Emergency services are available during regular office hours by calling (210) 436-3135 or by walk-in to the office. All appointments are virtual.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/>

call or Text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527)



## Themis Bar Review Office Hours

Themis will be tabling every Monday between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Zoom, ID 623 484 2679. Swing by and ask any questions you may have or come hang out for a bit!



## Barbri Virtual Tabling

BARBRI invites you to stop by and ask questions about bar prep, 1L Mastery, 2L/3L Mastery or the MPRE each Monday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84012501189?pwd=WTQybm1xL1MxNnVpeDlmWG5OUmg2dz09>

Meeting ID: 840 1250 1189

Passcode: barbri



## **Clinical Course Application**

**The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Spring 2021.** The required online application may be found on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website and at <http://bit.ly/Spring2021ClinicApp> . **Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission.



## **Winter Break Pro Bono Placements: Register Today!**

The Pro Bono Program, in conjunction with its community partners, invites you to take part in a pro bono placement over winter break.

Inspired by the Alternative Spring Break program, extended, placements are available to St. Mary's Law students to advance justice with organizations like Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Disability Rights Texas, San Antonio Legal Services Association, and more. All placements will allow for remote work in support of attorneys based in San Antonio, Austin, Houston, and elsewhere across Texas.



To learn more about specific placements, and to apply, visit CORE. Registration has started and spots are available until filled, so sign up today! This is a great opportunity to gain valuable legal experience and grow your professional networks—all while expanding access to justice.

With questions, please contact [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).



## Pro Bono Program

### *Community Service Requirement: Updates*

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Change in Recording Tracking Hours**

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

## Find Us on Canvas!

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! Join the Pro Bono Program course today to access weekly announcements, forms, and more.



## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

American Planning Association. <https://lawprofessors.typepad.com/files/apa-pld-student-writing-competition-2020.pdf> \$2,000, \$400, \$100. Deadline to apply is 12/01/2020.

The Insurance Law Section of State Bar of Texas.

<https://www.insurancelawsection.org/about/law-student-writing-competition/>. \$4,000, \$2,000, \$1,000. Deadline to apply is 12/10/2020.

Center for Legal & Court Technology. William & Mary Law School. [\*\*2020 Writing Competition Rules\*\*](#). \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000. The deadline for receipt of entries is 12/20/2020.

American Constitution Society is now accepting applications for the 2021 [\*\*Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition in Administration Law\*\*](#). The deadline to apply is 02/07/2021 at 11:59 p.m. More information on eligibility and application details can be found [\*\*here\*\*](#).

American Constitution Society's 2021 Constance Baker Motley Writing Competition, U.S. Constitution, Law and Public Policy. Open to all current law students who are dues-paying ACS

members. Find more competition details and application information [here](#). Deadline to Apply: 02/07/2021 at 11:59 p.m.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law annual writing competition. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/>. \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply June 15, 2021.



## Law Library Hours

The Law Library is pleased to extend its hours. The law library will be open Saturdays and will open on weekends during the month of November. The new hours are:

Monday – Friday: 8am -8pm

Saturday: 8am – 5pm

Sunday: 8am – 5pm

For everyone's health and safety, all students are required to wear a face mask and keep 6-feet social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare for, why not let the American Bar Association help? **A FREE LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** offers an array of [resources and benefits](#) to help you succeed

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join our community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join today!](#)

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## Mindful Meditation for Law Students and Lawyers

The National Association of Law Student Affairs Professional is pleased to release the recording to their live webinar on Mindful Meditation by Jon Krop, J.D. The substance of the session deals

with anxiety and runs about 30-minutes followed by a Q&A session. Please watch this informative webinar.

<https://media.wcl.american.edu/Mediasite/Play/256039fd2a5d439cafb155bd260d41f21d>



## Health & Wellness

### Navy Bean, Bacon and Spinach Soup

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/navy-bean-bacon-and-spinach-soup-pressure-cooker-slow-cooker-or-stove-top/>

Try a bowl of this easy to make, hearty and flavorful soup.



## University Mandatory Mask Policy

This is a reminder to everyone that University policy states: **“Everyone is expected to wear cloth face masks on campus when in public spaces and other areas when appropriate, including when social distancing is not achievable...”**

You are required to wear masks at all times in the Law School. There are no exceptions to this policy. Students must also maintain appropriate social distancing throughout the Law School. The moving of chairs, tables or other furniture in the Law Library, classrooms and in Raba

without the approval of Law School Administration is strictly prohibited. We thank everyone for your cooperation following University policy.



## Help Stop The Spread of Covid-19

Students are reminded to be vigilant and continue to exercise caution in preventing the spread of Covid-19. Please wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times while on campus and practice social distancing. More information on CDC guidelines and campus policy may be found here <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/>.



## Notices

### Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues

Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in

time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

### **Law Students with Disabilities**

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Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

### **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

#### **What You Should Know**

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

### **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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### **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/studentervices/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

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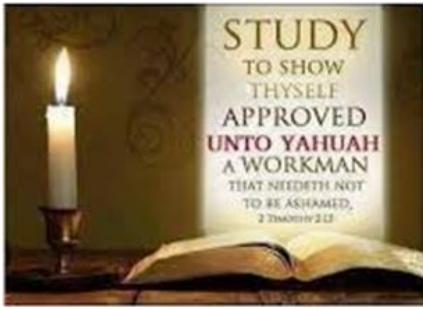
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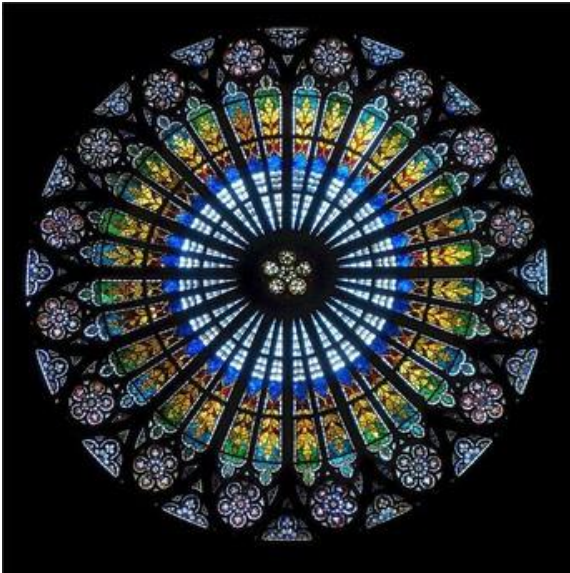
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## Issue 14 – January 19, 2021



### Welcome Back

Students, faculty and staff,

Welcome to the new semester and a more hopeful 2021! How delighted I was to be walking on to campus with a student this morning, and to see several of you walking from the parking lot. Even with reduced density, it is so much more enjoyable to provide a legal education when we do so with students on campus!

With the vaccine rollout underway, there is much to be thankful for as we are able to see a light at the end of this pandemic. Even so, please continue your efforts from the fall semester and be vigilant in keeping health and safety protocols in place. Please also keep in your prayers those loved ones whom our community has lost due to COVID, and those currently suffering from it.

For those of us blessed with good health or a full recovery, let us remember to be kind to one another, to be mindful of the suffering of others, and to express our gratitude to those who help us get through sometimes dark days. We are in this together, and I am grateful for all of you.

Dean Roberts





## **3L Juishree Samant Dominates Control and a Big Win for PanZombie**

**The National Civil Trial Competition** hosted by Loyola, Los Angeles is the second most important tournament on the schedule for the National Trial Team. Only the best teams in the country are invited and there is a rotation of schools. Because of our strong performance last year, St. Mary's was invited back. We were represented by an all 3L team consisting of Peter Calderola, Joseph Casseb, Rebecca Fuller and Juishree Samant. The case was based on the real life injuries sustained by a stunt person on the set of the Walking Dead. Before the tournament got underway, there was a "Best Zombie" contest where St. Mary's took first place with "PanZombie." Realizing we were not "...at the end of the world" (season 10 for you nerds out there). Juishree Samant dominated witness control taking home the "Best Cross" award for the second year in a row. The team is coached by Jason Goss and Maritza Stewart. Congratulations - well done team.



## **OCS News You Can Use**

### **Office of Career Strategy**

#### **Save the Date**

- Pathways to the Profession: Judicial Clerkship Program, Monday, January 25, at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- Pathways to the Profession: Solo Practice, Tuesday, January 26, at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- Financial Wisdom Wednesdays: Strategies for Financing the Cost of Your Bar Study, Wednesday, January 27, at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 91712358308
- Fun Thursday: Discussion of The Bachelor, Thursday, January 28, Time TBD, Zoom Meeting ID: 980 7287 6366
- Remote Roundtable: Cliff Robertson, Friday, January 29, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information will be emailed
- Pathways to the Profession: Environmental and Water Law, Monday, February 1, at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- Pathways to the Profession: Education Law, Tuesday, February 2, at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- Remote Roundtable, Friday, February 5, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information will be emailed



## 2021 Ethics Symposium

St. Mary's Journal on Legal Malpractice and Ethics will celebrate the 20th anniversary of their annual Ethics Symposium. For the past two decades, the *St. Mary's Law Journal* has sought to provide quality ethics training that helps elevate the legal profession to the highest possible standards. They hope you will continue to be a part of their history by joining them at the Ethics Symposium on January 29, 2021 from 8 am to 3:15 pm CT. Registered participants will receive 6.0 CLE credit hours including 6.0 hours in Ethics. This Zoom Webinar is free to St. Mary's faculty, staff, and students but requires registration at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/128025781559>. For more information, contact Hannah Mery at [hmery@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:hmery@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## **Let's "Taco" 'Bout Upcoming Events with Law Ministry and the Pro Bono Program and Happy Valentines!**

When: Wednesday, February 10, 9:40 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Law Classrooms Building

What: Breakfast Tacos and a Lovely Treat To-Go!

Learn about: Pro Bono Events/Public Interest Scholarships for Summer, Ash Wednesday Service, and more.

Sponsored by: Sister Grace Walle, Law Ministry and Greg Zlotnick, Pro Bono Program.

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."  
Galatians 5:14



## **Covid Testing and Vaccine Availability**

Below is information on Covid-19 testing and vaccine availability in San Antonio and surrounding communities. Kudos to Rosa Peterson in collaboration with fellow student coordinator Katarina Kretz and program assistant Sophia Rangel of the Center for Legal and Social Justice who put these resources together.

### **Testing:**

[Here](#) is the list for the City of San Antonio and Bexar County.

### **Covid-19 Vaccine:**

#### **Veterans**

Veterans in the San Antonio area who are in the Veteran Health Care System have two options for receiving the vaccination from the VA:

1. They may call and schedule an appointment for the vaccine, the phone number is 210-949-9702. (Highly recommended.)
2. They may do the walk-in option on Saturdays for the vaccine.

#### **San Antonio**

For individuals who currently fall into the categories 1A & 1B-

The city of San Antonio (San Antonio Metro Health) is offering Covid vaccines via mass vaccination events. Registration is required ahead of time either online [here](#) or by calling 311. The website states residents can check back during the week for later appointments.

University Health System is also offering the vaccine for the same group of individuals, depending on vaccine availability. Information can be found [here](#) for that program. UHS's app will notify residents when more appointments become available.

### Outside San Antonio

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## Notices

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### **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

#### **What You Should Know**

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#### **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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### **University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination**

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- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

## 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.



## Mental Well-Being Support

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<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

Student Counseling Center

[Center for Life Directions](#)

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)

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### 24-hour Crisis Response

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### **Hours January 19-31, 2021:**

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Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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### **Effective February 1, 2021, hours will be:**

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For everyone's health and safety, wearing a face mask is required as is keeping 6-feet social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare for, why not let the American Bar Association help? **A FREE LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** offers an array of [resources and benefits](#) to help you succeed.

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## Health & Wellness

This week's recipe is a **Tuscan White Bean and Roasted Garlic** soup. You may make it in a crockpot and can freeze leftovers. <https://www.skinnytaste.com/tuscan-white-bean-and-roasted-garlic/>





## University Mandatory Mask Policy

This is a reminder to everyone that University policy states: **“Everyone is expected to wear cloth face masks on campus when in public spaces and other areas when appropriate, including when social distancing is not achievable...”**

You are required to wear masks at all times in the Law School. There are no exceptions to this policy. Students must also maintain appropriate social distancing throughout the Law School. The moving of chairs, tables or other furniture in the Law Library, classrooms and in Raba without the approval of Law School Administration is strictly prohibited. We thank everyone for your cooperation following University policy.



## Help Stop The Spread of Covid-19

Students are reminded to be vigilant and continue to exercise caution in preventing the spread of Covid-19. Please wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times while on campus and practice social distancing. More information on CDC guidelines and campus policy may be found here <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/>.



## **Academic Support**

### **Law School Resources**

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safoodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safoodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



## **Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday’s at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

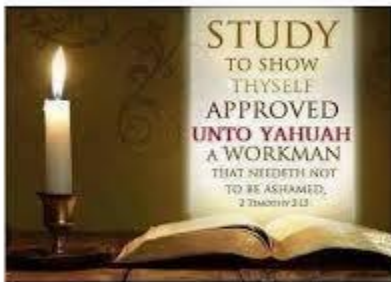
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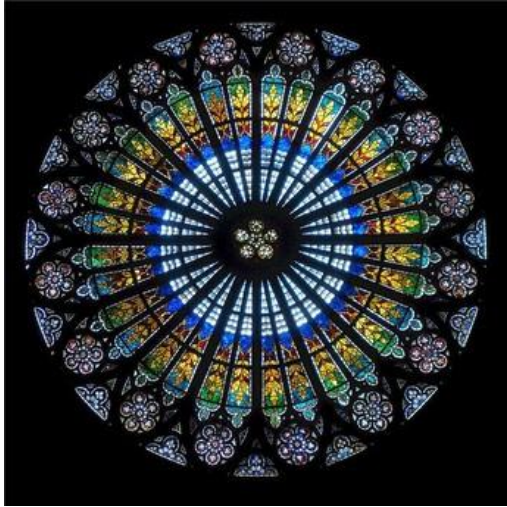
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## Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott’s “Bible Class.” Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## Ministry

### Liturgy and Worship Schedule

For more information on University Ministry liturgy and worship, please call or email directly at 210.431.3213 or [university.ministry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:university.ministry@stmarytx.edu).



### Follow Us on Instagram and Facebook

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### Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

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### **Office of Career Strategy**

- Pathways to the Profession: Judicial Clerkship Program, Monday, January 25, at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- Pathways to the Profession: Solo Practice, Tuesday, January 26, at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- Financial Wisdom Wednesdays: Strategies for Financing the Cost of Your Bar Study, Wednesday, January 27, at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 917 1235 8308
- Fun Thursday: The Bachelor Fans Tell All, Thursday, January 28, Time TBD, Zoom Meeting ID: 980 7287 6366
- Remote Roundtable: Cliff Robertson, Friday, January 29, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information will be emailed
- Pathways to the Profession: Environmental and Water Law, Monday, February 1, at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591



- Pathways to the Profession: Education Law, Tuesday, February 2, at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
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## 2021 Ethics Symposium

St. Mary's Journal on Legal Malpractice and Ethics will celebrate the 20th anniversary of their annual Ethics Symposium. For the past two decades, the *St. Mary's Law Journal* has sought to provide quality ethics training that helps elevate the legal profession to the highest possible standards. They hope you will continue to be a part of their history by joining them at the Ethics Symposium on **January 29, 2021** from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. CT. Registered participants will receive 6.0 CLE credit hours including 6.0 hours in Ethics. This Zoom Webinar is free to St. Mary's faculty, staff, and students but requires registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/128025781559>. For more information, contact Hannah Mery at [hmery@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:hmery@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## **Let's "Taco" 'Bout Upcoming Events with Law Ministry and the Pro Bono Program and Happy Valentines!**

When: Wednesday, February 10, 9:40 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Law Classrooms Building

What: Breakfast Tacos and a Lovely Treat To-Go!

Learn about: Pro Bono Events/Public Interest Scholarships for Summer, Ash Wednesday Service, and more.

Sponsored by: Sister Grace Walle, Law Ministry and Greg Zlotnick, Pro Bono Program.

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."  
Galatians 5:14



## **Covid Testing and Vaccine Availability**

Below is information on Covid-19 testing and vaccine availability in San Antonio and surrounding communities. Kudos to Rosa Peterson in collaboration with fellow student coordinator Katarina Kretz and program assistant Sophia Rangel of the Center for Legal and Social Justice who put these resources together.

### **Testing:**

[Here](#) is the list for the City of San Antonio and Bexar County.

### **Covid-19 Vaccine:**

#### **Veterans**

Veterans in the San Antonio area who are in the Veteran Health Care System have two options for receiving the vaccination from the VA:

1. They may call and schedule an appointment for the vaccine, the phone number is 210-949-9702. (Highly recommended.)
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#### **San Antonio**

For individuals who currently fall into the categories 1A & 1B-

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MAX is the free personal finance program developed exclusively for law students.

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- The [Not Just a Number: The Importance of Credit to Law School Students](#) webinar
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And if you want to read, listen and learn, check out the latest from the [MAX Blog](#) and [LEX Talk Money!](#) podcast.



## Spring 2021 Law School Scholarships

The below law school scholarships are available. Deadline to apply is Friday, February 5, 2021.

Judge Carol Haberman Memorial Scholarship - This scholarship was created by the family and friends of the Hon. Carol Haberman Knight-Sheen (J.D. '56) to provide financial assistance for a single, self-supporting woman attending law school.



Eagle Scout Law Scholarship - This scholarship was established by an anonymous alumnus of the School of Law to provide financial assistance to law students who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts.

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#### **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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### **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/student-services/disability-rights/>
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As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare for, why not let the American Bar Association help? **A FREE LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** offers an array of [resources and benefits](#) to help you succeed.

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You are required to wear masks at all times in the Law School. There are no exceptions to this policy. Students must also maintain appropriate social distancing throughout the Law School. The moving of chairs, tables or other furniture in the Law Library, classrooms and in Raba without the approval of Law School Administration is strictly prohibited. We thank everyone for your cooperation following University policy.



## Help Stop the Spread of Covid-19

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(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

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Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



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<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/rustic-vegetable-soup>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safoodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safoodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



## **Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday’s at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

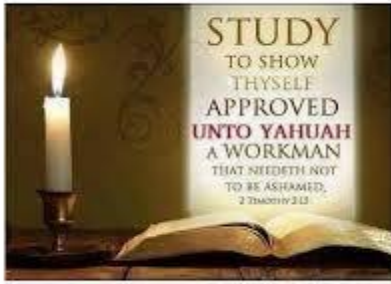
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TLAP Website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

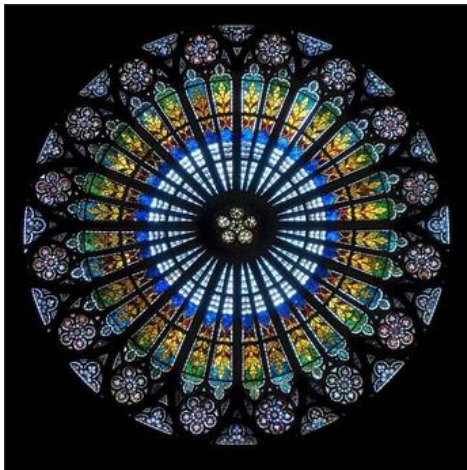
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## Ministry

### Liturgy and Worship Schedule

For more information on University Ministry liturgy and worship, please call or email directly at 210.431.3213 or [university.ministry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:university.ministry@stmarytx.edu).



## **Follow Us on Instagram and Facebook**

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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.



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## **St. Mary's National Moot Court Team Finishes Top-4 in "Best of the Best" National Championship / Advocates Bring Home Individual Honors**

This past weekend, the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team participated in the Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship, a national invitational moot court tournament held annually in Houston, Texas and open to the top sixteen (16) moot court programs in the country. This year's competition was conducted remotely via Zoom. The 3L team of Melissa Fullmer, Nicole Cooper, and Lance Kimbro competed on behalf of the law school. St. Mary's broke second out of the preliminary rounds, reaching the semi-finals at the tournament; and narrowly missed a finals appearance after winning 2 out of 3 semi-final ballots against the University of Georgia. Along the way to St. Mary's top-4 finish, Melissa Fullmer was recognized as having a Top-5 brief and Melissa and Nicole Cooper tied as Top-5 advocates. This is St. Mary's fifth consecutive year to be invited to this exclusive national competition and the law school's fourth consecutive year to finish in the top-8 or better. St. Mary's National Moot Court Team is currently ranked 2nd in the nation due in large part to the efforts of these amazing advocates! Congratulations to Melissa, Nicole and Lance!



## OCS News You Can Use

### Save the Date

- **Pathways to the Profession: Environmental and Water Law**, Monday, February 1, at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Pathways to the Profession: Education Law**, Tuesday, February 2, at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Remote Roundtable: Immigration Law with Analisa Nazareno – Nazareno Law**, Friday, February 5, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Pathways to the Profession: Tax Law**, Monday, February 8, at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Pathways to the Profession: Salary Negotiations**, Tuesday, February 9, at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Remote Roundtable: TBD**, Friday, February 12, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE

OCS invites you to a panel discussion presented by the St. Mary's School of Law Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on **Tuesday, February 16 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Recent tragic events have been the catalyst for honest – and at times, uncomfortable – discussions of about the need for greater diversity, inclusion, and allyship. This panel will present students with a transparent dialogue about navigating the legal profession as a woman, BIPOC, or LGBTQ+ individual, or person with a disability. Experiences with combating preconceived biases in the courtroom and the boardroom, finding adequate access to mentors, and challenges – if any – in their respective professional ascent, are a few examples of the topics we look forward to discussing. Panelists include Stephanie Brown (Bexar County Public Defender's Office), Hon.

Yolanda Huff (Bexar County Court #12), Shari Mao (Jackson Walker), Hon. Israel Ramon Jr. (430th District Court), and Michael Ritter (Fourth Court of Appeals).



## Graduate Law Research Assistant Position

The Graduate Law Programs is in search of a Research Assistant to provide assistance in our day-to-day operations. If you are interested in learning more about our programs and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the job description and application instructions below.

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[graduate law research assistant job description.pdf](#)

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## Let's "Taco" 'Bout Upcoming Events with Law Ministry and the Pro Bono Program

When: Wednesday, **February 10**, 9:40 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Law Classrooms Building

What: Valentine's Day Breakfast: Tacos and a Lovely Treat To-Go!

Learn about: Pro Bono Events/Public Interest Scholarships for Summer, Ash Wednesday Service, and more.

Sponsored by: Sister Grace Walle, Law Ministry and Greg Zlotnick, Pro Bono Program.

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."  
Galatians 5:14



## Student Nominations Sought

American Law Institute CLE's long running annual course, **Environmental Law**, traditionally held in Washington, D.C. in early February, will be a virtual event this year. Although the networking opportunities will be limited, we invite you to nominate deserving law students to partake in the high-level presentations through attendance at the live webcast, scheduled over three half days on **February 24-26**, 2021. For a PDF file of the announcement describing this course, please click on the following link <http://files.ali-cle.org/pdf/FY21-P07-ELAW-scholarship-v4.pdf>. More information can also be found at <https://www.ali-cle.org/VCCX0223>. Please include the **students' full names, local addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses** so that accounts can be created and instructions emailed directly to the student. Nominations should be sent to Pam McCutcheon DeLarge, at [pmccutcheon@ali-cle.org](mailto:pmccutcheon@ali-cle.org). All nominations must be received no later than **Friday, February 5, 2021**.



## **Pro Bono Program**

### ***Community Service Requirement: Updates***

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Change in Recording Tracking Hours**

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Find Us on Canvas!**

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! You should have received an invitation to add the course. Accept the invitation to access weekly announcements, forms, and more!



## Introducing iGrad

**A new, free financial literacy platform for students.**

You know, all those real-world skills that there isn't a class for? iGrad's got you covered. It is your go-to resource for personalized financial and wellness education, scholarship search, student loan management and more. With free [courses](#) and [tools](#), iGrad has something for everyone. As a St. Mary's student, it is yours for free!

Sign up using your St. Mary's email address via Gateway or go directly to [stmarytx.igrad.com](http://stmarytx.igrad.com).

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Assistance at [finaid@stmarytx.edu](mailto:finaid@stmarytx.edu).

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Don't miss your chance to win a scholarship. Get started today at [www.AccessLex.org/MAXonline](http://www.AccessLex.org/MAXonline). MAX is the free personal finance program developed exclusively for law students.

### 1L Students

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And if you want to read, listen and learn, check out the latest from the [MAX Blog](#) and [LEX Talk Money!](#) podcast.





## Spring 2021 Law School Scholarships

The below law school scholarships are available. Deadline to apply is **Friday, February 5, 2021**.

**Judge Carol Haberman Memorial Scholarship** - This scholarship was created by the family and friends of the Hon. Carol Haberman Knight-Sheen (J.D. '56) to provide financial assistance for a single, self-supporting woman attending law school.

**Eagle Scout Law Scholarship** - This scholarship was established by an anonymous alumnus of the School of Law to provide financial assistance to law students who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts.

**The Brad and Cindy Weiwei Law Scholarship** - This scholarship was established by Brad Wiewel (J.D. '78) and his wife, Cindy, to provide scholarship assistance for a law student who achieved the level of Eagle Scout in the Boys Scouts of America.

**The Steve and Tammy Hastings Endowed Law Scholarship** - This scholarship was established by Steve Hastings and his wife, Tammy, to provide scholarship assistance to a law student in good standing who is a registered democrat.

**Ford Scholarship for Single Parent Law Students** - This scholarship was established by Charles and Sharon Ford for the benefit of law students, who are single parents and who exhibit financial need.

**The Nancy and Lambeth Townsend Endowed Law Scholarship** - This scholarship is for a law student in good standing with demonstrated need. First preference will be given to a single-parent law student. If an eligible application is not received from a single-parent law student, the award will go to a law student in good academic standing with demonstrated.

To apply, use this link: <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/spring-2021-law-scholarship-application/>



## **Spring Refresh Days**

A reminder that all classes are canceled February 15-16 for Spring Refresh Days.

## **Ash Wednesday**

### **Prayer Service and Distribution of Ashes**

The St. Mary's University Law Campus Ministry invites you for a time of prayer and distribution of ashes.

Wednesday, February 17

11:00 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Law Courtyard

Social distancing and a face covering is required. For more information, contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).





## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

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Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation. <https://www.dallasfoundation.org/scholarship-listing.aspx>. Students should contact [scholarships@dallasfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@dallasfoundation.org) with any questions. Deadline to apply is 02/26/2021.

Women and the Law Section Council of the State Bar of Texas. \$1,000 and \$500. <https://blog.texasbar.com/2020/11/articles/news/state-bar-of-texas-women-and-the-law-section-now-accepting-submissions-for-the-texas-law-student-writing-competition/>. Deadline to apply is 02/28/2021.

Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association. \$2,500. <https://wadaweb.org/2020/10/02/washington-attorneys-with-disabilities-association-wada-2020-2021-scholarship/>. Deadline to apply is 03/30/2021.

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Holy Rosary Church

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Chris Ritter

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Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

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LCL – Friday’s at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

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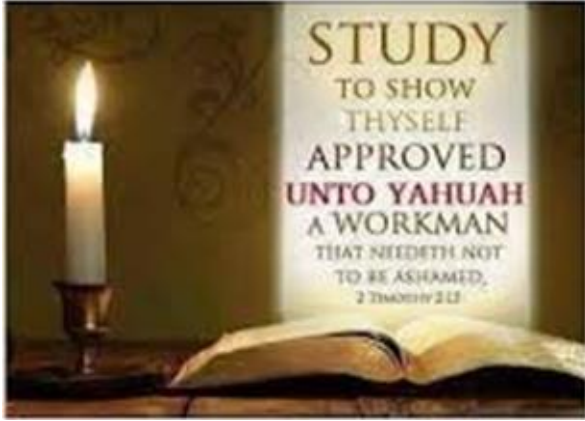
TLAP Website information:

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Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



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### **Liturgy and Worship Schedule**

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## Issue 17 – February 8, 2021

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Judge, 430th District Court, Hidalgo County

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## OCS News You Can Use

### Save the Date

- **Pathways to the Profession: Tax Law**, Monday, February 8, at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Pathways to the Profession: Salary Negotiations**, Tuesday, February 9, at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
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For more information and to register, please see the Events page in CORE.

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## Registration for The Scholar's 2021 Immigration Symposium Now Open

Join The Scholar on **Friday, February 26**, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for their 2021 Immigration Symposium.

This year's symposium will focus on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates surrounding the field. This year's theme is "The Road to Rehabilitation: Reconnecting with Humanity."

Featured speakers include Eduardo Beckett of the "Immigration Nation" Docuseries on Netflix, Shaw Drake of the ACLU, Celina Moreno of IDRA, Eitan Peled of UNICEF, Cristina Rodriguez of Yale Law School, Teresa Romero of the United Farm Workers of America, St. Mary's Professor Erica Schommer, and Karla Vargas of the Texas Civil Rights Project.

St. Mary's School of Law faculty/staff and Scholar Volume 23 member registration is free. Student registration is \$10, but scholarships are available for St. Mary's School of Law students. Please email [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu) from your St. Mary's email address and write why you would like to attend.

Registered attorneys will receive 5 CLE credit hours including 1 hour in ethics. To register or for more information, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-immigration-symposium-tickets-140034403671>

Questions? Please contact *The Scholar* at [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu) or call 210-296-8056.

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## **Let's "Taco" 'Bout Upcoming Events with Law Ministry and the Pro Bono Program**

When: Wednesday, **February 10**, 9:40 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Law Classrooms Building

What: Valentine's Day Breakfast: Tacos and a Lovely Treat To-Go!

Learn about: Pro Bono Events/Public Interest Scholarships for Summer, Ash Wednesday Service, and more.

Sponsored by: Sister Grace Walle, Law Ministry and Greg Zlotnick, Pro Bono Program.

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."  
Galatians 5:14



## **Women in Law Leadership Awards**

Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a 2L or 3L law student for a Women in Law Leadership Award. The award recipients and nominees will be recognized on

Thursday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m in the Pecan Grove Outdoor Pavillion. The event is limited in attendance to those nominated, nominators, faculty, staff and special guests following social distancing guidelines.

Nominations will be accepted until **Monday, March 1, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. The nomination application can be found here: <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/women-in-law-award-nomination-form/>. For questions or for more information, please contact Andrea Pascal at [apascal@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:apascal@mail.stmarytx.edu).

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The Graduate Law Programs is in search of a Research Assistant to provide assistance in our day-to-day operations. If you are interested in learning more about our programs and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the job description and application instructions below.

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## Spring Refresh Days

A reminder that all classes are canceled February 15-16 for Spring Refresh Days.



## Ash Wednesday

### Prayer Service and Distribution of Ashes

The St. Mary's University Law Campus Ministry invites you for a time of prayer and distribution of ashes.

Wednesday, February 17

11:00 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Law Courtyard

Social distancing and a face covering is required. For more information, contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).



## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Applications are now open for the [Constance Baker Motley National Student Writing Competition](#) and the [Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition](#) on Regulatory and Administrative Law. Both writing competitions are open to law students, and both competitions offer the winner a cash prize and a chance at publication. The deadline for submissions is 02/09/2020 at 11:59 PM ET.

Texas Aggie Bar Association. [www.aggielaw.org](http://www.aggielaw.org). For A&M graduates attending law school at St. Mary's. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for more information. Deadline to apply is 02/19/2021.

Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation. <https://www.dallasfoundation.org/scholarship-listing.aspx>. Students should contact [scholarships@dallasfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@dallasfoundation.org) with any questions. Deadline to apply is 02/26/2021.

Women and the Law Section Council of the State Bar of Texas. \$1,000 and \$500. <https://blog.texasbar.com/2020/11/articles/news/state-bar-of-texas-women-and-the-law-section-now-accepting-submissions-for-the-texas-law-student-writing-competition/>. Deadline to apply is 02/28/2021.

Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association. \$2,500. <https://wadaweb.org/2020/10/02/washington-attorneys-with-disabilities-association-wada-2020-2021-scholarship/>. Deadline to apply is 03/30/2021.

ABA Section of Family Law. \$1,500. \$750. \$350. [Schwab Essay Contest](#). Deadline to apply is 04/09/2021.

Tax Section, State Bar of Texas. Three each \$2,000.  
<http://www.texasbar.org/uploads/2021%20scholarship%20application%20.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 04/16/2021.

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The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law annual writing competition. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/>. \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply 06/15/ 2021.



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### *Community Service Requirement: Updates*

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

## Change in Recording Tracking Hours

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Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

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## Health & Wellness

### 30-Minute Easy Vegan Chili

There are many recipes for chili that call for long simmering times, but not this one. Using canned tomatoes and beans makes for a quick and hearty chili on a busy weeknight. Try it.

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(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required





## **Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday’s at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

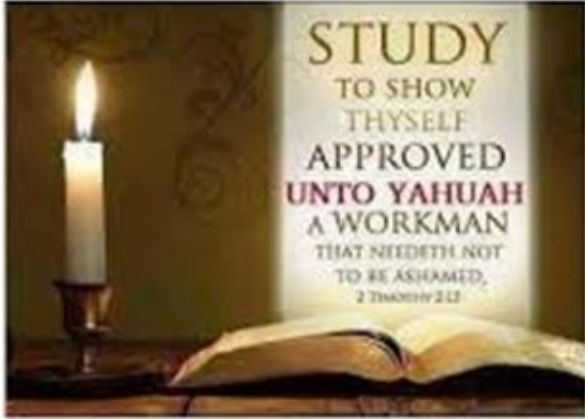
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information:

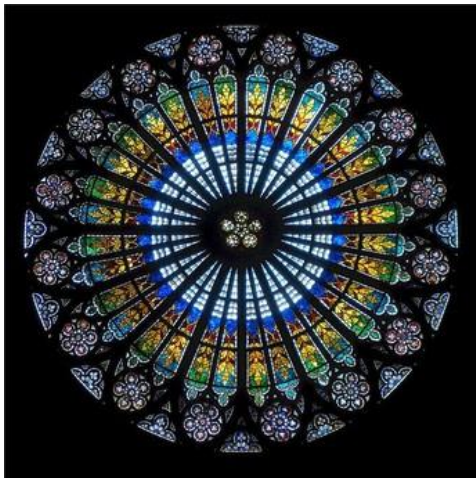
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## Ministry

### Liturgy and Worship Schedule

For more information on University Ministry liturgy and worship, please call or email directly at 210.431.3213 or [university.ministry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:university.ministry@stmarytx.edu).



## **Follow Us on Instagram and Facebook**

Follow Dean for Law Student Affairs on Instagram and on Facebook.

## **Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?**

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

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**Issue 18 – February 15, 2021**



**No Classes this week Monday and Tuesday, February 15-16**

A reminder that all classes are canceled February 15-16 for Spring Refresh Days.



**School of Law Diversity and Inclusion Climate Survey**

All students are invited and encouraged to complete the law school's Diversity and Inclusion Climate Survey. The survey seeks input on our law school's strengths and opportunities in relation to diversity, equity, and inclusion. All responses are anonymous and confidential, and

reports will only be in the aggregate. Results will be used to improve programming, training, and the student experience.

You can fill out the survey [here](#).

If you have questions, an FAQ website and contact information are available [here](#).

## **A Roundtable Discussion About the Challenges and Triumphs Navigating the Legal Profession as an Underrepresented Attorney**

The St. Mary's University School of Law Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion would like to invite you to **A Roundtable Discussion About the Challenges and Triumphs Navigating the Legal Profession as an Underrepresented Attorney**.

**Tuesday, February 16  
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

Recent tragic events have been the catalyst of honest — and, at times, uncomfortable discussions of diversity, inclusion and allyship. This panel will address these issues — namely how they manifest in the legal profession — by providing students a transparent dialogue of navigating the legal profession as a woman, person of color or LGBTQ individual.

A few examples of the topics this panel will discuss include:

- experiences with combating preconceived biases in the courtroom and the boardroom
- finding adequate access to mentors
- and challenges, if any, in their respective professional ascent.

The Hon. Yolanda Huff (J.D. '96)  
Judge, Bexar County Court 12, San Antonio

Shari Mao (J.D. '12)  
Partner, Jackson Walker, San Antonio

Michael Ritter, J.D.  
Staff Attorney, Fourth Court of Appeals, San Antonio

Stephanie Brown (J.D. '01)  
First Assistant Public Defender, Bexar County Public Defender's Office, San Antonio

The Hon. Israel Ramon Jr. (J.D. '77)  
Judge, 430th District Court, Hidalgo County

[Register Today](#)

**Additional events from the Dean's Council and the President's Council for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:**

- [Community Dialogue Session Sponsored by the President's Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion\(VIRTUAL\)](#)  
Wednesday, Feb. 17
- [Community Dialogue Session Sponsored by the President's Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion \(VIRTUAL\)](#)  
Thursday, Feb. 18
- Save the date for the **SBOT Texas Minority Law Students Program and St. Mary's University School of Law's Career Success Conference**, to be held virtually on Friday, March 5, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sessions will feature panel discussions with law students and attorneys, and cover everything from application basics to finding a mentor or champion, and everything in between to enhance your professional success. Registration details will be forthcoming.

*For more information, contact Collanne Bramblett West at 210-436-3774 or [cwest1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cwest1@stmarytx.edu).*



## OCS News You Can Use

### Save the Date

- **Remote Roundtable: Jade Heep, Espinoza Law Firm, San Antonio**, Friday, February 19, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Pathways to the Profession: Human Trafficking**, Monday, February 22, at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Pathways to the Profession: Elder Law**, Tuesday, February 23, at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Financial Wisdom Wednesdays: Managing Your Credit While in Law School and Beyond**, Wednesday, February 24 at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 917 1235 8308
- **Fun Thursday: Trivia Night**, Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 980 7287 6366
- **Remote Roundtable: Nadeen Abou-Hossa, Fourth Court of Appeals, San Antonio**, Friday, February 26, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Remote Roundtable, Stephanie Green, Duggins, Wren, Mann & Romero, Pflugerville**, Saturday, February 27, at 11:00 a.m., Zoom information available in CORE

For more information and to register, please see the Events page in CORE.



## **Panel Discussion**

OCS invites you to a panel discussion presented by the St. Mary's School of Law Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on **Tuesday, February 16 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Recent tragic events have been the catalyst for honest – and at times, uncomfortable – discussions of about the need for greater diversity, inclusion, and allyship. This panel will present students with a transparent dialogue about navigating the legal profession as a woman, BIPOC, or LGBTQ+ individual, or person with a disability. Experiences with combating preconceived biases in the courtroom and the boardroom, finding adequate access to mentors, and challenges – if any – in their respective professional ascent, are a few examples of the topics we look forward to discussing. Panelists include Stephanie Brown (Bexar County Public Defender's Office), Hon. Yolanda Huff (Bexar County Court #12), Shari Mao (Jackson Walker), Hon. Israel Ramon Jr. (430th District Court), and Michael Ritter (Fourth Court of Appeals).



## **Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Prayer Services**

The St. Mary's University Law Campus Ministry invites you for a time of prayer and distribution of ashes.

Wednesday, February 17

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

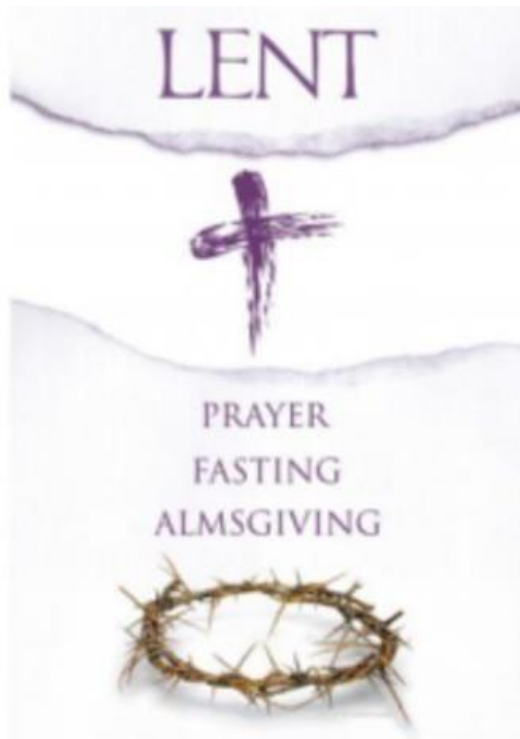
Law Courtyard

(in the event of rain, service will be moved to the  
Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Alumni Room)

University Ministry offers additional Ash Wednesday services on campus.

- 9:00 a.m. - Prayer at the Bell Tower
- 12:15 p.m. - Mass at Guadalupe Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. - Prayer at the Bell Tower

The Mass at Guadalupe Chapel will be streamed live. Visit [stmarytx.edu/live](http://stmarytx.edu/live) on **Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 12:15 p.m.**



## **So, What Are Ya Doin' for Lent This Year? It's NOT Really What You Think It Is!**

You are invited to join Reverend William J. Meyer, S.M., D.Min, Associate Vice President of Mission, for a Lent and Easter discussion.

**Wednesday, February 17**

**4:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

via [Zoom](#)

[Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

*For more information, contact the Office of Mission at 210-431-8094.*



## **First Generation Professional & Black Law Students Association “Famous Firsts” Trivia Night**

Join us this **Thursday, February 18, 2021** from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for our first ever “Famous Firsts” Trivia Night hosted by First Generation Professionals and Black Law Students Association. The event is open to everyone! Winners of each trivia category will receive a gift card. Grab your favorite drink and snacks and we hope to see you there!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/4333271226>

Meeting ID: 433 327 1226

For more information contact Natalie Garcia at [ngarcia54@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:ngarcia54@mail.stmarytx.edu)

## **First Generation Lawyer Challenges and Tools**

You are invited to a Remote Well-Being meeting on Wednesday, **February 24**, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. as Texas Lawyers Assistance Program presents "First Generation Lawyer Challenges and Tools." Guest speakers are Carlos Calderon, Clinical Teaching Fellow at South Texas College of Law, Houston, David Grenardo, Professor of Law, St. Mary's University School of Law, and The Honorable Rudy Metayer, Pflugerville City Councilman and Attorney. The meeting Zoom Link is <https://zoom.us/j/559673278>.



## Registration for The Scholar's 2021 Immigration Symposium Now Open

Join The Scholar on **Friday, February 26**, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for their 2021 Immigration Symposium.

This year's symposium will focus on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates surrounding the field. This year's theme is "The Road to Rehabilitation: Reconnecting with Humanity."

Featured speakers include Eduardo Beckett of the "Immigration Nation" Docuseries on Netflix, Shaw Drake of the ACLU, Celina Moreno of IDRA, Eitan Peled of UNICEF, Cristina Rodriguez of Yale Law School, Teresa Romero of the United Farm Workers of America, St. Mary's Professor Erica Schommer, and Karla Vargas of the Texas Civil Rights Project.

St. Mary's School of Law faculty/staff and Scholar Volume 23 member registration is free. Student registration is \$10, but scholarships are available for St. Mary's School of Law students. Please email [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu) from your St. Mary's email address and write why you would like to attend.

Registered attorneys will receive 5 CLE credit hours including 1 hour in ethics. To register or for more information, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-immigration-symposium-tickets-140034403671>

Questions? Please contact *The Scholar* at [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu) or call 210-296-8056.

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## Women in Law Leadership Awards

Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a 2L or 3L law student for a Women in Law Leadership Award. The award recipients and nominees will be recognized on Thursday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m in the Pecan Grove Outdoor Pavillion. The event is limited in attendance to those nominated, nominators, faculty, staff and special guests following social distancing guidelines.

Nominations will be accepted until **Monday, March 1, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. The nomination application can be found here <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/women-in-law-award-nomination-form/>. For questions or for more information, please contact Andrea Pascal at [apascal@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:apascal@mail.stmarytx.edu).

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## Graduate Law Research Assistant Position

The Graduate Law Programs is in search of a Research Assistant to provide assistance in our day-to-day operations. If you are interested in learning more about our programs and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the job description and application instructions below.

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[Job Description](#)

[Graduate Law Research Assistant](#)

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## MAXimize Your Financial Future

Remember, MAX by AccessLex® is a program offered to you, free of charge, to help you build financial capability and confidence. If you haven't already, register for [MAX](#) and check out this month's highlights:

- February is insurance month in MAX by AccessLex®! Each Thursday this month you can join a live webinar to learn more about insurance types and how this important tool applies to you, even during law school. Jump into the next topic this [Thursday](#) and sign up for the remaining sessions while you're at it! Each event provides you with a secret code for the remaining MAX scholarship drawing for two \$25,000 and one \$40,000 scholarship for each law school class year on April 1.
- Be sure to check out the **NEW** MAX event Five Habits of Financially Successful Lawyers. Find a time that works for you [here](#). And if you want even more live events, visit the [full schedule](#) of upcoming webinars in your MAX account or in the below PDF.

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[Earn entries into the MAX by AccessLex scholarship drawings by attending any qualifying MAX Event.](#)

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## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.



Applications are now open for the [Constance Baker Motley National Student Writing Competition](#) and the [Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition](#) on Regulatory and Administrative Law. Both writing competitions are open to law students, and both competitions offer the winner a cash prize and a chance at publication. The deadline for submissions is 02/09/2020 at 11:59 PM ET.

Texas Aggie Bar Association. [www.aggielaw.org](http://www.aggielaw.org). For A&M graduates attending law school at St. Mary's. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for more information. Deadline to apply is 02/19/2021.

Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation. <https://www.dallasfoundation.org/scholarship-listing.aspx>. Students should contact [scholarhsips@dallasfoundation.org](mailto:scholarhsips@dallasfoundation.org) with any questions. Deadline to apply is 02/26/2021.

Women and the Law Section Council of the State Bar of Texas. \$1,000 and \$500. <https://blog.texasbar.com/2020/11/articles/news/state-bar-of-texas-women-and-the-law-section-now-accepting-submissions-for-the-texas-law-student-writing-competition/>. Deadline to apply is 02/28/2021.

Aviation Law Section, State Bar of Texas. \$1,000. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for application. Deadline to apply is 03/01/2021.

Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association. \$2,500. <https://wadaweb.org/2020/10/02/washington-attorneys-with-disabilities-association-wada-2020-2021-scholarship/>. Deadline to apply is 03/30/2021.

ABA Section of Family Law. \$1,500. \$750. \$350. [Schwab Essay Contest](#). Deadline to apply is 04/09/2021.

Tax Section, State Bar of Texas. Three each \$2,000. <http://www.texasbar.org/uploads/2021%20scholarship%20application%20.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 04/16/2021.

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Two \$5,000 scholarships. [www.texasbariplaw.org](http://www.texasbariplaw.org). Deadline to apply is 05/01/2021.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law annual writing competition. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/>. \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply 06/15/ 2021.



## **Pro Bono Program**

### ***Community Service Requirement: Updates***

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Change in Recording Tracking Hours**

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Find Us on Canvas!**

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! You should have received an invitation to add the course. Accept the invitation to access weekly announcements, forms, and more!



## Introducing iGrad

**A new, free financial literacy platform for students.**

You know, all those real-world skills that there isn't a class for? iGrad's got you covered. It is your go-to resource for personalized financial and wellness education, scholarship search, student loan management and more. With free [courses](#) and [tools](#), iGrad has something for everyone. As a St. Mary's student, it is yours for free!

Sign up using your St. Mary's email address via Gateway or go directly to [stmarytx.igrad.com](http://stmarytx.igrad.com).

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Assistance at [finaid@stmarytx.edu](mailto:finaid@stmarytx.edu).

### **[SIGN UP WITH iGRAD](#)**

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## **Health & Wellness**

### **Skinny Beef Enchiladas**

This recipe calls for lighter ingredients and looks incredibly amazing.

<https://life-in-the-lofthouse.com/skinny-beef-enchiladas/>



## **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Hours**

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

For everyone's health and safety, wearing a face mask is required as is keeping 6-foot social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Mental Well-Being Support

Students are reminded of resources available through the Student Counseling Center. Students may also reach out to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program. Contact information for both programs is below.

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

Student Counseling Center

[Center for Life Directions](#)

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)

Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### 24-hour Crisis Response

The counselor on duty may be accessed by calling the Student Counseling Center emergency line at (210) 825-3622 after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on Saturday and Sunday. Emergency services are available during regular office hours by calling (210) 436-3135 or by walk-in to the office. All appointments are virtual.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/>

call or Text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527)



## Notices

### **Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues**

Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

### **Law Students with Disabilities**

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is

210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information.

### **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

### **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

#### **What You Should Know**

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

#### **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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### **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/compliance/research-compliance/>

### **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.



### **Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students**

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare for, why not let the American Bar Association help? **A FREE LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** offers an array of [resources and benefits](#) to help you succeed.

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join our community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join today!](#)

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## **Covid Testing and Vaccine Availability**

Below is information on Covid-19 testing and vaccine availability in San Antonio and surrounding communities. Kudos to Rosa Peterson in collaboration with fellow student coordinator Katarina Kretz and program assistant Sophia Rangel of the Center for Legal and Social Justice who put these resources together.

### **Testing:**

[Here](#) is the list for the City of San Antonio and Bexar County.

### **Covid-19 Vaccine:**

#### Veterans

Veterans in the San Antonio area who are in the Veteran Health Care System have two options for receiving the vaccination from the VA:

1. They may call and schedule an appointment for the vaccine, the phone number is 210-949-9702. (Highly recommended.)
2. They may do the walk-in option on Saturdays for the vaccine.

#### San Antonio

For individuals who currently fall into the categories 1A & 1B:

The city of San Antonio (San Antonio Metro Health) is offering Covid vaccines via mass vaccination events. Registration is required ahead of time either online [here](#) or by calling 311. The website states residents can check back during the week for later appointments.

University Health System is also offering the vaccine for the same group of individuals, depending on vaccine availability. Information can be found [here](#) for that program. UHS's app will notify residents when more appointments become available.

#### Outside San Antonio

The Texas Department of State Health Services has a Covid-19 information page [here](#) which includes this [map](#). Students should be able to place their ZIP code into the interactive map to see if there is any availability in their area.



## University Mandatory Mask Policy

This is a reminder to everyone that University policy states: **“Everyone is expected to wear cloth face masks on campus when in public spaces and other areas when appropriate, including when social distancing is not achievable...”**

You are required to wear masks at all times in the Law School. There are no exceptions to this policy. Students must also maintain appropriate social distancing throughout the Law School. The moving of chairs, tables or other furniture in the Law Library, classrooms and in Raba without the approval of Law School Administration is strictly prohibited. We thank everyone for your cooperation in following University policy.



## Help Stop The Spread of Covid-19

Students are reminded to be vigilant and continue to exercise caution in preventing the spread of Covid-19. Please wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times while on campus and practice social distancing. More information on CDC guidelines and campus policy may be found here <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/>.



## **Academic Support**

### **Law School Resources**

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



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LCL – Friday’s at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

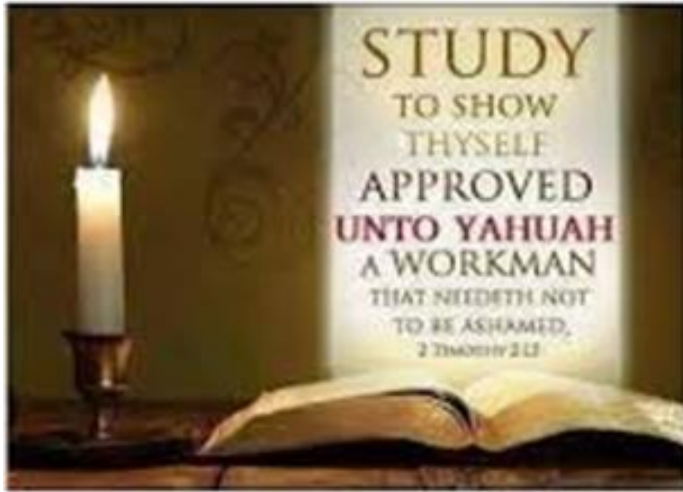
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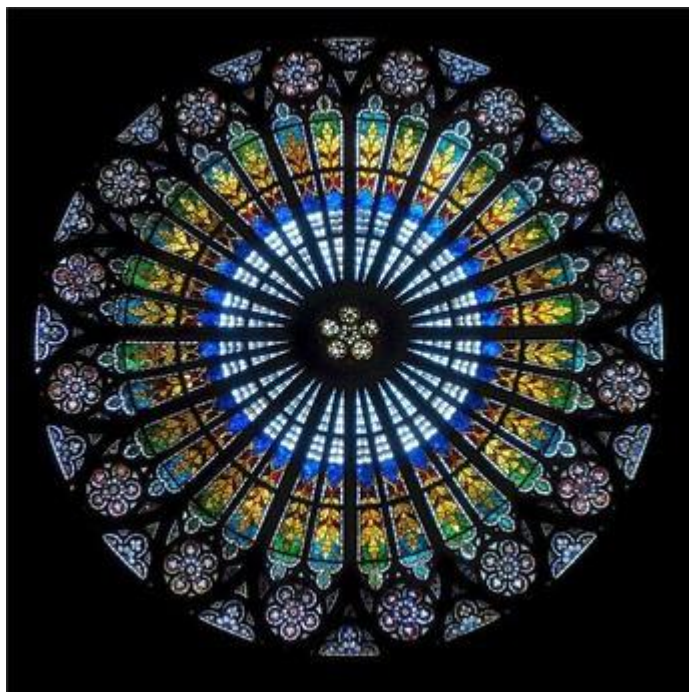
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## **Bible Study**

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## Ministry

### Liturgy and Worship Schedule

For more information on University Ministry liturgy and worship, please call or email directly at 210.431.3213 or [university.ministry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:university.ministry@stmarytx.edu).



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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.

# WITAN St. Mary's University School of Law

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## **St. Mary's Mooters Advance Out of Prelims, Reach Round of 16 in National Invitational Tournament**

Over the Valentine's Day weekend, the St. Mary's Moot Court Team competed in the 50th Annual William B. Spong National Moot Court Competition. This invitational tournament is sponsored by William & Mary Law School and included 50 teams from all over the country. The St. Mary's teams of Meredith Milton (2L), Melissa Fullmer (3L) and Coy Westbrook (2L) *and* Nicole Cooper (3L), Lance Kimbro (3L) and Angela Bauman took part in the competition, which was held remotely this year via Zoom. Meredith, Melissa and Coy advanced out of the preliminaries, reaching the Octo-Final Round. Please congratulate these fine advocates for another strong moot court showing.



## **Congratulations to the National ADR and National Trial Teams**

### **National ADR Team Thrives in ABA Client Counseling**

Over the last three years, St. Mary's University School of Law has entered into the ABA Client Counseling competition, and in each of those years, including this one, the National ADR team secured top scores. Last weekend, six members of the National ADR Team dominated the competition scoring top scores in each round. The team of Felicia Stevens (3L) with Karen Muñoz (2L), Charles Hosey (3L) with Skyler Grau (3L), and Claire Mikita (3L) with Stafford Sadler (2L) competed in the American Bar Association's Client Counseling Competition hosted by Western Michigan University, Cooley Law School.

The six competitors not only conquered the weather, but nearly the entire field of competitors. This was an incredible showing from our National ADR Team in which two of the three teams advanced to the semifinals. After preliminary rounds, Claire Mikita and Stafford Sadler and Skyler Grau and Charles Hosey were #1 and #3 in the entire tournament. Further, Claire Mikita and Stafford Sadler held the highest scores going into the semifinals and finals round, and were crowned regional finalists. The team's hard work and dedication were the driving force of the readiness, and their mastery of the medium was on full display. The National ADR coach, Professor Emily Landon, noted "The National ADR team should be incredibly proud of their performance as they continue to show the country how talented they are." Congratulations to the team and to Professor Emily Landon on a fantastic finish!

### **National Trial Team has Best Finish in Nearly a Decade at the National Trial Competition**

Last weekend, the St. Mary's University School of Law National Trial Team competed in the Regional National Trial Competition (NTC), which was hosted by the University of Texas and Texas Southern Law School. St. Mary's brought two teams to compete this year, the Blue Team, consisting of 3L's Meagan Ledesma and Juishree Samant, and the Gold Team, consisting of 3L's Rebecca Dettmers and Cameron Galvan, and 2L Andrea Vizcarra. For the first time in nearly a decade, both St. Mary's teams broke to the semifinals. The Blue Team broke out of the preliminary rounds in first place, and fought a hard semifinal against University of Texas, losing a close match, but winning the presiding judge's ballot. The Gold team also lost a near statistical tie to Baylor, the eventual regional champion. The Gold team won the presiding judge's ballot,

who was a retired federal judge appointed by President Clinton. Both teams represented St. Mary's with honor and pride. 2L closer Andy Vizcarra was given almost perfect scores for her closing arguments across six judges in the competition. The National Trial team is ready to take the competition again next year.

This was possible because of a huge team effort. 2L's Anne Baumgardner, Robin Becker, Kenneth Ferguson, Hailey Nikkels, Jasmin Olguin, Stephanie Swanson, John Sydow and Carin Weiters helped prepare the team by playing the roles of either practice squad or witnesses. As a result of their preparations, 2L's Anne "Brooke" Baumgardner, Hailey Nikkels and Jasmine Olguin volunteered to compete as a foil team during the winter snowpocalypse this past week, finishing 1 point shy of breaking to the semi-final round in Region 8. Many of these members along with 3L Cameron Galvan volunteered to witness several rounds when teams could not provide their own witnesses due to the weather. This service has been noticed by the advocacy nationwide with praise coming from around the country. Congratulations to all!



## **School of Law Diversity and Inclusion Climate Survey**

All students are invited and encouraged to complete the law school's Diversity and Inclusion Climate Survey. The survey seeks input on our law school's strengths and opportunities in relation to diversity, equity, and inclusion. All responses are anonymous and confidential, and reports will only be in the aggregate. Results will be used to improve programming, training, and the student experience.

**You can fill out the survey [here](#).**

**If you have questions, an FAQ website and contact information are available [here](#).**

# **A Roundtable Discussion About the Challenges and Triumphs Navigating the Legal Profession as an Underrepresented Attorney**

The St. Mary's University School of Law Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion would like to invite you to **A Roundtable Discussion About the Challenges and Triumphs Navigating the Legal Profession as an Underrepresented Attorney**.

**Tuesday, February 16  
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

Recent tragic events have been the catalyst of honest — and, at times, uncomfortable discussions of diversity, inclusion and allyship. This panel will address these issues — namely how they manifest in the legal profession — by providing students a transparent dialogue of navigating the legal profession as a woman, person of color or LGBTQ individual.

A few examples of the topics this panel will discuss include:

- experiences with combating preconceived biases in the courtroom and the boardroom
- finding adequate access to mentors
- and challenges, if any, in their respective professional ascent.

The Hon. Yolanda Huff (J.D. '96)  
Judge, Bexar County Court 12, San Antonio

Shari Mao (J.D. '12)  
Partner, Jackson Walker, San Antonio

Michael Ritter, J.D.  
Staff Attorney, Fourth Court of Appeals, San Antonio

Stephanie Brown (J.D. '01)  
First Assistant Public Defender, Bexar County Public Defender's Office, San Antonio

The Hon. Israel Ramon Jr. (J.D. '77)  
Judge, 430th District Court, Hidalgo County

[Register Today](#)



**Additional events from the Dean's Council and the President's Council for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:**

- [Community Dialogue Session Sponsored by the President's Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion\(VIRTUAL\)](#)  
Wednesday, Feb. 17
- [Community Dialogue Session Sponsored by the President's Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion \(VIRTUAL\)](#)  
Thursday, Feb. 18
- Save the date for the **SBOT Texas Minority Law Students Program and St. Mary's University School of Law's Career Success Conference**, to be held virtually on Friday, March 5, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sessions will feature panel discussions with law students and attorneys, and cover everything from application basics to finding a mentor or champion, and everything in between to enhance your professional success. Registration details will be forthcoming.

*For more information, contact Collanne Bramblett West at 210-436-3774 or [cwest1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cwest1@stmarytx.edu).*



## **OCS News You Can Use**

### **Save the Date**

- **Pathways to the Profession: Elder Law**, Tuesday, February 23, at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Financial Wisdom Wednesdays: Managing Your Credit While in Law School and Beyond**, Wednesday, February 24 at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 917 1235 8308
- **Fun Thursday: Sports Jeopardy!**, Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 980 7287 6366
- **Remote Roundtable: Nadeen Abou-Hossa, Fourth Court of Appeals, San Antonio**, Friday, February 26, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Remote Roundtable, Stephanie Green, Duggins, Wren, Mann & Romero, Pflugerville**, Saturday, February 27, at 11:00 a.m., Zoom information available in CORE



- **Pathways to the Profession: Arbitration/Mediation Law**, Monday, March 1, at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Pathways to the Profession: Privacy/Cybersecurity Law**, Tuesday, March 2, at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Remote Roundtable: Erica Benites Giese, Jackson Walker LLP**, Friday, March 5, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE

For more information and to register, please see the Events page in CORE.



TEXAS LAWYERS'  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## First Generation Lawyer Challenges and Tools

You are invited to a Remote Well-Being meeting on Wednesday, **February 24**, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. as Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program presents "First Generation Lawyer Challenges and Tools." Guest speakers are Carlos Calderon, Clinical Teaching Fellow at South Texas College of Law, Houston, David Grenardo, Professor of Law, St. Mary's University School of Law, and The Honorable Rudy Metayer, Pflugerville City Councilman and Attorney. The meeting Zoom Link is <https://zoom.us/j/559673278>.



**Carlos Calderon**

Clinical Teaching Fellow at  
South Texas College of Law,  
Houston



**David Grenardo**

Professor of Law, St. Mary's  
University School of Law



**The Honorable Rudy Metayer**

Pflugerville City Councilman  
and Attorney



## Registration for The Scholar's 2021 Immigration Symposium Now Open

Join The Scholar on **Friday, February 26**, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for their 2021 Immigration Symposium.

This year's symposium will focus on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates surrounding the field. This year's theme is "The Road to Rehabilitation: Reconnecting with Humanity."

Featured speakers include Eduardo Beckett of the "Immigration Nation" Docuseries on Netflix, Shaw Drake of the ACLU, Celina Moreno of IDRA, Eitan Peled of UNICEF, Cristina Rodriguez of Yale Law School, Teresa Romero of the United Farm Workers of America, St. Mary's Professor Erica Schommer, and Karla Vargas of the Texas Civil Rights Project. St. Mary's School of Law faculty/staff and Scholar Volume 23 member registration is free. Student registration is \$10, but scholarships are available for St. Mary's School of Law students. Please email [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu) from your St. Mary's email address and write why you would like to attend.

Registered attorneys will receive 5 CLE credit hours including 1 hour in ethics. To register or for more information, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-immigration-symposium-tickets-140034403671>

Questions? Please contact *The Scholar* at [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu) or call 210-296-8056.

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## Ways to Serve after Winter Storm Uri

### San Antonio Food Bank

The SAFB is hosting multiple food and water distributions around San Antonio in the coming weeks. Food distributions require 200+ volunteers who are able to lift, walk and stand for hours at a time. Use this link to register for an upcoming volunteer event.

<https://safb.secure.force.com/jobcalendar>

### City of San Antonio Water Distributions

Volunteers are needed to help at the 13 COSA/Bexar County distribution locations. Shifts are available Monday, February 22 through Friday, February 26, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Volunteers will help direct traffic at the distribution sites and assist with loading cases of water into vehicles. Entire shift will be outdoors and some volunteers will be required to lift up to 20 lbs. Use this link to register for an upcoming volunteer shift.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4caca82ba3fa7-bottled>



## Women in Law Leadership Awards

Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a 2L or 3L law student for a Women in Law Leadership Award. The award recipients and nominees will be recognized on Thursday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m in the Pecan Grove Outdoor Pavillion. The event is limited in attendance to those nominated, nominators, faculty, staff and special guests following social distancing guidelines.

Nominations will be accepted until **Monday, March 1, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. The nomination application can be found here <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/women-in-law-award-nomination-form/>. For questions or for more information, please contact Andrea Pascal at [apascal@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:apascal@mail.stmarytx.edu).

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## Graduate Law Research Assistant Position

The Graduate Law Programs is in search of a Research Assistant to provide assistance in our day-to-day operations. If you are interested in learning more about our programs and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the job description and application instructions below.

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## MAXimize Your Financial Future

Remember, MAX by AccessLex® is a program offered to you, free of charge, to help you build financial capability and confidence. If you haven't already, register for [MAX](#) and check out this month's highlights:

- February is insurance month in MAX by AccessLex®! Each Thursday this month you can join a live webinar to learn more about insurance types and how this important tool applies to you, even during law school. Jump into the next topic this [Thursday](#) and sign up for the remaining sessions while you're at it! Each event provides you with a secret code for the remaining MAX scholarship drawing for two \$25,000 and one \$40,000 scholarship for each law school class year on April 1.
- Be sure to check out the **NEW MAX** event Five Habits of Financially Successful Lawyers. Find a time that works for you [here](#). And if you want even more live events, visit the [full schedule](#) of upcoming webinars in your MAX account or in the below PDF.

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## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.



Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation. <https://www.dallasfoundation.org/scholarship-listing.aspx>. Students should contact [scholarships@dallasfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@dallasfoundation.org) with any questions. Deadline to apply is 02/26/2021.

Women and the Law Section Council of the State Bar of Texas. \$1,000 and \$500. <https://blog.texasbar.com/2020/11/articles/news/state-bar-of-texas-women-and-the-law-section-now-accepting-submissions-for-the-texas-law-student-writing-competition/>. Deadline to apply is 02/28/2021.

Aviation Law Section, State Bar of Texas. \$1,000. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for application. Deadline to apply is 03/01/2021.

ChIPs | Advancing Women in Technology, Law and Policy. Two \$5,000. Third-year students. <https://chipsnetwork.org/rachel-krevans-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is 3/15/2021.

Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association. \$2,500. <https://wadaweb.org/2020/10/02/washington-attorneys-with-disabilities-association-wada-2020-2021-scholarship/>. Deadline to apply is 03/30/2021.

ABA Section of Family Law. \$1,500. \$750. \$350. [Schwab Essay Contest](#). Deadline to apply is 04/09/2021.

Tax Section, State Bar of Texas. Three each \$2,000. <http://www.texasbar.org/uploads/2021%20scholarship%20application%20.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 04/16/2021.

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Two \$5,000 scholarships. [www.texasbar.org](http://www.texasbar.org). Deadline to apply is 05/01/2021.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law annual writing competition. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/>. \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply 06/15/ 2021.





# Pro Bono Program

## *Community Service Requirement: Updates*

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

## **Change in Recording Tracking Hours**

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

## **Find Us on Canvas!**

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! You should have received an invitation to add the course. Accept the invitation to access weekly announcements, forms, and more!



## Introducing iGrad

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Sign up using your St. Mary's email address via Gateway or go directly to [stmarytx.igrad.com](http://stmarytx.igrad.com).

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Assistance at [finaid@stmarytx.edu](mailto:finaid@stmarytx.edu).

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## **Health & Wellness**

### **Skinny Lasagna Skillet**

Try this one-pan pasta dish that calls for whole wheat pasta, ground turkey, and tomato sauce. Top with melted cheese for extra deliciousness.

<https://healthyfitnessmeals.com/skinny-lasagna-skillet/>



## Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Hours

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

For everyone's health and safety, wearing a face mask is required as is keeping 6-foot social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Mental Well-Being Support

Students are reminded of resources available through the Student Counseling Center. Students may also reach out to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program. Contact information for both programs is below.

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

Student Counseling Center  
[Center for Life Directions](#)  
(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)  
Fax: (210) 431-6706  
[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)  
Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **24-hour Crisis Response**

The counselor on duty may be accessed by calling the Student Counseling Center emergency line at (210) 825-3622 after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on Saturday and Sunday. Emergency services are available during regular office hours by calling (210) 436-3135 or by walk-in to the office. All appointments are virtual.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/>

call or Text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527)



## **Notices**

### **Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues**

Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

### **Law Students with Disabilities**

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *Law Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information.

### **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

### **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

#### **What You Should Know**

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.



## 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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### 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/compliance/research-compliance/>

### 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.





## Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students

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## Covid Testing and Vaccine Availability

Below is information on Covid-19 testing and vaccine availability in San Antonio and surrounding communities. Kudos to Rosa Peterson in collaboration with fellow student coordinator Katarina Kretz and program assistant Sophia Rangel of the Center for Legal and Social Justice who put these resources together.

### **Testing:**

[Here](#) is the list for the City of San Antonio and Bexar County.

### **Covid-19 Vaccine:**

#### Veterans

Veterans in the San Antonio area who are in the Veteran Health Care System have two options for receiving the vaccination from the VA:

1. They may call and schedule an appointment for the vaccine, the phone number is 210-949-9702. (Highly recommended.)
2. They may do the walk-in option on Saturdays for the vaccine.

### San Antonio

For individuals who currently fall into the categories 1A & 1B-

The city of San Antonio (San Antonio Metro Health) is offering Covid vaccines via mass vaccination events. Registration is required ahead of time either online [here](#) or by calling 311. The website states residents can check back during the week for later appointments.

University Health System is also offering the vaccine for the same group of individuals, depending on vaccine availability. Information can be found [here](#) for that program. UHS's app will notify residents when more appointments become available.

### Outside San Antonio

The Texas Department of State Health Services has a Covid-19 information page [here](#) which includes this [map](#). Students should be able to place their ZIP code into the interactive map to see if there is any availability in their area.



## **University Mandatory Mask Policy**

This is a reminder to everyone that University policy states: **“Everyone is expected to wear cloth face masks on campus when in public spaces and other areas when appropriate, including when social distancing is not achievable...”**

You are required to wear masks at all times in the Law School. There are no exceptions to this policy. Students must also maintain appropriate social distancing throughout the Law School. The moving of chairs, tables or other furniture in the Law Library, classrooms and in Raba without the approval of Law School Administration is strictly prohibited. We thank everyone for your cooperation in following University policy.



## Help Stop The Spread of Covid-19

Students are reminded to be vigilant and continue to exercise caution in preventing the spread of Covid-19. Please wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times while on campus and practice social distancing. More information on CDC guidelines and campus policy may be found here <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/>.



## Academic Support

### Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

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Chris Ritter

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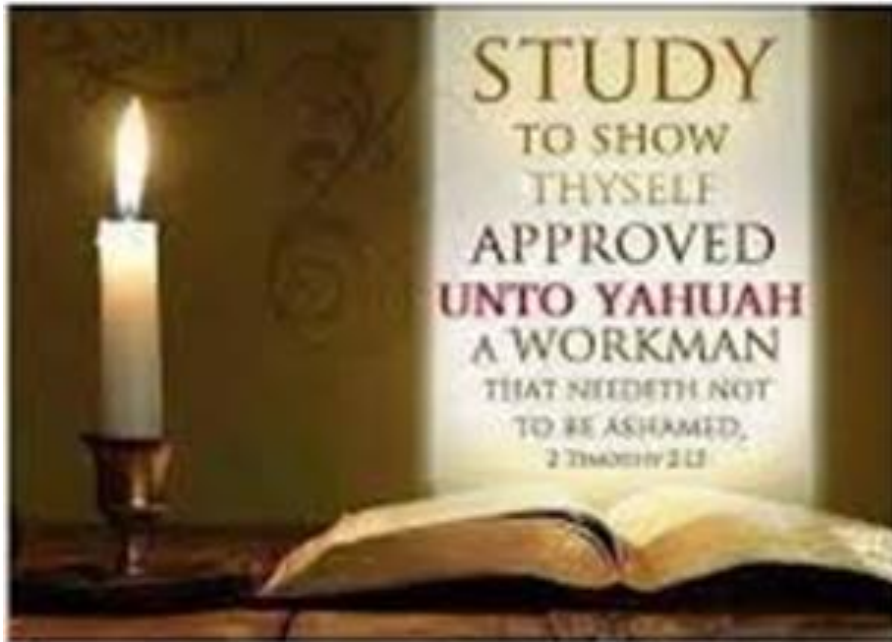
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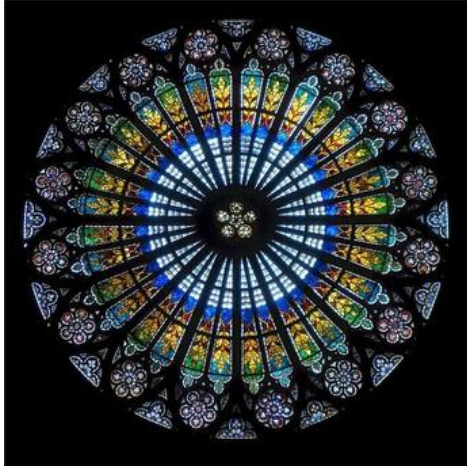
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## **Ways to Serve after Winter Storm Uri**

### **San Antonio Food Bank**

The SAFB is hosting multiple food and water distributions around San Antonio in the coming weeks. Food distributions require 200+ volunteers who are able to lift, walk and stand for hours at a time. Use this link to register for an upcoming volunteer event.

<https://safb.secure.force.com/jobcalendar>



## **IRS announces tax relief for Texas severe winter storm victims**

The below link will provide detailed information on tax relief for Texas severe winter storm victims.

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-announces-tax-relief-for-texas-severe-winter-storm-victims>



## Women in Law Leadership Awards

Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a 2L or 3L law student for a Women in Law Leadership Award. The award recipients and nominees will be recognized on Thursday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m in the Pecan Grove Outdoor Pavillion. The event is limited in attendance to those nominated, nominators, faculty, staff and special guests following social distancing guidelines.

Nominations will be accepted until **Monday, March 1, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. The nomination application can be found here <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/women-in-law-award-nomination-form/>. For questions or for more information, please contact Andrea Pascal at [apascal@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:apascal@mail.stmarytx.edu).

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## MAXimize Your Financial Future

Remember, MAX by AccessLex® is a program offered to you, free of charge, to help you build financial capability and confidence. If you haven't already, register for [MAX](#) and check out this month's highlights:

- February is insurance month in MAX by AccessLex®! Each Thursday this month you can join a live webinar to learn more about insurance types and how this important tool applies to you, even during law school. Jump into the next topic this [Thursday](#) and sign up for the remaining sessions while you're at it! Each event provides you with a secret code for the remaining MAX scholarship drawing for two \$25,000 and one \$40,000 scholarship for each law school class year on April 1.
- Be sure to check out the **NEW** MAX event Five Habits of Financially Successful Lawyers. Find a time that works for you [here](#). And if you want even more live events, visit the [full schedule](#) of upcoming webinars in your MAX account or in the below PDF.

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## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

ChIPs | Advancing Women in Technology, Law and Policy. Two \$5,000. Third-year students. <https://chipsnetwork.org/rachel-krevans-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is 3/15/2021.

Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association. \$2,500.

<https://wadaweb.org/2020/10/02/washington-attorneys-with-disabilities-association-wada-2020-2021-scholarship/>. Deadline to apply is 03/30/2021.

ABA Section of Family Law. \$1,500. \$750. \$350. [Schwab Essay Contest](#). Deadline to apply is 04/09/2021.

Tax Section, State Bar of Texas. Three each \$2,000.

<http://www.texasbar.org/uploads/2021%20scholarship%20application%20.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 04/16/2021.

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Two \$5,000 scholarships. [www.texasbar.org](http://www.texasbar.org). Deadline to apply is 05/01/2021.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law annual writing competition. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/>. \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply 06/15/ 2021.

PIABA Foundation. [bit.ly/2021Beckley](https://bit.ly/2021Beckley) \$1,000, \$750, \$500. Deadline to apply is September 17, 2021.



## **Pro Bono Program**

### ***Community Service Requirement: Updates***

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Change in Recording Tracking Hours**

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Find Us on Canvas!**

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! You should have received an invitation to add the course. Accept the invitation to access weekly announcements, forms, and more!



## Introducing iGrad

**A new, free financial literacy platform for students.**

You know, all those real-world skills that there isn't a class for? iGrad's got you covered. It is your go-to resource for personalized financial and wellness education, scholarship search, student loan management and more. With free [courses](#) and [tools](#), iGrad has something for everyone. As a St. Mary's student, it is yours for free!

Sign up using your St. Mary's email address via Gateway or go directly to [stmarytx.igrad.com](http://stmarytx.igrad.com).

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Assistance at [finaid@stmarytx.edu](mailto:finaid@stmarytx.edu).

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## **Health & Wellness**

### **Fish Street Tacos**

This recipe can be used for fish as well as chicken, shrimp, ground beef, turkey, or even fajita vegetables.

<https://thepounddropper.com/skinny-fish-street-tacos/>



## **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Hours**

### **Spring 2021 Hours**

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

For everyone's health and safety, wearing a face mask is required as is keeping 6-foot social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Mental Well-Being Support

Students are reminded of resources available through the Student Counseling Center. Students may also reach out to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program. Contact information for both programs is below.

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

Student Counseling Center

[Center for Life Directions](#)

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)

Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### 24-hour Crisis Response

The counselor on duty may be accessed by calling the Student Counseling Center emergency line at (210) 825-3622 after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on Saturday and Sunday. Emergency services are available during regular office hours by calling (210) 436-3135 or by walk-in to the office. All appointments are virtual.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/>

call or Text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527)



## Notices

### **Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues**

Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

### **Law Students with Disabilities**

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is

210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information.

### **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

### **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

#### **What You Should Know**

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

#### **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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### **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/compliance/research-compliance/>



## 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.



## Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare for, why not let the American Bar Association help? **A FREE LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** offers an array of [resources and benefits](#) to help you succeed.

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This is a reminder to everyone that University policy states: **“Everyone is expected to wear cloth face masks on campus when in public spaces and other areas when appropriate, including when social distancing is not achievable...”**

You are required to wear masks at all times in the Law School. There are no exceptions to this policy. Students must also maintain appropriate social distancing throughout the Law School. The moving of chairs, tables or other furniture in the Law Library, classrooms and in Raba without the approval of Law School Administration is strictly prohibited. We thank everyone for your cooperation in following University policy.



## Help Stop The Spread of Covid-19

Students are reminded to be vigilant and continue to exercise caution in preventing the spread of Covid-19. Please wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times while on campus and practice social distancing. More information on CDC guidelines and campus policy may be found here <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/>.



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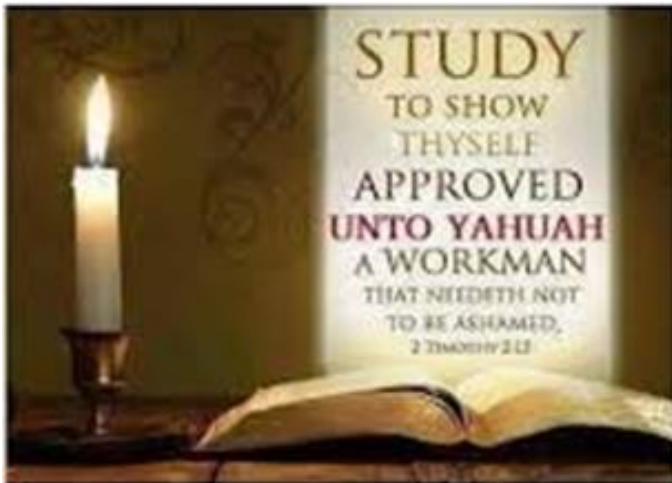
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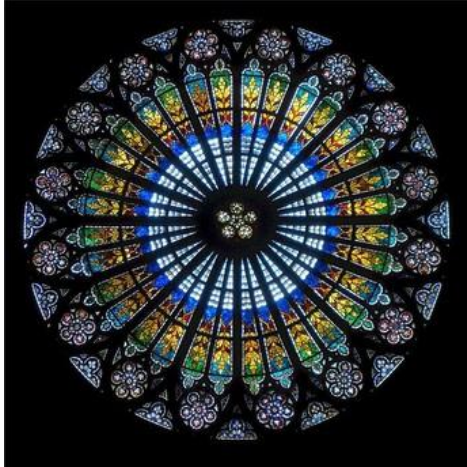
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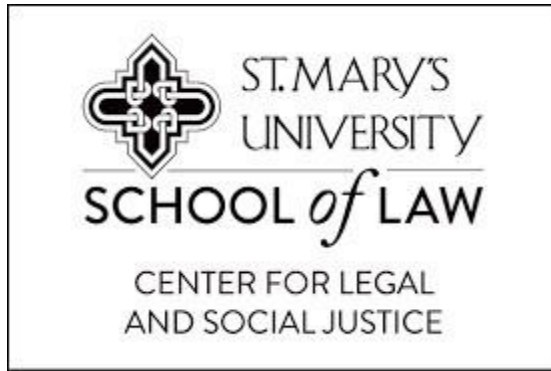


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### **St. Mary's National Moot Court Team Reaches ABA NAAC Regional Finals, Receives Individual Awards As Well**

Over the weekend, the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team participated remotely 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 Chicago, Illinois and participate in the National Finals of this most prestigious event. This year, the entire competition was held via Zoom. Two St. Mary's teams: **Melissa Fullmer (3L), Nicole Cooper (3L), and Lance Kimbro (3L) and Meredith Milton (2L), Coy Westbrook (2L) and Kathleen "Grace" Holland (2L)** participated in the Washington, DC Regional against some of the top advocacy programs in the country, with 36 teams competing against St. Mary's and vying for a chance to win a national title. **The 3L team of Fullmer/Cooper/Kimbro went undefeated in the preliminary rounds, was the top team in the elimination rounds, and barely lost the Championship Round on a split decision.** St. Mary's mooters were further recognized for their exemplary individual talents, with **Melissa Fullmer and Meredith Milton** ranking as **Top-5 oralists** and **Melissa Fullmer** further receiving the **Third Best Brief in the Region**. Please join Moot Court Coach Ricky J. Poole in congratulating all of these students for a successful moot court weekend representing the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team.



## Clinical Course Application - Fall 2021

**The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Fall 2021!**

Earn 6 hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients in Consumer/Housing, Family Law/Wills & Estates, Criminal Defense or Immigration cases.

Learn more about each of these four Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/clinical-program/>.

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- **Remote Roundtable: Marshall Bowen, Butler Snow LLP, Austin**, Friday, March 19, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Extra Fun Thursday on Friday – Bachelor Fans Tell All**, Friday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 980 7287 6366

For more information and to register, please see the Events page in CORE.



## **Face Masks Continue to be Required on Campus**

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## **A Roundtable Discussion About the Challenges and Triumphs Navigating the Legal Profession as an Underrepresented Attorney**

The St. Mary's University School of Law Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion invite you to:

### **A Roundtable Discussion About the Challenges and Triumphs Navigating the Legal Profession as an Underrepresented Attorney**

**Tuesday, March 16  
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

Recent tragic events have been the catalyst of honest, and, at times, uncomfortable discussions of diversity, inclusion and allyship. This panel will address these issues — namely how they manifest in the legal profession — by providing students a transparent dialogue of navigating the legal profession as a woman, person of color or LGBTQ individual.

A few examples of the topics this panel will discuss include:

- experiences with combating preconceived biases in the courtroom and the boardroom
- finding adequate access to mentors
- and challenges, if any, in their respective professional ascent.

Panelists are pictured below.

**Register Today**

**Additional events from the Dean's Council and the President's Council for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:**

- Participate in the **St. Mary's University School of Law Diversity and Inclusion Environment Survey**. The purpose of this survey is to measure the law school's overall environment with regards to diversity and inclusion. The responses you provide are critical – they will be used to improve student well-being, conditions for learning and teaching, and school programs and policies. **The deadline to participate in the survey is Friday, March 19.**

*For more information, contact Collanne Bramblett West at 210-436-3774 or [cwest1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cwest1@stmarytx.edu).*



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**The Honorable Israel Ramon, Jr., J.D. '77**

Judge, 430th District Court, Hidalgo County



## **Austin StMU Law Alumni Virtual Happy Hour and Pro Bono Opportunities**

The Austin St. Mary's Law Alumni Association is hosting a Virtual Happy Hour, in lieu of having Alternative Spring Break, on **Tuesday, March 30 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Join to hear about the work they do in Austin and how they made the transition there. Resources and information for internships, clerkships, and pro bono opportunities will be shared too.

Students must RSVP here <https://signup.com/go/agkrhCq> to attend the event.



## **Ways to Serve after Winter Storm Uri**

### **San Antonio Food Bank**

The SAFB is hosting multiple food and water distributions around San Antonio in the coming weeks. Food distributions require 200+ volunteers who are able to lift, walk and stand for hours at a time. Use this link to register for an upcoming volunteer event.

<https://safb.secure.force.com/jobcalendar>





## **IRS announces tax relief for Texas severe winter storm victims**

The below link will provide detailed information on tax relief for Texas severe winter storm victims.

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-announces-tax-relief-for-texas-severe-winter-storm-victims>



## **MAXimize Your Financial Future**

Remember, MAX by AccessLex® is a program offered to you, free of charge, to help you build financial capability and confidence. If you haven't already, register for [MAX](#) and check out this month's highlights:

- Be sure to check out the **NEW** MAX event Five Habits of Financially Successful Lawyers. Find a time that works for you [here](#). And if you want even more live events, visit the [full schedule](#) of upcoming webinars in your MAX account or in the below PDF.



Other MAX Webinars scheduled throughout the spring are:

- The Road to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment
- Financial Planning for Law School Students
- The Psychology of Financial Decision-Making
- Your Employment Options, Your Money
- Making Big Purchases Fit Your Big Picture
- Your PSLF Action Plan

Below is a link to the AccessLex law school scholarship databank. This link includes student scholarships and writing competitions totaling almost \$300 million in aid.

[https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof\\_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html](https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html)

[pdf](#)

[Spring 2021 MAX Webinars.pdf](#)

[Earn entries into the MAX by AccessLex scholarship drawings by attending any qualifying MAX Event.](#)

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## **Writing Competitions and Scholarships**

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

ChIPs | Advancing Women in Technology, Law and Policy. Two \$5,000. Third-year students. <https://chipsnetwork.org/rachel-krevans-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is 3/15/2021.

Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association. \$2,500.

<https://wadaweb.org/2020/10/02/washington-attorneys-with-disabilities-association-wada-2020-2021-scholarship/>. Deadline to apply is 03/30/2021.

ABA Section of Family Law. \$1,500. \$750. \$350. [Schwab Essay Contest](#). Deadline to apply is 04/09/2021.

Tax Section, State Bar of Texas. Three each \$2,000.

<http://www.texasbar.org/uploads/2021%20scholarship%20application%20.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 04/16/2021.

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Two \$5,000 scholarships. [www.texasbar.org](http://www.texasbar.org). Deadline to apply is 05/01/2021.

Smith-Doherty Legal Ethics. [https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021\\_smith\\_doherty\\_flyer.pdf](https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021_smith_doherty_flyer.pdf). \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 06/01/2021.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law annual writing competition. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/>. \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply 06/15/ 2021.

Jackson Lewis. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. \$3,000 and two \$1,000. Deadline to apply is 06/15/2021

PIABA Foundation. [bit.ly/2021Beckley](http://bit.ly/2021Beckley) \$1,000, \$750, \$500. Deadline to apply is September 17, 2021.



## **Pro Bono Program**

### ***Community Service Requirement: Updates***

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Change in Recording Tracking Hours**

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Find Us on Canvas!**

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! You should have received an invitation to add the course. Accept the invitation to access weekly announcements, forms, and more!



## Introducing iGrad

**A new, free financial literacy platform for students.**

You know, all those real-world skills that there isn't a class for? iGrad's got you covered. It is your go-to resource for personalized financial and wellness education, scholarship search, student loan management and more. With free [courses](#) and [tools](#), iGrad has something for everyone. As a St. Mary's student, it is yours for free!

Sign up using your St. Mary's email address via Gateway or go directly to [stmarytx.igrad.com](http://stmarytx.igrad.com).

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Assistance at [finaid@stmarytx.edu](mailto:finaid@stmarytx.edu).

### **[SIGN UP WITH iGRAD](#)**

[pptx](#)

[iGrad for StMU](#)

[Overview in PowerPoint](#)

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## **Health & Wellness**

### **Chinese Chicken Salad**

Try this crunchy chicken salad with a tasty ginger-sesame vinaigrette.

<https://www.eatyourselfskinny.com/chinese-chicken-salad/>



## **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Hours**

### **Spring 2021 Hours**

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

For everyone's health and safety, wearing a face mask is required as is keeping 6-foot social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Mental Well-Being Support

Students are reminded of resources available through the Student Counseling Center. Students may also reach out to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program. Contact information for both programs is below.

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

Student Counseling Center

[Center for Life Directions](#)

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)

Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### 24-hour Crisis Response

The counselor on duty may be accessed by calling the Student Counseling Center emergency line at (210) 825-3622 after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on Saturday and Sunday. Emergency services are available during regular office hours by calling (210) 436-3135 or by walk-in to the office. All appointments are virtual.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/>

call or Text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527)



## Notices

### **Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues**

Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

### **Law Students with Disabilities**

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is



210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information.

### **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

### **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

#### **What You Should Know**

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

#### **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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### **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/compliance/research-compliance/>

### **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.



## **Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students**

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare for, why not let the American Bar Association help? **A FREE LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** offers an array of [resources and benefits](#) to help you succeed.

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join our community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join today!](#)

**Want more from the ABA? Just \$25 unlocks *Premium Membership for the entire year.*** Premium Membership offers up to \$500 in discounts on Quimbee, Themis and Kaplan bar prep courses, networking opportunities, instant resume review to improve the content and format of your resume, and so much more. [Unlock your Premium Membership](#), today!



## **Academic Support**

### **Law School Resources**

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



## **Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

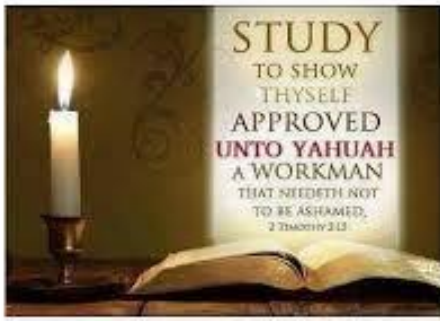
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

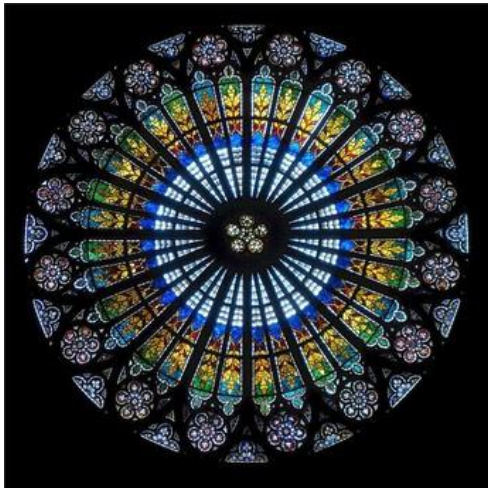
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## Ministry

### Liturgy and Worship Schedule

For more information on University Ministry liturgy and worship, please call or email directly at 210.431.3213 or [university.ministry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:university.ministry@stmarytx.edu).





## **Follow Us on Instagram and Facebook**

Follow Dean for Law Student Affairs on Instagram and on Facebook.

## **Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?**

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

# WITAN St. Mary's University School of Law

**Issue 22 – March 15, 2021**



## **National Team Shines During Spring Refresh**

The **National Team** was out in full force during the Spring Refresh break with seven teams competing and advancing in major national tournaments with our **National Moot Court** continuing to lead the way and our young 2Ls continuing to show promise for an even better 2021-22 school year. In addition to the National Moot Court Team advancing to the final round and winning three individual awards, The **National Dispute Resolution Team** and the **National Trial Team** also had an impressive weekend.

**National Moot Court Team Reaches ABA NAAC Regional Finals,**

**Receives Individual Awards As Well**

The National Moot Court Team participated remotely 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 Chicago, Illinois and participate in the National Finals of this most prestigious event. This year, the entire competition was held via Zoom. Two St. Mary's teams: **Melissa Fullmer (3L), Nicole Cooper (3L), and Lance Kimbro (3L) and Meredith Milton (2L), Coy Westbrook (2L) and Kathleen "Grace" Holland (2L)** participated in the

Washington, DC Regional against some of the top advocacy programs in the country, with 36 teams competing against St. Mary's and vying for a chance to win a national title. **The 3L team of Fullmer/Cooper/Kimbrow went undefeated in the preliminary rounds, was the top team in the elimination rounds, and barely lost the Championship Round on a split decision.** St. Mary's mooters were further recognized for their exemplary individual talents, with **Melissa Fullmer and Meredith Milton** ranking as **Top-5 oralists** and **Melissa Fullmer** further receiving the **Third Best Brief in the Region.** Please join Moot Court Coach Ricky J. Poole in congratulating all of these students for a successful moot court weekend representing the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team.

### **Dispute Resolution Team Reaches Final Round**

Using the momentum from their victory at the American Bar Association Client Counseling Competition, the team drummed in another resounding triumph when six members of the team competed at the ABA Law Student National Representation in Mediation Competition hosted by U.C. Hastings School of Law. The teams of **Monique Zinzun (2L)** with **Tyler Friedson (2L)**, **Claire Mikita (3L)** with **Skyler Grau (3L)**, and **Valerie Desrosiers (2L)** with **Hunter Dennehy (2L)** dominated the competition scoring top scores in each round and Monique Zinzun and Tyler Friedson having a stellar showing for their first competition. The pair secured the best score in the entire tournament. With a near-perfect score, Monique and Tyler set the tone for the entire team for the competition. Tied with the most winning ballots, Team Captains Claire Mikita and Skyler Grau swept the competition and showcased their mediation expertise in both rounds. Most impressively, with a last-minute opportunity to add a team the day before the competition, Hunter Dennehy and Valerie Desrosiers stepped in and conquered the competition having had only one day to prepare and fearlessly finishing as the top two teams in the preliminary rounds. Hunter Dennehy, Valerie Desrosiers, Skyler Grau, and Claire Mikita placed in the top four as we moved to the final round. Valerie Desrosiers and Claire Mikita battled it out in the finals, and were ultimately crowned regional finalists. The National ADR coach, Professor Emily Landon, noted "I am extremely proud how the National ADR team continues to show the country how talented they are in the burgeoning field of ADR." Congratulations to the entire ADR team, the competitors, and to Professor Emily Landon on an astounding finish.

### **National Trial Team Crowned Regional Semi-Finalist in Prestigious American Association of Justice National Trial Competition:**

Two National Trial Teams competed this weekend in the Central 5 Region of the AAJ Trial Competition via Zoom. The AAJ competition is a National Tournament hosted by the American Association of Justice. The 3L team of **Peter Caldarola, Joseph Casseb, Zachary Green** and **Edward Villarreal** competed in three rounds against Washburn University, Marquette and Texas A&M. They finished the weekend tied for fourth place but missing the break by points. The 2L team of **Ethan Bannister, Cassidi Dietz, Emily Fey** and **Richard Hansen** competed in three rounds against Loyola (Chicago), University of Arkansas (Little Rock) and Alabama, also finishing the preliminary rounds in third place and breaking to the semi-finals against University of Missouri-Kansas City, after a very close semi-final round. Head Coach Jason Goss, Coach Deb Junek and Coach Maritza Stewart commented on how far these teams have grown and how our 3L team is laying the foundation for our 2Ls to be even better next year.

“I could not be happier with the success of the program right now” said Director of Advocacy Professor A.J. Bellido de Luna. “In one weekend, all of our teams advanced to the semi-final or final rounds. I do not know if that has ever happened before and I think it is a sign of even bigger accomplishments to come.” Professor A.J. praised the coaches for their dedication and the students hard work and is looking forward to inviting our 1L class to try out for the National Team after the 1L competition is complete. “We have a level of consistency making the breaks now. As we continue to improve, we look forward to putting more championship hardware in our trophy cases. The rising 2L’s have big shoes to fill.”



## 26th Annual Uvaldo Herrera National Moot Court Competition

Last week, 3Ls Candace Castillo and Gabriel Narvaez competed in the 26th Annual Uvaldo Herrera National Moot Court Competition, hosted by the Hispanic National Bar Association. The team, coached by Nadeen Abou-Hossa, reached the quarter-finals, placing them as the top 8 out of 32 teams.

This was the first moot court competition for Candace and Gabe, and they represented St. Mary's well. Please congratulate these amazing advocates for their achievements last week. The advocates and coach also thank the Hispanic Law Alumni Association for sponsoring their involvement in the competition.



## Learn More about the National Alternative Dispute Resolution Team

The National ADR Team is one of the integral parts of the St. Mary's National Team as it competes in the most diverse range of competitions. While most teams focus on one type of advocacy competition, the National ADR Team competes at negotiation competitions, including ABA, sports law negotiations, and energy law negotiations, mediation competitions, and client counseling competitions. If you're interested in learning more about the National ADR Team, complete this quick form: <https://forms.gle/jtAdqCNPCuE9bsrN6>. For questions, please contact Kelsi Owens at [kowens3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:kowens3@mail.stmarytx.edu).



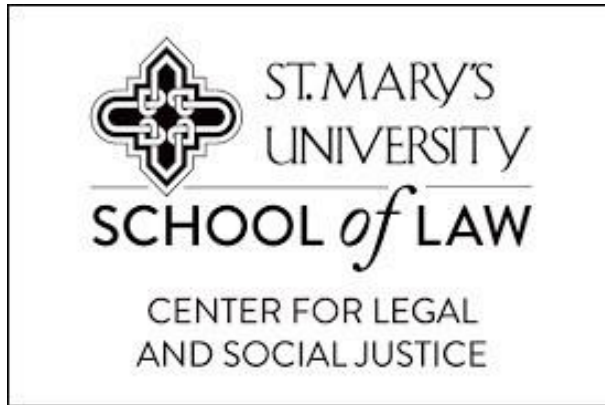
## Federal Court Judicial Internships in San Antonio

**Deadline to apply is today, Monday March 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

Semesters: Summer 2021, Fall 2021, and Spring 2022

Applications are now being accepted for pre-graduation judicial internships with five federal judges who have chambers in San Antonio. A detailed pamphlet, entitled "Pre-Graduation Judicial Internships," as well as an announcement of openings and application form, can be found on the judicial internship page of the law school website. Approximately fifteen to twenty internships positions are available. Submit your application to the Receptionist on the second floor of the Raba Law Building.

**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 29 hours of course work. Thus, a first-year full-time student may normally 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 normally apply for a judicial internship that commences in the spring of the student's second year or later.



## Clinical Course Application - Fall 2021

**The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Fall 2021!**

Earn 6 hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients in Consumer/Housing, Family Law/Wills & Estates, Criminal Defense or Immigration cases.

Learn more about each of these four Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/clinical-program/>.

The required online Clinic application may be found on this page, too, and at <http://bit.ly/StMUClinicApp2021>.

**Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission!



## OCS News You Can Use

### Save the Date

- **Pathways to the Profession: Bankruptcy Law**, Monday, March 15 at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591

- **Remote Roundtable: Marshall Bowen, Butler Snow LLP, Austin**, Friday, March 19, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Extra Fun Thursday on Friday – Bachelor Fans Tell All**, Friday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 980 7287 6366
- **Pathways to the Profession: Appellate Law**, Monday, March 22 at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Pathways to the Profession: International Law**, Tuesday, March 23 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Fun Thursday - TBD**, Friday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 980 7287 6366
- **Remote Roundtable: Heather Davis, Carter Law Group, Dallas**, Friday, March 26, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE

For more information and to register, please see the Events page in CORE.

## **A Roundtable Discussion About the Challenges and Triumphs Navigating the Legal Profession as an Underrepresented Attorney**

The St. Mary's University School of Law Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion invite you to:

### **A Roundtable Discussion About the Challenges and Triumphs Navigating the Legal Profession as an Underrepresented Attorney**

**Tuesday, March 16  
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

Recent tragic events have been the catalyst of honest, and, at times, uncomfortable discussions of diversity, inclusion and allyship. This panel will address these issues — namely how they manifest in the legal profession — by providing students a transparent dialogue of navigating the legal profession as a woman, person of color or LGBTQ individual.

A few examples of the topics this panel will discuss include:

- experiences with combating preconceived biases in the courtroom and the boardroom
- finding adequate access to mentors
- and challenges, if any, in their respective professional ascent.

Panelists are pictured below.

[Register Today](#)

**Additional events from the Dean's Council and the President's Council for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:**



- Participate in the [St. Mary's University School of Law Diversity and Inclusion Environment Survey](#). The purpose of this survey is to measure the law school's overall environment with regards to diversity and inclusion. The responses you provide are critical – they will be used to improve student well-being, conditions for learning and teaching, and school programs and policies. **The deadline to participate in the survey is Friday, March 19.**

*For more information, contact Collanne Bramblett West at 210-436-3774 or [cwest1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cwest1@stmarytx.edu).*



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**The Honorable Israel  
Ramon, Jr., J.D. '77**

Judge, 430th District Court,  
Hidalgo County



## **Student Bar Association Annual Golf Tournament**

Join the Student Bar Association's annual golf tournament on Saturday, March 20, 12:30 p.m. at Silverhorn Golf Club of Texas.

Please register @ <https://sba-annual-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com/>



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Students must RSVP here <https://signup.com/go/agkrhCq> to attend the event.



### **Food from the Bar: All Month**

St. Mary's School of Law is proud to participate in the annual Food from the Bar. The campaign goal is to serve 500 meals to the community in need, and in order to help reach that goal, we will be collecting food at CLSJ.

For those able to give money, here is a link for monetary donations:

<https://my.safoodbank.org/stmulaw>.

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### *Community Service Requirement: Updates*

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No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).



## Change in Recording Tracking Hours

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

## Find Us on Canvas!

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! You should have received an invitation to add the course. Accept the invitation to access weekly announcements, forms, and more!



## Introducing iGrad

**A new, free financial literacy platform for students.**

You know, all those real-world skills that there isn't a class for? iGrad's got you covered. It is your go-to resource for personalized financial and wellness education, scholarship search, student loan management and more. With free [courses](#) and [tools](#), iGrad has something for everyone. As a St. Mary's student, it is yours for free!

Sign up using your St. Mary's email address via Gateway or go directly to [stmarytx.igrad.com](http://stmarytx.igrad.com).

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### **Angel Hair Pasta with Shrimp and Asparagus**

A light and delicious meal to prepare for lunch or dinner any day of the week.

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/angel-hair-with-shrimp-and-asparagus/>



## **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Hours**

### **Spring 2021 Hours**

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

For everyone's health and safety, wearing a face mask is required as is keeping 6-foot social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## **Face Masks Continue to be Required on Campus**

Although the State has lifted the mask mandate, St. Mary's University will continue to require a face mask while on campus. St. Mary's has in place a mandatory [Face Mask Policy](#) for the 2020-21 academic year. We thank everyone for keeping the St. Mary's community safe by wearing a mask and minimizing the spread of the Covid-19 virus.



## Mental Well-Being Support

Students are reminded of resources available through the Student Counseling Center. Students may also reach out to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program. Contact information for both programs is below.

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

Student Counseling Center

[Center for Life Directions](#)

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)

Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### 24-hour Crisis Response

The counselor on duty may be accessed by calling the Student Counseling Center emergency line at (210) 825-3622 after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on Saturday and Sunday. Emergency services are available during regular office hours by calling (210) 436-3135 or by walk-in to the office. All appointments are virtual.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/>

call or Text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527)



## Notices

### **Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues**

Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

## **Law Students with Disabilities**

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information.

## **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

## **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

### **What You Should Know**

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

### **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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](http://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

## **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/compliance/research-compliance/>

### **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.



## **Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students**

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare for, why not let the American Bar Association help? **A FREE LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** offers an array of [resources and benefits](#) to help you succeed.

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## **Academic Support**

### **Law School Resources**

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



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Chris Ritter

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Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

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LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

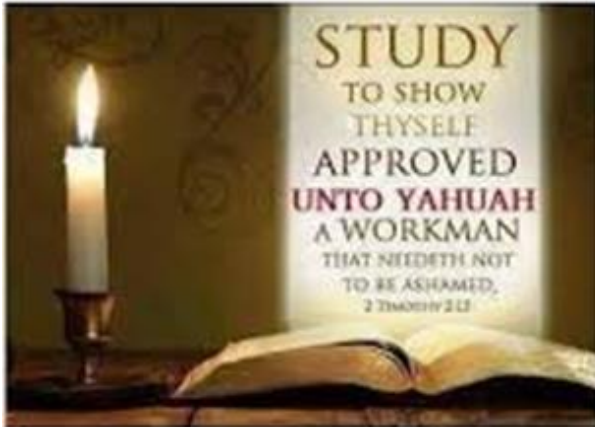
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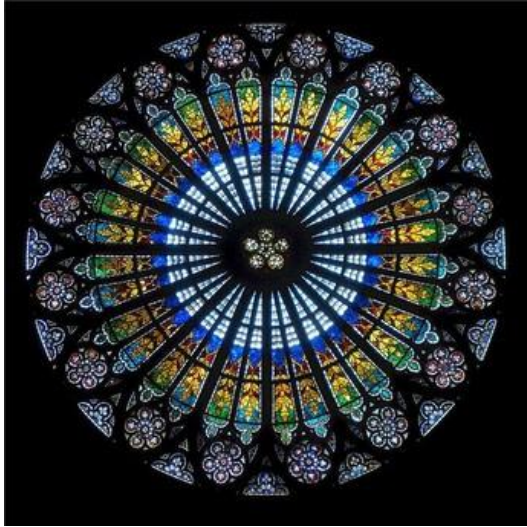
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## **Bible Study**

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## Ministry

### Liturgy and Worship Schedule

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### **Save the Date**

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- **2L OCS Town Hall**, Saturday, March 27, at 2:00 p.m., Zoom meeting ID: 2104312265, Password: allyship
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For more information and to register, please see the Events page in CORE.



## Learn More about the National Alternative Dispute Resolution Team

The National ADR Team is an integral part of the St. Mary's National Team as it competes in the most diverse range of competitions. While most teams focus on one type of advocacy competition, the National ADR Team competes at negotiation competitions, including ABA, sports law negotiations, and energy law negotiations, mediation competitions, and client counseling competitions. ADR Teaches advocates valuable every day legal skills that all lawyers need. If you're interested in learning more about the National ADR Team, complete this quick form: <https://forms.gle/jtAdqCNPCuE9bsrN6> or email Hunter Dennhey at [hdennehy@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:hdennehy@mail.stmarytx.edu).





## Pathway to Residency for Foreign Students

Free to students - Immigration Virtual Seminar

Join this live webinar with Jeff Peek, Managing Partner, Peek & Toland, Wednesday, March 31, 5:00 p.m. Win a free immigration consult with a board certified immigration expert attorney.

Register at <https://events.abogadosgueros.com/stmarys>

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## International Conference on Protection of Personal Data

**Wednesday, March 31**  
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This online conference will feature speakers (pictured below) from the St. Mary's University School of Law and the Beihang University School of Law in China, our partner school for the Institute on Chinese Law and Business study abroad program. Topics will include:

- Data and Privacy in the Digital Age
- Digital "Cash" and Financial Privacy
- Playing Defense: Connect People and Functions to Minimize Cyber Risk

**The registration deadline is Friday, March 26.**

**Register Today**

For more information, contact Michael Perez at [mperez@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:mperez@mail.stmarytx.edu).



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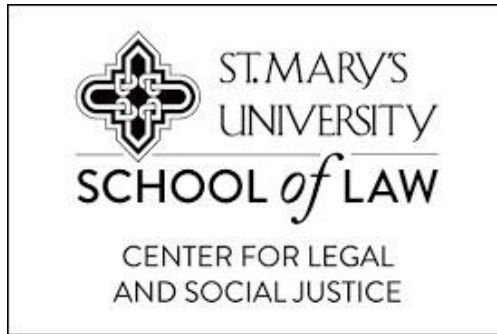
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## **Save the Date - Fiesta Farewell**

Congratulations Class of 2021, you are almost Alumni! Save the date for Fiesta Farewell, either April 19, 20, or 21. Professional head shots of each student will be used for the 3L class photo with sign-up from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Reception social begins each day at 4:30 p.m. with food and drinks, and safety protocols in place. Program will be 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. which includes Welcome by Law Alumni, Remarks by Dean Patricia Roberts, J.D., and Law Ministry Service Awards. Your St. Mary's student ID will be required for attendance. Stay in the know. RSVP and sign up links will follow soon.



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**The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Fall 2021!**

Earn 6 hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients in Consumer/Housing, Family Law/Wills & Estates, Criminal Defense or Immigration cases.

Learn more about each of these four Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/clinical-program/>.

The required online Clinic application may be found on this page, too, and at <http://bit.ly/StMUClinicApp2021>.

**Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission!



## Austin StMU Law Alumni Virtual Happy Hour and Pro Bono Opportunities

The Austin St. Mary's Law Alumni Association is hosting a Virtual Happy Hour, in lieu of having Alternative Spring Break, on **Tuesday, March 30 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Join to hear about the work they do in Austin and how they made the transition there. Resources and information for internships, clerkships, and pro bono opportunities will be shared too.

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Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics. [https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021\\_smith\\_doheny\\_flyer.pdf](https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021_smith_doheny_flyer.pdf). \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 06/01/2021.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law annual writing competition. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/>. \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply 06/15/ 2021.

Jackson Lewis. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. \$3,000 and two \$1,000. Deadline to apply is 06/15/2021

ABA Forum on Construction Law Writing Competition. [Click here for more information](#). Deadline to apply is 07/21/2021.

PIABA Foundation. [bit.ly/2021Beckley](http://bit.ly/2021Beckley) \$1,000, \$750, \$500. Deadline to apply is September 17, 2021.



## Pro Bono Program

### *Community Service Requirement: Updates*

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

## Change in Recording Tracking Hours

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

## Find Us on Canvas!

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! You should have received an invitation to add the course. Accept the invitation to access weekly announcements, forms, and more!



## Introducing iGrad

**A new, free financial literacy platform for students.**

You know, all those real-world skills that there isn't a class for? iGrad's got you covered. It is your go-to resource for personalized financial and wellness education, scholarship search, student loan management and more. With free [courses](#) and [tools](#), iGrad has something for everyone. As a St. Mary's student, it is yours for free!

Sign up using your St. Mary's email address via Gateway or go directly to [stmarytx.igrad.com](http://stmarytx.igrad.com).

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Assistance at [finaid@stmarytx.edu](mailto:finaid@stmarytx.edu).

## **SIGN UP WITH iGRAD**

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## **Health & Wellness**

**Grilled Chicken with Spinach and Melted Mozzarella**

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/grilled-chicken-with-spinach-and-melted/>



## **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Hours**

### **Spring 2021 Hours**

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

For everyone's health and safety, wearing a face mask is required as is keeping 6-foot social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## **Face Masks Continue to be Required on Campus**

St. Mary's has in place a mandatory [Face Mask Policy](#) for the 2020-21 academic year. We thank everyone for keeping the St. Mary's community safe by wearing a mask and minimizing the spread of the Covid-19 virus.



## Mental Well-Being Support

Students are reminded of resources available through the Student Counseling Center. Students may also reach out to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program. Contact information for both programs is below.

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

Student Counseling Center

[Center for Life Directions](#)

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)

Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### 24-hour Crisis Response

The counselor on duty may be accessed by calling the Student Counseling Center emergency line at (210) 825-3622 after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on Saturday and Sunday. Emergency services are available during regular office hours by calling (210) 436-3135 or by walk-in to the office. All appointments are virtual.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/>

call or Text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527)



## Notices

### **Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues**

Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

### **Law Students with Disabilities**

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is

210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information.

### **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

### **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

#### **What You Should Know**

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

#### **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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### **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/compliance/research-compliance/>



## 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.



## Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare for, why not let the American Bar Association help? **A FREE LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** offers an array of [resources and benefits](#) to help you succeed

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join our community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join today!](#)

**Want more from the ABA? Just \$25 unlocks *Premium Membership for the entire year.*** Premium Membership offers up to \$500 in discounts on Quimbee, Themis and Kaplan bar prep courses, networking opportunities, instant resume review to improve the content and format of your resume, and so much more. [Unlock your Premium Membership](#), today!



## **Academic Support**

### **Law School Resources**

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safoodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safoodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



## **Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

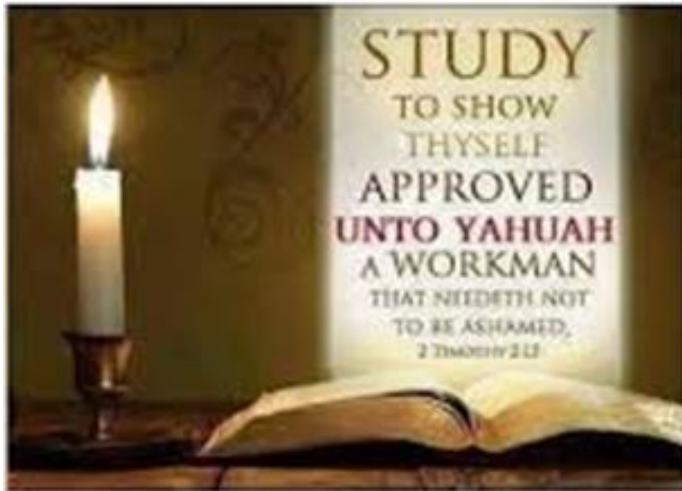
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

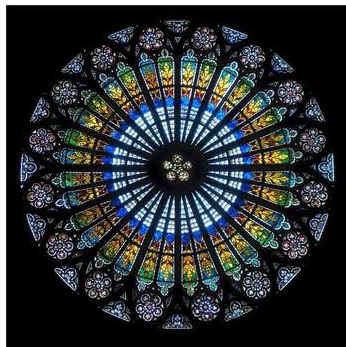
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## Bible Study

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## Ministry

### Liturgy and Worship Schedule

For more information on University Ministry liturgy and worship, please call or email directly at 210.431.3213 or [university.ministry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:university.ministry@stmarytx.edu).



## **Follow Us on Instagram and Facebook**

Follow Dean for Law Student Affairs on Instagram and on Facebook.

## **Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?**

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

# WITAN St. Mary's University School of Law

**Issue 24 – March 29, 2021**



## **The National Team Tryouts Are Here**

Join us April 6 on Zoom at 5:00 p.m. to learn more about the National Team, hear from the coaches from the Moot Court, ADR and Trial Teams as well as the Board of Advocates. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the commitment and tryout process.

Each section has their own tryout process. All new members will be announced at the Barrister's Honors Dinner in late April or early May.

Stay tuned to the Witan for additional information on each team's process. Our Advocacy Program is highly ranked and we intend on getting even better with your help.

For more information you may contact:

- ADR: Professor Emily Landon – [elandon@stmarytx.edu](mailto:elandon@stmarytx.edu)
- Board of Advocates: Chair – Elizabeth Duggan – [eduggan@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:eduggan@mail.stmarytx.edu)
- Jessup International Moot Court: Professor Marion Reilly – [marionmreilly@gmail.com](mailto:marionmreilly@gmail.com)
- Moot Court: Professor Ricky Poole – [rpoole@alamocityattorney.com](mailto:rpoole@alamocityattorney.com)
- Trial Team: Professor A.J. Bellido de Luna – [abellidodeluna@stmarytx.edu](mailto:abellidodeluna@stmarytx.edu)





## **St. Mary's Moot Court Team Top-8 Finish at National Competition/Individual Awards and Team Recognition**

This past weekend, the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team competed in the 28th Annual John R. Brown Admiralty Law National Moot Court Competition. The tournament included 29 teams from law schools all over the country, and the argument focused on cutting edge issues in the field of admiralty law.

This was the first time that St. Mary's had ever competed in this tournament, which was held remotely via Zoom this year. St. Mary's fielded two teams at the competition: Melissa Fullmer (3L) and Nicole Cooper (3L) **and** Evan Santos (2L), Sarah Garcia (2L) and Nicole Thacker (2L). The team of **Fullmer and Cooper reached the quarter-final round of the competition**, winning three of the four judges' ballots but losing the round by a narrow margin on brief. **Fullmer and Cooper** were further recognized as both the **Best Newcomer Team** at the competition and the **3rd Best Team on oral arguments**. The team of **Santos, Garcia and Thacker** were the **4th Best Team on oral arguments**. **Fullmer and Santos** were additionally recognized individually, tying for **3rd Best Oral Advocate** at this competition.

Congratulations to all of these amazing mooters!



## **South Texas Challenge**

The St. Mary's National Trial Team competed this week in the South Texas Challenge, a National Invitational Mock Trial Tournament attended by the best trial teams in the country. Representing St. Mary's as advocates were 3L and Team Captain Rebecca Dettmers and 2L Andrea Vizcarra. 2L's Robin Becker and Stephanie Swanson competed with the team as a witness and Stephanie was the team's lead author for the writing component of the competition. Dettmers and Vizcarra competed hard for three preliminary rounds making the break into the Octo Finals, where they lost a close round to eventual champion Georgia. Andrea Vizcarra won the team's 3rd Most Outstanding Advocate Award this season.

Coach and ADA Jennifer M. Perez-Stewart was the lead coach for this team who stated "I am so proud of the work and the results of all the Trial Team students who gave it their all in this prestigious tournament." "We have had a really good year. Advancing at tournaments and best advocate awards tell me we are getting stronger and I hope our rising 2L's are willing to accept the challenge to move this team to even greater success" said Hardy Director of Advocacy, Professor A.J. Bellido de Luna. Tryouts will be held in April.



## **Congratulations to the 1L Students Advancing in the First-Year Moot Court Competition**

The Board of Advocates (BOA) would like to congratulate the 1L class for successfully completing the preliminary rounds for the Linda and Dave Schlueter First-Year Moot Court Competition. Everyone did well and should be very proud of this accomplishment.

The BOA would also like to thank all the 2 and 3Ls who assisted in judging this competition. We could not have done it without you!

Congratulations to all students (named in the below PDF) for moving on to the advanced rounds Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Good luck to each of you!

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## Order of Barristers Applications

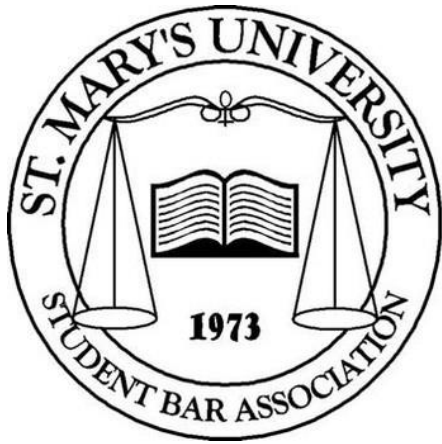
**NOTE:** The Order of Barristers Application and accompanying documents must be submitted by email to [zniesel@stmarytx.edu](mailto:zniesel@stmarytx.edu)

**DEADLINE:** Applications due April 9, 2021, by 5:00 p.m. (CT)

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 and other faculty advocacy awards, please download the application form [HERE](#). Please note that the application should be typed or scanned, but it must be submitted in PDF form by email to [zniesel@stmarytx.edu](mailto:zniesel@stmarytx.edu).

The Faculty Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members of the Order of the Barristers. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. New members of the Order and award recipients will be announced at the Barristers' Banquet.

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 Zoe Niesel, concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. **All applications must be submitted to Professor Niesel by April 9, 2021, by 5:00 p.m. (CT).**



## **SBA Elects New Officers**

Congratulations to the newly elected 2021-22 Student Bar Association (SBA) Executive Board Officers.

President

*Morgan Schimp*

Vice President

*Kyndall Brown*

Secretary

*Grethel Villarreal Cantu*

Treasurer

*Kaylie Morgan*

Election Commissioner

*Brooke Baumgardner*

The SBA coordinates the professional, social and extracurricular activities of the student body. Affiliated with the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association, the SBA functions both as a student government and as a professional bar association.



## OCS News You Can Use

### Save the Date

- **Pathways to the Profession: Corporate Law**, Monday, March 29 at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **2L OCS Town Hall**, Monday, March 29, at 2:00 p.m., Zoom meeting ID: 2104312265, Password: allyship
- **2L OCS Town Hall**, Tuesday, March 30, at 9:00 a.m., Zoom meeting ID: 2104312265, Password: allyship
- **Pathways to the Profession: Intellectual Property/Patent Law**, Tuesday, March 30 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Financial Wisdom Wednesday: The Road to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment**, Wednesday, March 31, at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 917 1235 8308
- **Remote Roundtable: Heather Tessmer, Tessmer Law Firm, San Antonio**, Friday, April 2, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Pathways to the Profession: Human Trafficking Law**, Monday, April 5 at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Pathways to the Profession: Crimmigration Law**, Tuesday, April 6 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Remote Roundtable: Belia Pena, ABA ProBAR Project, Harlingen**, Friday, April 9, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Remote Roundtable: Marshall Bowen, Butler Snow, Austin**, Friday, April 9, at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE

For more information and to register, please see the Events page in CORE.



## **Volunteer Judges Needed**

The NCFCA Christian Speech & Debate is looking for 300+ volunteers to assist in judging and to provide feedback to students. This is open to all faculty, staff and students who can volunteer on April 8-10 at University Baptist Church of San Antonio, 6465 Babcock Road, San Antonio, Texas 78249. There are many available time slots to choose from.

To sign up please go to: <https://ncfca.org/judge-a-tournament/> or see the below PDF for more information.

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[April 8-10](#)

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## Certificate Offerings for J.D. Students

Are you a J.D. student looking to add more opportunities for yourself once you graduate?

Would you like to get started as soon as summer with our flexible online offerings? The Office of Graduate Law can assist you in finding the best certificate program to fit your goals!

To find out more information on our Compliance, Business Law & Risk Certificate, Healthcare Compliance Certificate, and Legal Studies Certificate, book an appointment here <https://calendly.com/aturrieta> with Coordinator Turrieta to review what the Certificate program has to offer you!



## Austin StMU Law Alumni Virtual Happy Hour and Pro Bono Opportunities

The Austin St. Mary's Law Alumni Association is hosting a Virtual Happy Hour, in lieu of having Alternative Spring Break, on **Tuesday, March 30 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Join to hear about the work they do in Austin and how they made the transition there. Resources and information for internships, clerkships, and pro bono opportunities will be shared too.

Students must RSVP here <https://signup.com/go/agkrhCq> to attend the event.



## **Law Registered Student Organization Elections**

All elections for law Registered Student Organization's (RSOs) should be conducted between now and April 15. Please note that according to the Law School *Student Handbook*, all students running for office must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of application in order to serve as an officer in a Law RSO. Any student who is elected to an office without meeting the 2.5 GPA threshold will be required to step down from their position.



## **Holy Week Services**

University Ministry invites the campus community to attend Holy Week Services. Face masks and social distancing are required at all times for in-person participation.

Wednesday, March 31 - Adoration and Reconciliation

7:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m., Holy Rosary Church

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

3:00 p.m., Holy Rosary Church

Saturday, April 3 - Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m., Holy Rosary Church

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m. (Spanish) Holy Rosary Church

Noon, Holy Rosary Church

*For more information, contact University Ministry at 210-436-3213 or  
university.ministry@stmarytx.edu*



## **Pathways to Residency for International & Non-Resident Students in the United States**

Free live webinar for students - Immigration Virtual Seminar

Join this live webinar with Jeff Peek, Managing Partner, Peek & Toland, Wednesday, March 31, 5:00 p.m. Win a free immigration consult with a board certified immigration expert attorney.

Register at <https://events.abogadosgueros.com/stmarys>

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## **Preventing and Resolving Heirs Property: Untangling the Ties of Multiple Owners**

Join a virtual discussion from the Office of Historic Preservation Vacant Building Program about heirs property and the available tools to help property owners avoid difficulties that arise from it.

**Preventing and Resolving Heirs Property: Untangling the Ties of Multiple Owners, Thursday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m.** Heirs property occurs when multiple people own an inherited property, often from a relative without a will. This can lead to tangled title, property deterioration, forced sale or inability to sell, reduced homestead exemption, tax foreclosure, lack of access to property repair programs, and vacancy. Register here: <http://tiny.cc/propertytalk>.

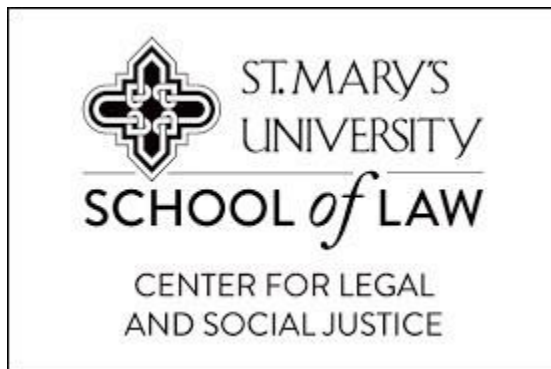
A panel of experts will discuss the limitations and dangers of heirs property status, methods to avoid title issues upon death, techniques to resolve these issues, and recent law changes that allow some heirs property owners to claim a full homestead exemption.

Many of the properties in the Vacant Building Program inventory sit in this unstable type of ownership, making forward positive activity difficult. VBP staff is focused on owner education with a goal of preventing future vacancy, increasing generational wealth, and neighborhood stability.



## Save the Date - Fiesta Farewell

Congratulations Class of 2021, you are almost Alumni! Save the date for Fiesta Farewell, either April 19, 20, or 21. Professional head shots of each student will be used for the 3L class photo with sign-up from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Reception social begins each day at 4:30 p.m. with food and drinks, and safety protocols in place. Program will be 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. which includes Welcome by Law Alumni, Remarks by Dean Patricia Roberts, J.D., and Law Ministry Service Awards. Your St. Mary's student ID will be required for attendance. Stay in the know. RSVP and sign up links will follow soon.



## Clinical Course Application - Fall 2021

**The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Fall 2021!**

Earn 6 hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients in Consumer/Housing, Family Law/Wills & Estates, Criminal Defense or Immigration cases.

Learn more about each of these four Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/clinical-program/>.

The required online Clinic application may be found on this page, too, and at <http://bit.ly/StMUClinicApp2021>.

**Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission!



## Food from the Bar: All Month

St. Mary's School of Law is proud to participate in the annual Food from the Bar. The campaign goal is to serve 500 meals to the community in need, and in order to help reach that goal, we will be collecting food at CLSJ.

For those able to give money, here is a link for monetary donations:

<https://my.safoodbank.org/stmulaw>.

And, for those able to give their time, here is a link to volunteer with the Food Bank:

<https://safoodbank.org/ways-to-help/give-time/>.

For questions or for more information please contact Sofia Rangel at [srangel4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:srangel4@stmarytx.edu) or please see <https://mysafoodbank.org/stmulaw>.



## Ways to Serve after Winter Storm Uri

### San Antonio Food Bank

The SAFB is hosting multiple food and water distributions around San Antonio in the coming weeks. Food distributions require 200+ volunteers who are able to lift, walk and stand for hours at a time. Use this link to register for an upcoming volunteer event.

<https://safb.secure.force.com/jobcalendar>





## MAXimize Your Financial Future

Remember, MAX by AccessLex® is a program offered to you, free of charge, to help you build financial capability and confidence. If you haven't already, register for [MAX](#) and check out this month's highlights:

- Be sure to check out the **NEW MAX** event Five Habits of Financially Successful Lawyers. Find a time that works for you [here](#). And if you want even more live events, visit the [full schedule](#) of upcoming webinars in your MAX account or in the below PDF.

Other MAX Webinars scheduled throughout the spring are:

- The Road to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment
- Financial Planning for Law School Students
- The Psychology of Financial Decision-Making
- Your Employment Options, Your Money
- Making Big Purchases Fit Your Big Picture
- Your PSLF Action Plan

Below is a link to the AccessLex law school scholarship databank. This link includes student scholarships and writing competitions totaling almost \$300 million in aid.

[https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof\\_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html](https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html)

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[Spring 2021 MAX Webinars.pdf](#)

[Earn entries into the MAX by AccessLex scholarship drawings by attending any qualifying MAX Event.](#)

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## **SAAAACF SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND WRITING COMPETITION**

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* and the San Antonio Area African American Community Fund (SAAAACF) have forged a new partnership to host a writing competition with the goal of supporting new legal scholarship that seeks to remedy and shed light on the challenges our community is facing today. This competition is in support of SAAAACF and San Antonio Area Foundation Social Justice Fund initiatives.

The San Antonio Area African American Community Fund's mission is to:

“Promote and advocate for financial philanthropy to enhance the quality of living of the African American community in the San Antonio Area.”

We are so grateful to the SAAAACF for their partnership and for pledging student stipend awards for the first, second, and third place submissions.

- 1st place will be awarded \$1,500.00
- 2nd place will be awarded \$750.00
- 3rd place will be awarded \$500.00

*The Scholar* and the SAAAACF are seeking submissions that are:

- double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12pt font, and ideally make use of headings;
- responsive to the missions of the organizations;
- submitted by a St. Mary's law students;
- have a specific argument that is supported through use of footnotes;
- about 10-15 pages in length including footnotes;

- written in topic areas such as qualified immunity, excessive force, racial discrimination, threats against voting rights, and issues with bail.
- Examples of specific topics include:
  - Overcoming qualified immunity in excessive force cases
  - Enforcing voting rights after Shelby County v. Holder
  - Bail reform in Bexar County and what systems would serve us better

#### Timeline

- Submissions should be emailed in a Word document to [thescholarlr@gmail.com](mailto:thescholarlr@gmail.com) with the subject line “Competition Submission”. In the body of the email please include your full name and year in law school.
- Last day to submit is **April 15th at 11:59 p.m.**
- Winners will be announced in early May.
- Award ceremony is TBD.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

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## **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) describing what you learned or gained by virtue of being in Clinic, including specific, related examples from your Clinic experience.

Applicants must be students who have completed at least one semester of, or who are currently enrolled in, the St. Mary's School of Law Clinical Program ("Clinic"). Applicants may include both 2L and 3L students. The scholarship will be applied against tuition and fees paid for the Spring 2021 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 \$1,500. Applications are available online and are due by 11:59 p.m., **Friday, April 9, 2021**. The application can be accessed by clicking on the following link: <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/bentch-endowed-clinical-scholarship-application/>.



## Branch Endowed Scholarship Available

Branch Endowed Scholarship - Anita Branch established this scholarship to recognize the excellent services provided by her attorney, Jim Drought, a 1969 graduate of the School of Law. The scholarship is awarded to a practicing Catholic who is a second or third year student in the top 10 percent of the class. To apply, use this link <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/spring-2021-law-scholarship-application/>.



## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

Below is a link to the AccessLex law school scholarship databank. This link includes student scholarships and writing competitions totaling almost \$300 million in aid.

[https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof\\_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html](https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html)

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association. \$2,500. <https://wadaweb.org/2020/10/02/washington-attorneys-with-disabilities-association-wada-2020-2021-scholarship/>. Deadline to apply is 03/30/2021.

ABA Section of Family Law. \$1,500. \$750. \$350. [Schwab Essay Contest](#). Deadline to apply is 04/09/2021.

FCBA Foundation Law School Scholarship Program. Scholarships range from \$2,000 - \$10,000. <https://webportalapp.com/sp/fcbalawscholarship2021>. Deadline to apply is 04/09/2021.

Tax Section, State Bar of Texas. Three each \$2,000. <http://www.texassection.org/uploads/2021%20scholarship%20application%20.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 04/16/2021.

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Two \$5,000 scholarships. [www.texasbariplaw.org](http://www.texasbariplaw.org). Deadline to apply is 05/01/2021.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics. [https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021\\_smith\\_doheny\\_flyer.pdf](https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021_smith_doheny_flyer.pdf). \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 06/01/2021.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law annual writing competition. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/>. \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply 06/15/ 2021.

Jackson Lewis. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. \$3,000 and two \$1,000. Deadline to apply is 06/15/2021.

ABA Forum on Construction Law Writing Competition. [Click here for more information](#). Deadline to apply is 07/21/2021.

PIABA Foundation. [bit.ly/2021Beckley](https://bit.ly/2021Beckley) \$1,000, \$750, \$500. Deadline to apply is September 17, 2021.



## Pro Bono Program

### *Community Service Requirement: Updates*

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Change in Recording Tracking Hours**

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Find Us on Canvas!**

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! You should have received an invitation to add the course. Accept the invitation to access weekly announcements, forms, and more!





## Introducing iGrad

**A new, free financial literacy platform for students.**

You know, all those real-world skills that there isn't a class for? iGrad's got you covered. It is your go-to resource for personalized financial and wellness education, scholarship search, student loan management and more. With free [courses](#) and [tools](#), iGrad has something for everyone. As a St. Mary's student, it is yours for free!

Sign up using your St. Mary's email address via Gateway or go directly to [stmarytx.igrad.com](http://stmarytx.igrad.com).

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Assistance at [finaid@stmarytx.edu](mailto:finaid@stmarytx.edu).

### **[SIGN UP WITH iGRAD](#)**

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## **Health & Wellness**

### **One Pot Chicken and Artichoke Cavatappi**

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/one-pot-chicken-and-artichoke-cavatappi/>



## **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Hours**

### **Spring 2021 Hours**

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

For everyone's health and safety, wearing a face mask is required as is keeping 6-foot social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Face Masks Continue to be Required on Campus

St. Mary's has in place a mandatory [Face Mask Policy](#) for the 2020-21 academic year. We thank everyone for keeping the St. Mary's community safe by wearing a mask and minimizing the spread of the Covid-19 virus.



## Mental Well-Being Support

Students are reminded of resources available through the Student Counseling Center. Students may also reach out to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program. Contact information for both programs is below.

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

Student Counseling Center  
[Center for Life Directions](#)  
(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)  
Fax: (210) 431-6706  
[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)  
Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **24-hour Crisis Response**

The counselor on duty may be accessed by calling the Student Counseling Center emergency line at (210) 825-3622 after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on Saturday and Sunday. Emergency services are available during regular office hours by calling (210) 436-3135 or by walk-in to the office. All appointments are virtual.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/>

call or Text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527)



## **Notices**

### **Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues**

Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

### **Law Students with Disabilities**

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *Law Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information.

### **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

### **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

#### **What You Should Know**

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

## 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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### 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/compliance/research-compliance/>

### 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.



## Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare for, why not let the American Bar Association help? **A FREE LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** offers an array of [resources and benefits](#) to help you succeed.

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join our community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join today!](#)

**Want more from the ABA? Just \$25 unlocks *Premium Membership for the entire year.*** Premium Membership offers up to \$500 in discounts on Quimbee, Themis and Kaplan bar prep courses, networking opportunities, instant resume review to improve the content and format of your resume, and so much more. [Unlock your Premium Membership](#), today!



## **Academic Support**

### **Law School Resources**

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)



Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



## **Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

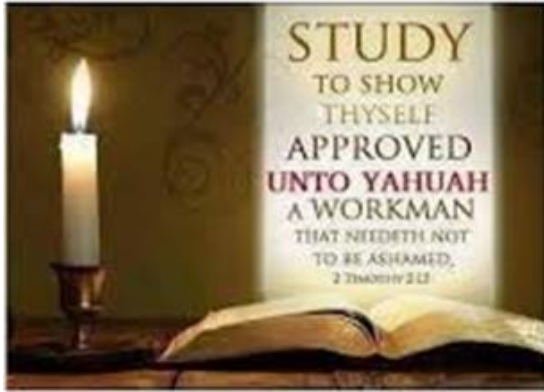
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## **Bible Study**

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## **Follow Us on Instagram and Facebook**

Follow Dean for Law Student Affairs on Instagram and on Facebook.

## **Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?**

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

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## Student Bar Association Board Election Results

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 SBA Executive Board.

2L Senators

Kathryn Cantu

Ryen Maddox

Vanessa Ortega

Joshua Johnston

Dianisa Sosa

Julia Awad

3L Senators

Jorge Munoz-Escobedo

Cole Davila

Jordan Fox Navarro

Juan Munoz-Zarate

Melysa Alvarez

Hailey Nikkels

2L Honor Court Justice

Cody Kent

American Bar Association - LSD Representative

Savina Tapia



## **Final Round - Linda and Dave Schlueter First-Year Moot Court Competition**

The Board of Advocates would like to congratulate the 1L students who competed last week in the Advanced Rounds for the Linda and Dave Schlueter First-Year Moot Court Competition. You all did so well and should be very proud of this accomplishment.

The teams moving to the Finals are:

- 152 Daisy Ramirez & Kathryn Cantu
- 153 Josue Barron & Brenda Marichalar

The final round of the Competition will be held April 7 at 10:00 a.m. Our very own 4th Court of Appeals will be judging this round. We are the only school in the nation that has an en banc, full bench panel, in the First Year Moot Court Competition. Everyone is invited and encouraged to watch. To watch the round, please follow the link to the 4th Court's YouTube site:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiaWJQ7eW5OQIALdyLN6s3A>.

We would also like to thank all the attorneys, professors, 2Ls, and 3Ls that helped judge in this competition. We could not have done it without you. Good luck to our finalists!





## THE NATIONAL TEAM

### **Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition**

To participate in this year's Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition, please go here: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/U8X52PM5BGNCHMMW9](https://forms.gle/U8X52PM5BGNCHMMW9)



### **Team Tryouts - Board of Advocacy**

#### **THE NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS ARE HERE**

Join us on April 6th at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/3582668941> to learn more about the National Team, hear from the Moot Court, ADR and Trial Team coaches. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the commitment and tryout process. Each section has their own tryout process. All new members will be announced at the Barrister's Honors Dinner on April 26. Please see additional information on each team's process below.

## **NATIONAL ADR TEAM TRYOUTS**

**BEGIN THURSDAY - APRIL 15, 2021**

APPLY [NOW](#) FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART  
OF THE ST. MARY'S NATIONAL ADR TEAM!

Did you know only 2% of all cases go to trial? The remaining **98%** of cases are resolved through alternative dispute resolution (ADR). The National ADR team teaches you how to be a successful attorney and provides the essential skills every lawyer needs. Competing in the widest variety of external advocacy competitions, St. Mary's National ADR Team have won numerous national, regional, and state competitions, and travel throughout the United States representing our law school. As a member of the ADR team, you will also receive a total of six (6) course credits to learn invaluable practical skills that you will use throughout your professional and personal life. To apply, click [here](#). For more information, go to "The National ADR Team: Tryouts 2021" TWEN and Canvas pages and check out the St. Mary's National ADR Team's Facebook page @LAWADR. The deadline to submit your application and resume is Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Tryouts will be held on Zoom:

- **Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, April 16, 2021 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Any questions? Email Hunter Dennehy at [hdennehy@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:hdennehy@mail.stmarytx.edu). Best of luck!

## **NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM TRY-OUTS**

**BEGIN SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021!**

SIGN UP THIS WEEK FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART  
OF THE ST. MARY'S NATIONAL CHAMPION MOOT COURT TEAM!

The St. Mary's National Moot Court Team will be conducting interviews beginning Saturday, April 10th to select rising 2L students for the 2021 - 2022 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 "St. Mary's National Moot Court Team" and select a convenient date and time for your interview. St. Mary's 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 April 10-15, 2021. Additional information and interview requirements, as well as **sign-up times will be available on TWEN starting April 6, 2021**. You can also check the **St. Mary's National Moot Court Team's Facebook** link for additional information. Also, check out the "**Moot Morning**" **interviews on YouTube!** If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact adjunct professor and St. Mary's National Moot Court Coach, Ricky J. Poole at [rpoole@alamocityattorney.com](mailto:rpoole@alamocityattorney.com), Assistant Coach Natsumi Covey at [natsumicovey@gmail.com](mailto:natsumicovey@gmail.com) or any members of the current moot court team. Good luck and we look forward to seeing you at the try-outs!



## Order of Barristers Applications

**NOTE: The Order of Barristers Application and accompanying documents must be submitted by email to [zniesel@stmarytx.edu](mailto:zniesel@stmarytx.edu)**

**DEADLINE: Applications due April 9, 2021, by 5:00 p.m. (CT)**

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 and other faculty advocacy awards, please download the application form [HERE](#). Please note that

the application should be typed or scanned, but it must be submitted in PDF form by email to [zniesel@stmarytx.edu](mailto:zniesel@stmarytx.edu)

The Faculty Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members of the Order of the Barristers. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. New members of the Order and award recipients will be announced at the Barristers' Banquet.

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 Zoe Niesel, concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. **All applications must be submitted to Professor Niesel by April 9, 2021, by 5:00 p.m. (CT).**



## OCS News You Can Use

### Save the Date

- **Pathways to the Profession: Human Trafficking Law**, Monday, April 5 at 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Pathways to the Profession: Crimmigration Law**, Tuesday, April 6 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 945 7779 6591
- **Remote Roundtable: Belia Pena, ABA ProBAR Project, Harlingen**, Friday, April 9, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Remote Roundtable: Marshall Bowen, Butler Snow, Austin**, Friday, April 9, at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **2L Dallas/Fort Worth Networking Event**, Tuesday, April 13 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **2L Houston Networking Event**, Wednesday, April 14 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE

- **2L Austin Networking Event**, Thursday, April 15 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Remote Roundtable: Katherine Lee Gomez-Baum, Katherine Baum Attorney at Law, Hampton, VA**, Friday, April 16, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE

For more information and to register, please see the Events page in CORE.



## **Class of 2021 Service Hours: Submit No Later than May 5**

Calling All May Graduates! All JD students who matriculated in August 2018 or later must record a minimum of 30 service hours, at least 15 of which must be law-related, to satisfy the community service graduation requirement. Additionally, JD students who complete 100 hours of law-related service, community service, or any combination thereof will be recognized at graduation for their commitment to service.

Graduates are asked to submit their hours no later than the final day of classes Wednesday, May 5 to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu). Students may confirm their current recorded hour total on CORE, under the Externships and Pro Bono tab. With questions about service opportunities, please contact Greg Zlotnick, Director of Pro Bono Programs, at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).



## **Community Service Reporting Deadline for Continuing JD Students**

Current students will have until August 18, 2021 to satisfy the community service benchmarks required of students upon the completion of the first and second year of the JD programs.

Rising second-year students (those who will have completed the first 29 credit hours of the JD program by this fall) will have until August 18, 2021 to satisfy the 10-hour community service requirement.

Rising third-year students (those who will have completed 60 credit hours of the JD program by this fall) will also have until August 18, 2021 to complete the 20-hour community service requirement. Note that at least five (5) of those hours are required to be law-related, as defined in the Student Handbook.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions or concerns, please contact Greg Zlotnick, Director of Pro Bono Programs, at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).



## **StMU School of Law Mask Fundraiser**

Have you purchased your St. Mary's School of Law mask? All mask proceeds will go to the Summer Public Service Fellowship. For \$10, not only will you support some of our own colleagues, but you will also support the local community, all while showing StMU Law School pride.

Masks are sold by StMU Law United for Change, the new philanthropic organization geared toward the service of the St. Mary's community. United for Change will continue selling masks while products are available. You can purchase masks here:

[https://secure.touchnet.net/C20173\\_ustores/web/index.jsp?FROMQRCODE=true](https://secure.touchnet.net/C20173_ustores/web/index.jsp?FROMQRCODE=true)

Just go to Law School Registered Student Organizations, then select United for Change.





**Bar Exam Panel  
& MPRE**

Join us for bar exam insights from St. Mary's Law graduates! We will have Leslie Alvarez, Ashley De La Garza, Dominic Castillo and Pearl Cruz provide us with all the questions you may have about the bar exam!

We will also be joined by Professor Cavanaugh and bar prep representatives on the advantages they can provide and answer any questions you may have regarding the MPRE!

**Zoom Id: 433-327-1226**

**Thursday, April 8, 2021  
5-6 pm**

**Leslie Alvarez**  
Assistant Professor of Business Law

**Pearl Cruz**  
Assistant Professor of Law  
Legislative Director of Public Safety

**Dominic Castillo**  
Assistant Professor of Public Relations

**Ashley De La Garza**  
Assistant Professor of Law  
Assistant Director of Public Safety

## **First Generation Professionals Hosts Bar Exam Panel & MPRE Information Session**

Join the First Generation Professionals on Thursday, April 8, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. for bar exam insights from recent St. Mary's Law graduates. We will have Leslie Alvarez, Ashley De La Garza, Dominic Castillo, and Pearl Cruz share their experiences and advice while preparing for the bar exam.

We will also be joined by Professor Cavanaugh to answer questions about the MPRE and bar prep representatives to provide information regarding bar prep materials.

ZOOM Id: 433-327-1226

Stick around towards the end for some brief information from the National Team. Hope you can join us.



ST. MARY'S LAW REVIEW ON RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

## Apply to Join Volume 24 of The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* is now accepting applications via TWEN. Add *The Scholar* to your courses. Applications are due April 14 at 11:59 p.m. Join us for an open house on April 9 at 6:00 p.m. to learn more! The goal of *The Scholar* is giving "a voice to the voiceless." *The Scholar* strives to speak to all members of our society about issues of race and social justice. We offer this law review as a sign of hope for a promising future and a better understanding of all of the members within society. For more information about *The Scholar*, go here

<https://commons.stmarytx.edu/thescholar/>

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[The Scholar.pdf](#)

[Now Accepting Applications](#)

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## Law Registered Student Organization Elections

All elections for law Registered Student Organization's (RSOs) should be conducted between now and April 15. Please note that according to the Law School *Student Handbook*, all students running for office must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of application in order to serve as an officer in a Law RSO. Any student who is elected to an office without meeting the 2.5 GPA threshold will be required to step down from their position.



## Volunteer Judges Needed

The NCFCA Christian Speech & Debate is looking for 300+ volunteers to assist in judging and to provide feedback to students. This is open to all faculty, staff and students who can volunteer on April 8-10 at University Baptist Church of San Antonio, 6465 Babcock Road, San Antonio, Texas 78249. There are many available time slots to choose from.

To sign up please go to: <https://ncfca.org/judge-a-tournament/> or see the below PDF for more information.

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## Certificate Offerings for J.D. Students

Are you a J.D. student looking to add more opportunities for yourself once you graduate?

Would you like to get started as soon as summer with our flexible online offerings? The Office of Graduate Law can assist you in finding the best certificate program to fit your goals!

To find out more information on our Compliance, Business Law & Risk Certificate, Healthcare Compliance Certificate, and Legal Studies Certificate, book an appointment here <https://calendly.com/aturrieta> with Coordinator Turrieta to review what the Certificate program has to offer you!



## Preventing and Resolving Heirs Property: Untangling the Ties of Multiple Owners

Join a virtual discussion from the Office of Historic Preservation Vacant Building Program about heirs property and the available tools to help property owners avoid difficulties that arise from it.

**Preventing and Resolving Heirs Property: Untangling the Ties of Multiple Owners, Thursday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m.** Heirs property occurs when multiple people own an inherited property, often from a relative without a will. This can lead to tangled title, property deterioration, forced sale or inability to sell, reduced homestead exemption, tax foreclosure, lack of access to property repair programs, and vacancy. Register here: <http://tiny.cc/propertytalk>.

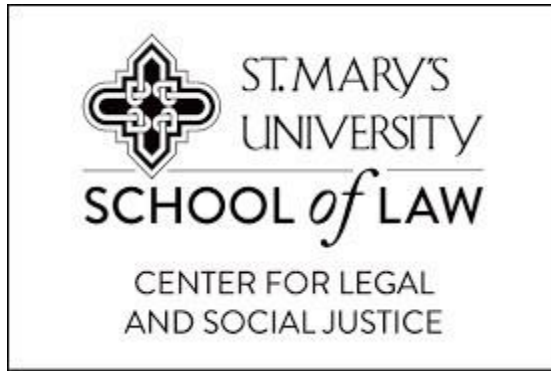
A panel of experts will discuss the limitations and dangers of heirs property status, methods to avoid title issues upon death, techniques to resolve these issues, and recent law changes that allow some heirs property owners to claim a full homestead exemption.

Many of the properties in the Vacant Building Program inventory sit in this unstable type of ownership, making forward positive activity difficult. VBP staff is focused on owner education with a goal of preventing future vacancy, increasing generational wealth, and neighborhood stability.



## **Save the Date - Fiesta Farewell**

Congratulations Class of 2021, you are almost Alumni! Save the date for Fiesta Farewell, either April 19, 20, or 21. Professional head shots of each student will be used for the 3L class photo with sign-up from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Reception social begins each day at 4:30 p.m. with food and drinks, and safety protocols in place. Program will be 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. which includes Welcome by Law Alumni, Remarks by Dean Patricia Roberts, J.D., and Law Ministry Service Awards. Your St. Mary's student ID will be required for attendance. Stay in the know. RSVP and sign up links will follow soon.



## **Clinical Course Application - Fall 2021**

**The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Fall 2021!**

Earn 6 hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients in Consumer/Housing, Family Law/Wills & Estates, Criminal Defense or Immigration cases.

Learn more about each of these four Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/clinical-program/>.

The required online Clinic application may be found on this page, too, and at <http://bit.ly/StMUClinicApp2021>.

**Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission!



## Ways to Serve after Winter Storm Uri

### San Antonio Food Bank

The SAFB is hosting multiple food and water distributions around San Antonio in the coming weeks. Food distributions require 200+ volunteers who are able to lift, walk and stand for hours at a time. Use this link to register for an upcoming volunteer event.

<https://safb.secure.force.com/jobcalendar>



## MAXimize Your Financial Future

Remember, MAX by AccessLex® is a program offered to you, free of charge, to help you build financial capability and confidence. If you haven't already, register for [MAX](#) and check out this month's highlights:

- Be sure to check out the **NEW** MAX event Five Habits of Financially Successful Lawyers. Find a time that works for you [here](#). And if you want even more live events, visit the [full schedule](#) of upcoming webinars in your MAX account or in the below PDF.



Other MAX Webinars scheduled throughout the spring are:

- The Road to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment
- Financial Planning for Law School Students
- The Psychology of Financial Decision-Making
- Your Employment Options, Your Money
- Making Big Purchases Fit Your Big Picture
- Your PSLF Action Plan

Below is a link to the AccessLex law school scholarship databank. This link includes student scholarships and writing competitions totaling almost \$300 million in aid.

[https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof\\_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html](https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html)

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[Spring 2021 MAX Webinars.pdf](#)

[Earn entries into the MAX by AccessLex scholarship drawings by attending any qualifying MAX Event.](#)

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## LexScholars

- Are you an aspiring lawyer from an underrepresented racial, ethnic and socioeconomic background? LexScholars by @AccessLexInst can help you fulfill your dream of getting into law school. Apply today: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)
- 200 spots remain for the LexScholars by @AccessLexInst program! Have you submitted your application? Learn more about eligibility and the application process here: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)
- LexScholars by @AccessLexInst gives students from underrepresented groups access to free resources and guidance that will help them on their journey to enter the legal profession. Learn more: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)

The 2021 application cycle for [LexScholars by AccessLex](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars) is now open and spaces are filling.

Visit [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars) for more information on the program, eligibility or the application process. Or, email questions to [LexScholars@accesslex.org](mailto:LexScholars@accesslex.org).



## **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) describing what you learned or gained by virtue of being in Clinic, including specific, related examples from your Clinic experience.

Applicants must be students who have completed at least one semester of, or who are currently enrolled in, the St. Mary's School of Law Clinical Program ("Clinic"). Applicants may include both 2L and 3L students. The scholarship will be applied against tuition and fees paid for the Spring 2021 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 \$1,500. Applications are available online and are due by 11:59 p.m., **Friday, April 9, 2021**. The application can be accessed by clicking on the following link: <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/bentch-endowed-clinical-scholarship-application/>.



SAN ANTONIO AREA  
AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY FUND

## **SAAAACF SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND WRITING COMPETITION**

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* and the San Antonio Area African American Community Fund (SAAAACF) have forged a new partnership to host a writing competition with the goal of supporting new legal scholarship that seeks to remedy and shed light on the challenges our community is facing today. This competition is in support of SAAAACF and San Antonio Area Foundation Social Justice Fund initiatives.

The San Antonio Area African American Community Fund's mission is to:

“Promote and advocate for financial philanthropy to enhance the quality of living of the African American community in the San Antonio Area.”

We are so grateful to the SAAAACF for their partnership and for pledging student stipend awards for the first, second, and third place submissions.

- 1st place will be awarded \$1,500.00
- 2nd place will be awarded \$750.00
- 3rd place will be awarded \$500.00

*The Scholar* and the SAAAACF are seeking submissions that are:

- double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12pt font, and ideally make use of headings;
- responsive to the missions of the organizations;
- submitted by a St. Mary's law students;

- have a specific argument that is supported through use of footnotes;
- about 10-15 pages in length including footnotes;
- written in topic areas such as qualified immunity, excessive force, racial discrimination, threats against voting rights, and issues with bail.
- Examples of specific topics include:
  - Overcoming qualified immunity in excessive force cases
  - Enforcing voting rights after *Shelby County v. Holder*
  - Bail reform in Bexar County and what systems would serve us better

## Timeline

- Submissions should be emailed in a Word document to [thescholarlr@gmail.com](mailto:thescholarlr@gmail.com) with the subject line “Competition Submission”. In the body of the email please include your full name and year in law school.
- Last day to submit is **April 15 at 11:59 p.m.**
- Winners will be announced in early May.
- Award ceremony is TBD.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

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[Together with the San Antonio Area Foundation and The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice](#)

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## Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships

Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships: For students who commit to work on legal matters for veterans, with the veterans projects of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) or the San Antonio Legal Services Association (SALSA), Fellowships are available for Summer 2021, Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 (at least \$2,500 Fellowship per semester). Online application will be posted this week. Applications **due: April 18, 2021**, at <http://bit.ly/MoodyFellow>



## Summer Public Service Fellowships

The St. Mary's Summer Public Service Fellowship provides financial assistance to first- and second-year law students who have secured a position for the summer with a legal aid or legal

services provider serving low-income clients or a governmental agency and will work at least 240 hours this summer.

Thankfully, many members of the law school community have helped make Public Service Fellowships possible this summer, including the Office of the Dean, Patricia E. Roberts, Law Ministry/Law Alumni, the Texas Bar Foundation, and other generous donors.

The application and agency agreement must be submitted by **Monday, April 19, 2021**, at 12:00 p.m. and may be found here: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/law-fellowships/>.



## **Branch Endowed Scholarship Available**

Branch Endowed Scholarship - Anita Branch established this scholarship to recognize the excellent services provided by her attorney, Jim Drought, a 1969 graduate of the School of Law. The scholarship is awarded to a practicing Catholic who is a second or third year student in the top 10 percent of the class. To apply, use this link <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/spring-2021-law-scholarship-application/>.



## **Writing Competitions and Scholarships**



Below is a link to the AccessLex law school scholarship databank. This link includes student scholarships and writing competitions totaling almost \$300 million in aid.

[https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof\\_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html](https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html)

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

ABA Section of Family Law. \$1,500. \$750. \$350. [Schwab Essay Contest](#). Deadline to apply is 04/09/2021.

FCBA Foundation Law School Scholarship Program. Scholarships range from \$2,000 - \$10,000. <https://webportalapp.com/sp/fcbalawscholarship2021>. Deadline to apply is 04/09/2021.

Tax Section, State Bar of Texas. Three each \$2,000.

<http://www.texassection.org/uploads/2021%20scholarship%20application%20.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 04/16/2021.

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Two \$5,000 scholarships. [www.texasbarilaw.org](http://www.texasbarilaw.org). Deadline to apply is 05/01/2021.

Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. [www.amarillobar.org](http://www.amarillobar.org). \$2,500. Deadline to apply is May 14, 2021.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics. [https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021\\_smith\\_doheny\\_flyer.pdf](https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021_smith_doheny_flyer.pdf). \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 06/01/2021.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law annual writing competition. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/>. \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply 06/15/ 2021.

Jackson Lewis. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. \$3,000 and two \$1,000. Deadline to apply is 06/15/2021.

ABA Forum on Construction Law Writing Competition. [Click here for more information](#). Deadline to apply is 07/21/2021.

PIABA Foundation. [bit.ly/2021Beckley](https://bit.ly/2021Beckley) \$1,000, \$750, \$500. Deadline to apply is September 17, 2021.



## Pro Bono Program

### *Community Service Requirement: Updates*

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Change in Recording Tracking Hours**

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Find Us on Canvas!**

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! You should have received an invitation to add the course. Accept the invitation to access weekly announcements, forms, and more!



## Introducing iGrad

**A new, free financial literacy platform for students.**

You know, all those real-world skills that there isn't a class for? iGrad's got you covered. It is your go-to resource for personalized financial and wellness education, scholarship search, student loan management and more. With free [courses](#) and [tools](#), iGrad has something for everyone. As a St. Mary's student, it is yours for free!

Sign up using your St. Mary's email address via Gateway or go directly to [stmarytx.igrad.com](http://stmarytx.igrad.com).

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Assistance at [finaid@stmarytx.edu](mailto:finaid@stmarytx.edu).

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[iGrad for StMU](#)

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## **Health & Wellness**

### **One Pot Spaghetti Puttanesca**

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/one-pot-spaghetti-puttanesca/>



## **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Hours**

### **Spring 2021 Hours**

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

For everyone's health and safety, wearing a face mask is required as is keeping 6-foot social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Face Masks Continue to be Required on Campus

St. Mary's has in place a mandatory [Face Mask Policy](#) for the 2020-21 academic year. We thank everyone for keeping the St. Mary's community safe by wearing a mask and minimizing the spread of the Covid-19 virus.



## Mental Well-Being Support

Students are reminded of resources available through the Student Counseling Center. Students may also reach out to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program. Contact information for both programs is below.

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

Student Counseling Center

[Center for Life Directions](#)

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)

Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **24-hour Crisis Response**

The counselor on duty may be accessed by calling the Student Counseling Center emergency line at (210) 825-3622 after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on Saturday and Sunday. Emergency services are available during regular office hours by calling (210) 436-3135 or by walk-in to the office. All appointments are virtual.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/>

call or Text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527)



## **Notices**

**Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues**



Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

### **Law Students with Disabilities**

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *Law Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information.

### **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

### **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

#### **What You Should Know**



All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

### **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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### **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/compliance/research-compliance/>

### **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.



## Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare for, why not let the American Bar Association help? A **FREE LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** offers an array of [resources and benefits](#) to help you succeed.

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join our community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join today!](#)

**Want more from the ABA? Just \$25 unlocks *Premium Membership for the entire year.*** Premium Membership offers up to \$500 in discounts on Quimbee, Themis and Kaplan bar prep courses, networking opportunities, instant resume review to improve the content and format of your resume, and so much more. [Unlock your Premium Membership](#), today!



# Academic Support

## Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



## **Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

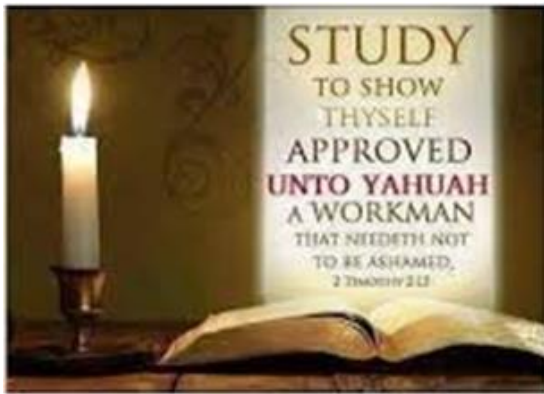
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## **Bible Study**

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## **Follow Us on Instagram and Facebook**

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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.

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### **Congratulations to Rebecca Fuller**

In February of this year, The Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America hosted its first ever [Judicial Clerkship Opinion Writing Conference](#). The conference was open to those with state appellate court or federal court clerkship positions for the 2021–22 term.

The conference consisted of submitting a draft opinion on a controversial First Amendment issue followed by personal feedback from a federal judge. In addition to the draft, 3L Rebecca Fuller attended a series of lectures on opinion writing and participated in a final competition component. For the final competition, she had to address another aspect of that same controversial issue. What is truly noteworthy is that Rebecca completed this final draft opinion while also managing to continue her preparations for yet another mock trial competition, all during winter storm Uri.

Congratulations to Rebecca whose opinion won the first-place prize in the competition against approximately 25 other submissions. This conference was an immensely educational experience for Rebecca as it shines a light on the much-needed skill set she will be using for her post-graduation federal judicial clerkship with the Honorable Judge David A. Ezra.

Rebecca is Captain of the National Trial Team and a former member of the *Law Journal*.



Press release: <https://www.law.edu/news-and-events/2021/03/2021-0330-CSL-opinion-writing-press-release.html>

Please congratulate Rebecca on a job well done.

## **Linda and Dave Schlueter First-Year Moot Court Competition Winners**

The Board of Advocates would like to congratulate the finalists who competed last week in the Final Round for the Linda and Dave Schlueter First-Year Moot Court Competition. Every did well and should be very proud of this accomplishment.

It was a very close round between Petitioners Team 153 Brenda Marichalar & Josue Barron and Respondents Team 152 Kathryn Cantu & Daisy Ramirez. Kathryn and Daisy ended up with the win and Kathryn was named Best Advocate. Congratulations to all four of you for representing St. Mary's well in the Linda and Dave Schlueter First-Year Moot Court Competition.

The Final Round was judged by our very own 4th Court of Appeals. The Justices were impressed with the Finalists and they represented St. Mary's University School of Law well.

The Board of Advocates would like to acknowledge all the hard work from Professor Cavanaugh and Professor Bellido de Luna in helping guide us through this great competition.

We would also like to acknowledge and give thanks to the LCAP professors for their full support in preparing a great group of Mooters, specifically Professor Windham for teaching all four finalists.



# Thank You for Holy Thursday Day of Service

A message from Sofia Rangel, Clinical, Pro Bono & Externship Programs Assistant.

Thank you to everyone who joined us Holy Thursday for an afternoon of service at the San Antonio Food Bank. I hope you all enjoyed your time serving others and knowing that you directly impacted a senior in need. I was happy to meet so many of you, most for the first time, and others for the first time non-Zoom! Personally, I can think of no better way to spend my time than in service with those around me.

You may or may not know that we were participating in SAFB's Food from the Bar campaign—a competition for the legal community where you can earn points by donating food, money and time.

Because of our day of service, coupled with our students that volunteered throughout the month of March, we won the category of Most Time Volunteered!

Thank you again for your time. I hope we can do it again!





## THE NATIONAL TEAM

### **2021 Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition Sign-Up**

The Board of Advocates proudly announces the 2021 Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition to be held April 24, 2021. The competition is a 1-day moot court competition over constitutional law issues. All you need to do is prepare Petitioner and Respondent arguments—no brief writing required. The competition is open to all St. Mary's School of Law students, including 1Ls. Teams are comprised of two advocates, and you are guaranteed to argue at least two rounds. There is a 30 team maximum for the competition, so please sign up by 5:00 p.m. April 16 at the following link: <https://forms.gle/U8X52pm5BgnChmMw9>. No two members of The National Team may compete on the same team.

If you have any questions, please contact Coy Westbrook ([cwestbrook@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:cwestbrook@mail.stmarytx.edu)) or Meredith Milton ([mmilton@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmilton@mail.stmarytx.edu)).



## **Team Tryouts - Board of Advocacy**

**NATIONAL ADR TEAM TRYOUTS**

**BEGIN THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021**

APPLY [NOW](#) FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART  
OF THE ST. MARY'S NATIONAL ADR TEAM!

Did you know only 2% of all cases go to trial? The remaining **98%** of cases are resolved through alternative dispute resolution (ADR). The National ADR team teaches you how to be a successful attorney and provides the essential skills every lawyer needs. Competing in the widest variety of external advocacy competitions, St. Mary's National ADR Team have won numerous national, regional, and state competitions, and travel throughout the United States representing our law school. As a member of the ADR team, you will also receive a total of six (6) course credits to learn invaluable practical skills that you will use throughout your professional and personal life. To apply, click [here](#). For more information, go to "The National ADR Team: Tryouts 2021" TWEN and Canvas pages and check out the St. Mary's National ADR Team's Facebook page @LAWADR. The deadline to submit your application and resume is Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Tryouts will be held on Zoom:

- **Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, April 16, 2021 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Any questions? Email Hunter Dennehy at [hdennehy@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:hdennehy@mail.stmarytx.edu). Best of luck!

## NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM TRY-OUTS

SIGN UP FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART

OF THE ST. MARY'S NATIONAL CHAMPION MOOT COURT TEAM!

The St. Mary's National Moot Court Team will be conducting interviews to select rising 2L students for the 2021-22 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 "St. Mary's National Moot Court Team" and select a convenient date and time for your interview. St. Mary's 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 through April 15, 2021. Additional information and interview requirements, as well as **sign-up times are available on TWEN**. You may also check the **St. Mary's National Moot Court Team's Facebook** link for additional information. Also, check out the "**Moot Morning**" **interviews on YouTube!** If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact adjunct professor and St. Mary's National Moot Court Coach, Ricky J. Poole at [rpoole@alamocityattorney.com](mailto:rpoole@alamocityattorney.com), **Assistant Coach Natsumi Covey** at [natsumicovey@gmail.com](mailto:natsumicovey@gmail.com) or any members of the current moot court team. Good luck and we look forward to seeing you at the try-outs!



## OCS News You Can Use

### Save the Date

- **2L Dallas/Fort Worth Networking Event**, Tuesday, April 13 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **2L Houston Networking Event**, Wednesday, April 14 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE



- **2L Austin Networking Event**, Thursday, April 15 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Remote Roundtable: Katherine Lee Gomez-Baum, Katherine Baum Attorney at Law, Hampton, VA**, Friday, April 16, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **2L South Texas Networking Event**, Tuesday, April 20 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **2L West Texas Networking Event**, Wednesday, April 21 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **2L San Antonio Networking Event**, Thursday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Remote Roundtable: Jade Heep, Espinoza Law Firm, San Antonio**, Friday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE

For more information and to register, please see the Events page in CORE.



## Save the Date - Fiesta Farewell

Congratulations Class of 2021, you are almost Alumni! Save the date for Fiesta Farewell. Choose one day that you are able to attend either April 19, 20, or 21. Professional head shots of each student will be used for the 3L class photo with sign-up from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Reception social begins each day at 4:30 p.m. with food and drinks, and safety protocols in place. Program will be 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. which includes Welcome by Law Alumni, Remarks by Dean Patricia Roberts, J.D., and Law Ministry Service Awards. Your St. Mary's student ID will be required for attendance

If you would like to attend, please sign up at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/fiesta-farewell-rsvp-form/> for the day you will be attending. There is no need to sign up for the photograph.



## Tuesday Jazz

Join Dean Haynes Tuesday, April 13 at <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/2104363930> for Jazz during lunch, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Dean Haynes will play relaxing Jazz. There are no expectations, no need to talk, no need to express your feelings; just relax and enjoy the music. Join for two minutes, five minutes, ten minutes, thirty minutes, forty-five minutes or the entire hour! Come and go as you please and no need to turn your camera on. All you need to do is just relax!



## Class of 2021 Service Hours: Submit No Later than May 5

Calling All May Graduates! All JD students who matriculated in August 2018 or later must record a minimum of 30 service hours, at least 15 of which must be law-related, to satisfy the community service graduation requirement. Additionally, JD students who complete 100 hours of law-related service, community service, or any combination thereof will be recognized at graduation for their commitment to service.

Graduates are asked to submit their hours no later than the final day of classes Wednesday, May 5 to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu). Students may confirm their current recorded hour total on CORE, under the Externships and Pro Bono tab. With questions about service opportunities, please contact Greg Zlotnick, Director of Pro Bono Programs, at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).





## Community Service Reporting Deadline for Continuing JD Students

Current students will have until August 18, 2021 to satisfy the community service benchmarks required of students upon the completion of the first and second year of the JD programs.

Rising second-year students (those who will have completed the first 29 credit hours of the JD program by this fall) will have until August 18, 2021 to satisfy the 10-hour community service requirement.

Rising third-year students (those who will have completed 60 credit hours of the JD program by this fall) will also have until August 18, 2021 to complete the 20-hour community service requirement. Note that at least five (5) of those hours are required to be law-related, as defined in the Student Handbook.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions or concerns, please contact Greg Zlotnick, Director of Pro Bono Programs, at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).



## StMU School of Law Mask Fundraiser

Have you purchased your St. Mary's School of Law mask? All mask proceeds will go to the Summer Public Service Fellowship. For \$10, not only will you support some of our own colleagues, but you will also support the local community, all while showing StMU Law School pride.

Masks are sold by StMU Law United for Change, the new philanthropic organization geared toward the service of the St. Mary's community. United for Change will continue selling masks while products are available. You can purchase masks here:

[https://secure.touchnet.net/C20173\\_ustores/web/index.jsp?FROMQRCODE=true](https://secure.touchnet.net/C20173_ustores/web/index.jsp?FROMQRCODE=true)

Just go to Law School Registered Student Organizations, then select United for Change.



## Apply to Join Volume 24 of The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* is now accepting applications via TWEN. Add *The Scholar* to your courses. Applications are due April 14 at 11:59 p.m. The goal of *The Scholar* is to give "a voice to the voiceless." *The Scholar* strives to speak to all members of our society about issues of race and social justice. We offer this law review as a sign of hope for a promising future and a better understanding of all of the members within society. For more information about *The Scholar*, go here <https://commons.stmarytx.edu/thescholar/>

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## **St. Mary's Law Journal Write-on Information Sessions**

Dear 1L Class,

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* write-on competition is right around the corner, and the Volume 53 Board is here to answer your questions. We will host four Zoom Information Sessions on the dates and times below:

Monday, April 19, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/94959393276>

Tuesday, April 20, 5:00-6:00 pm

Zoom Link: <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/98843138617>

Monday, April 26, 1:00-2:00 pm

Zoom Link: <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/99966108978>

Tuesday, April 27, 6:00-7:00 pm

Zoom Link: <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/96770216050>

We will share our experiences and answer any questions you may have regarding the write-on competition. We encourage **all** first-year students to participate! Please do not feel like *Journal* is unattainable for you, no matter your current circumstances. This is an invaluable opportunity that will make you a better writer and open many doors throughout your legal career.

The write-on packet will be not be available until the last day of the semester, May 21, 2021, so you do not have to worry about writing anything until then.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the information sessions listed above. **An additional link for these sessions will be included in the information notifications posted on the Journal's Facebook page.** If you cannot attend the information sessions or simply have a question please feel free to email them to [lcruz19@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:lcruz19@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## Law Registered Student Organization Elections

All elections for law Registered Student Organization's (RSOs) should be conducted between now and April 15. Please note that according to the Law School *Student Handbook*, all students running for office must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of application in order to serve as an officer in a Law RSO. Any student who is elected to an office without meeting the 2.5 GPA threshold will be required to step down from their position.

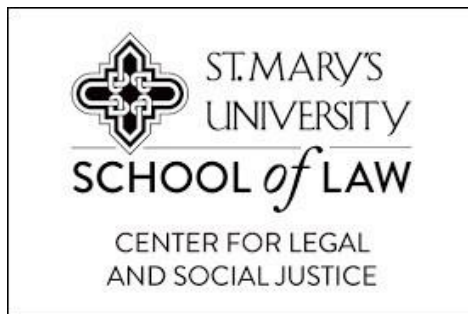


## Certificate Offerings for J.D. Students

Are you a J.D. student looking to add more opportunities for yourself once you graduate?

Would you like to get started as soon as summer with our flexible online offerings? The Office of Graduate Law can assist you in finding the best certificate program to fit your goals!

To find out more information on our Compliance, Business Law & Risk Certificate, Healthcare Compliance Certificate, and Legal Studies Certificate, book an appointment here <https://calendly.com/aturrieta> with Coordinator Turrieta to review what the Certificate program has to offer you!



## Clinical Course Application - Fall 2021

**The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Fall 2021!**

Earn 6 hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients in Consumer/Housing, Family Law/Wills & Estates, Criminal Defense or Immigration cases.

Learn more about each of these four Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/clinical-program/>.

The required online Clinic application may be found on this page, too, and at <http://bit.ly/StMUClinicApp2021>.

**Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission!



## MAXimize Your Financial Future

Remember, MAX by AccessLex® is a program offered to you, free of charge, to help you build financial capability and confidence. If you haven't already, register for [MAX](#) and check out this month's highlights:

- Be sure to check out the **NEW MAX** event Five Habits of Financially Successful Lawyers. Find a time that works for you [here](#). And if you want even more live events, visit the [full schedule](#) of upcoming webinars in your MAX account or in the below PDF.

Other MAX Webinars scheduled throughout the spring are:

- The Road to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment
- Financial Planning for Law School Students
- The Psychology of Financial Decision-Making
- Your Employment Options, Your Money
- Making Big Purchases Fit Your Big Picture
- Your PSLF Action Plan

Below is a link to the AccessLex law school scholarship databank. This link includes student scholarships and writing competitions totaling almost \$300 million in aid.

[https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof\\_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html](https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html)

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[Spring 2021 MAX Webinars.pdf](#)

[Earn entries into the MAX by AccessLex scholarship drawings by attending any qualifying MAX Event.](#)

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## LexScholars

- Are you an aspiring lawyer from an underrepresented racial, ethnic and socioeconomic background? LexScholars by @AccessLexInst can help you fulfill your dream of getting into law school. Apply today: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)
- 200 spots remain for the LexScholars by @AccessLexInst program! Have you submitted your application? Learn more about eligibility and the application process here: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)
- LexScholars by @AccessLexInst gives students from underrepresented groups access to free resources and guidance that will help them on their journey to enter the legal profession. Learn more: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)

The 2021 application cycle for [LexScholars by AccessLex](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars) is now open and spaces are filling.

Visit [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars) for more information on the program, eligibility or the application process. Or, email questions to [LexScholars@accesslex.org](mailto:LexScholars@accesslex.org).





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## **SAAAACF SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND WRITING COMPETITION**

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* and the San Antonio Area African American Community Fund (SAAAACF) have forged a new partnership to host a writing competition with the goal of supporting new legal scholarship that seeks to remedy and shed light on the challenges our community is facing today. This competition is in support of SAAAACF and San Antonio Area Foundation Social Justice Fund initiatives.

The San Antonio Area African American Community Fund's mission is to:

“Promote and advocate for financial philanthropy to enhance the quality of living of the African American community in the San Antonio Area.”

We are so grateful to the SAAAACF for their partnership and for pledging student stipend awards for the first, second, and third place submissions.

- 1st place will be awarded \$1,500.00
- 2nd place will be awarded \$750.00
- 3rd place will be awarded \$500.00

*The Scholar* and the SAAAACF are seeking submissions that are:

- double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12pt font, and ideally make use of headings;
- responsive to the missions of the organizations;
- submitted by a St. Mary's law students;

- have a specific argument that is supported through use of footnotes;
- about 10-15 pages in length including footnotes;
- written in topic areas such as qualified immunity, excessive force, racial discrimination, threats against voting rights, and issues with bail.
- Examples of specific topics include:
  - Overcoming qualified immunity in excessive force cases
  - Enforcing voting rights after *Shelby County v. Holder*
  - Bail reform in Bexar County and what systems would serve us better

## Timeline

- Submissions should be emailed in a Word document to [thescholarlr@gmail.com](mailto:thescholarlr@gmail.com) with the subject line “Competition Submission”. In the body of the email please include your full name and year in law school.
- Last day to submit is **April 15 at 11:59 p.m.**
- Winners will be announced in early May.
- Award ceremony is TBD.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

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[Together with the San Antonio Area Foundation and The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice](#)

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## Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships

Moody Foundation Veterans Law Fellowships: For students who commit to work on legal matters for veterans, with the veterans projects of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) or the San Antonio Legal Services Association (SALSA), Fellowships are available for Summer 2021, Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 (at least \$2,500 Fellowship per semester). Online application will be posted this week. Applications **due: April 18, 2021**, at <http://bit.ly/MoodyFellow>



## Summer Public Service Fellowships

The St. Mary's Summer Public Service Fellowship provides financial assistance to first- and second-year law students who have secured a position for the summer with a legal aid or legal services provider serving low-income clients or a governmental agency and will work at least 240 hours this summer.

Thankfully, many members of the law school community have helped make Public Service

Fellowships possible this summer, including the Office of the Dean, Patricia E. Roberts, Law Ministry/Law Alumni, the Texas Bar Foundation, and other generous donors.

The application and agency agreement must be submitted by **Monday, April 19, 2021**, at 12:00 p.m. and may be found here: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/law-fellowships/>



## Branch Endowed Scholarship Available

Branch Endowed Scholarship - Anita Branch established this scholarship to recognize the excellent services provided by her attorney, Jim Drought, a 1969 graduate of the School of Law. The scholarship is awarded to a practicing Catholic who is a second or third year student in the top 10 percent of the class. To apply, use this link <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/spring-2021-law-scholarship-application/>.



## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

Below is a link to the AccessLex law school scholarship databank. This link includes student scholarships and writing competitions totaling almost \$300 million in aid.

[https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof\\_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html](https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html).

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Tax Section, State Bar of Texas. Three each \$2,000.

<http://www.texassection.org/uploads/2021%20scholarship%20application%20.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 04/16/2021.

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Two \$5,000 scholarships.

[www.texasbariplaw.org](http://www.texasbariplaw.org). Deadline to apply is 05/01/2021.

Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. [www.amarillobar.org](http://www.amarillobar.org). \$2,500. Deadline to apply is May 14, 2021.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics. [https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021\\_smith\\_doheny\\_flyer.pdf](https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021_smith_doheny_flyer.pdf). \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 06/01/2021.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law annual writing competition. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/>. \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply 06/15/ 2021.

Jackson Lewis. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. \$3,000 and two \$1,000. Deadline to apply is 06/15/2021.

ABA Forum on Construction Law Writing Competition. [Click here for more information](#). Deadline to apply is 07/21/2021.

PIABA Foundation. [bit.ly/2021Beckley](https://bit.ly/2021Beckley) \$1,000, \$750, \$500. Deadline to apply is September 17, 2021.



## Pro Bono Program

### *Community Service Requirement: Updates*

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Change in Recording Tracking Hours**

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Find Us on Canvas!**

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! You should have received an invitation to add the course. Accept the invitation to access weekly announcements, forms, and more!



## Introducing iGrad

**A new, free financial literacy platform for students.**

You know, all those real-world skills that there isn't a class for? iGrad's got you covered. It is your go-to resource for personalized financial and wellness education, scholarship search, student loan management and more. With free [courses](#) and [tools](#), iGrad has something for everyone. As a St. Mary's student, it is yours for free!

Sign up using your St. Mary's email address via Gateway or go directly to [stmarytx.igrad.com](http://stmarytx.igrad.com).

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Assistance at [finaid@stmarytx.edu](mailto:finaid@stmarytx.edu).

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## Health & Wellness

Spinach Stuffed Chicken Breasts with Tomato and Feta

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/spinach-stuffed-chicken-breast-with-tomato-feta/>



## Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Hours

### Spring 2021 Hours

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

For everyone's health and safety, wearing a face mask is required as is keeping 6-foot social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Face Masks Continue to be Required on Campus

St. Mary's has in place a mandatory [Face Mask Policy](#) for the 2020-21 academic year. We thank everyone for keeping the St. Mary's community safe by wearing a mask and minimizing the spread of the Covid-19 virus.



## Mental Well-Being Support

Students are reminded of resources available through the Student Counseling Center. Students may also reach out to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program. Contact information for both programs is below.

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

Student Counseling Center

[Center for Life Directions](#)

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)

Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## 24-hour Crisis Response

The counselor on duty may be accessed by calling the Student Counseling Center emergency line at (210) 825-3622 after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on Saturday and Sunday. Emergency services are available during regular office hours by calling (210) 436-3135 or by walk-in to the office. All appointments are virtual.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/>

call or Text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527)



## Notices

### Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues

Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

## **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

### **Law Students with Disabilities**

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information.

### **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

## **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

### **What You Should Know**

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

### **Navigating Law School**

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- Students with Disability  
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

## Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

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## Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare for, why not let the American Bar Association help? **A FREE LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** offers an array of [resources and benefits](#) to help you succeed.

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## **Academic Support**

### **Law School Resources**

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>





## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



## **Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

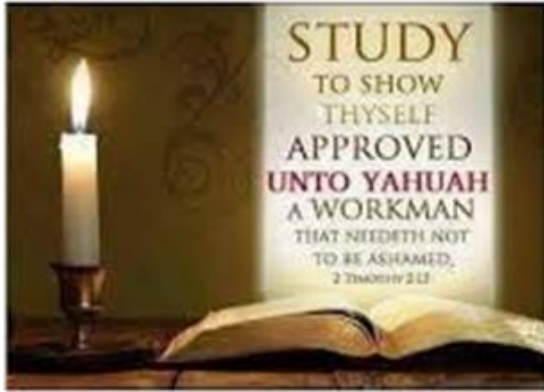
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## **Bible Study**

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



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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.

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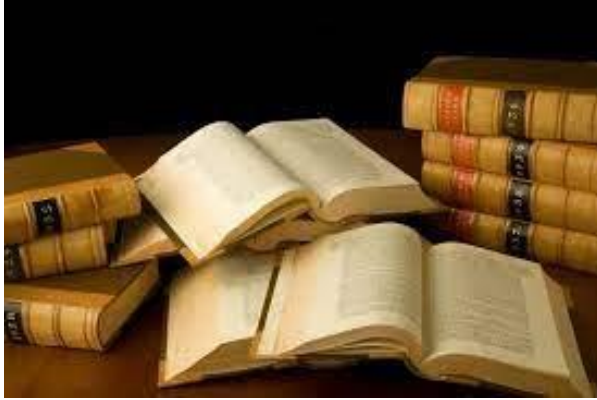
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## **Fiesta Farewell**

Congratulations Class of 2021, you are almost Alumni! Be sure to attend Fiesta Farewell today, Tuesday or Wednesday April 19-2. Professional head shots of each student will be used for the 3L class photo with sign-up from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Reception social begins each day at 4:30 p.m. with food and drinks, and safety protocols in place. Program will be 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. which includes Welcome by Law Alumni, Remarks by Dean Patricia Roberts, J.D., and Law Ministry Service Awards. Your St. Mary's student ID will be required for attendance.

Please sign up at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/fiesta-farewell-rsvp-form/> for the day you will be attending. There is no need to sign up for the photograph.



## Become a Dean's Research Fellow

All rising 2Ls and 3Ls are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow. There will be six available openings starting this summer. The Dean's Research Fellows assist with a variety of legal research projects for the Dean, law faculty, and the University. Researchers must be available to work a minimum of 10 and a maximum 20 hours per week. Rate of pay is \$12.00 per hour. Interested students should submit their resume to Vice Provost and Professor Mike Martinez at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu) and Project Manager Steffen Ngo at [sngo@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:sngo@mail.stmarytx.edu) no later than April 19. Also, see us on CORE.



THE NATIONAL TEAM

## The 2021 Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition

Please join the family of Jimi Derrick and the Board of Advocates to watch the top four advocates of the Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition compete in the Championship Round this Saturday, April 24 at 4:00 p.m. The Championship Round will be live on YouTube. Please visit the link at 4:05 p.m., and if it does not instantly load, please check back

shortly as there is a slight delay between Zoom and YouTube. The YouTube link is:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP9rxFyucrpO2TW\\_5OxLdCw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP9rxFyucrpO2TW_5OxLdCw)



## OCS News You Can Use

### Save the Date

- **2L South Texas Networking Event**, Tuesday, April 20 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **2L West Texas Networking Event**, Wednesday, April 21 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **2L San Antonio Networking Event**, Thursday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Remote Roundtable: Jade Heep, Espinoza Law Firm, San Antonio**, Friday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Remote Roundtable: Stephanie Green, Duggins Wren Mann & Romero, Pflugerville**, Friday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom information available in CORE
- **Fun Thursday: People's Choice Trivia**, Thursday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m., Zoom ID 98072876366

For more information and to register, please see the Events page in CORE.



## **St. Mary's Law Journal Write-on Information Sessions**

Dear 1L Class,

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* write-on competition is right around the corner, and the Volume 53 Board is here to answer your questions. We will host four Zoom Information Sessions on the dates and times below:

Monday, April 19, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/94959393276>

Tuesday, April 20, 5:00-6:00 pm

Zoom Link: <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/98843138617>

Monday, April 26, 1:00-2:00 pm

Zoom Link: <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/99966108978>

Tuesday, April 27, 6:00-7:00 pm

Zoom Link: <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/96770216050>



We will share our experiences and answer any questions you may have regarding the write-on competition. We encourage **all** first-year students to participate! Please do not feel like *Journal* is unattainable for you, no matter your current circumstances. This is an invaluable opportunity that will make you a better writer and open many doors throughout your legal career.

The write-on packet will not be available until the last day of the semester, May 21, 2021, so you do not have to worry about writing anything until then.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the information sessions listed above. **An additional link for these sessions will be included in the information notifications posted on the Journal's Facebook page.** If you cannot attend the information sessions or simply have a question please feel free to email them to [lcruz19@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:lcruz19@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## St. Mary's University hosts early voting and May 1 voting location

[Early voting](#) for the general, special and charter election will be held on campus through Tuesday, April 27, at the [AT&T Center for Information Technology](#).



## Class of 2021 Service Hours: Submit No Later than May 5

Calling All May Graduates! All JD students who matriculated in August 2018 or later must record a minimum of 30 service hours, at least 15 of which must be law-related, to satisfy the community service graduation requirement. Additionally, JD students who complete 100 hours

of law-related service, community service, or any combination thereof will be recognized at graduation for their commitment to service.

Graduates are asked to submit their hours no later than the final day of classes Wednesday, May 5 to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu). Students may confirm their current recorded hour total on CORE, under the Externships and Pro Bono tab. With questions about service opportunities, please contact Greg Zlotnick, Director of Pro Bono Programs, at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).



## **Community Service Reporting Deadline for Continuing JD Students**

Current students will have until August 18, 2021 to satisfy the community service benchmarks required of students upon the completion of the first and second year of the JD programs.

Rising second-year students (those who will have completed the first 29 credit hours of the JD program by this fall) will have until August 18, 2021 to satisfy the 10-hour community service requirement.

Rising third-year students (those who will have completed 60 credit hours of the JD program by this fall) will also have until August 18, 2021 to complete the 20-hour community service requirement. Note that at least five (5) of those hours are required to be law-related, as defined in the Student Handbook.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions or concerns, please contact Greg Zlotnick, Director of Pro Bono Programs, at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).



## StMU School of Law Mask Fundraiser

Have you purchased your St. Mary's School of Law mask? All mask proceeds will go to the Summer Public Service Fellowship. For \$10, not only will you support some of our own colleagues, but you will also support the local community, all while showing StMU Law School pride.

Masks are sold by StMU Law United for Change, the new philanthropic organization geared toward the service of the St. Mary's community. United for Change will continue selling masks while products are available. You can purchase masks here:

[https://secure.touchnet.net/C20173\\_ustores/web/index.jsp?FROMQRCODE=true](https://secure.touchnet.net/C20173_ustores/web/index.jsp?FROMQRCODE=true).

Just go to Law School Registered Student Organizations, then select United for Change.



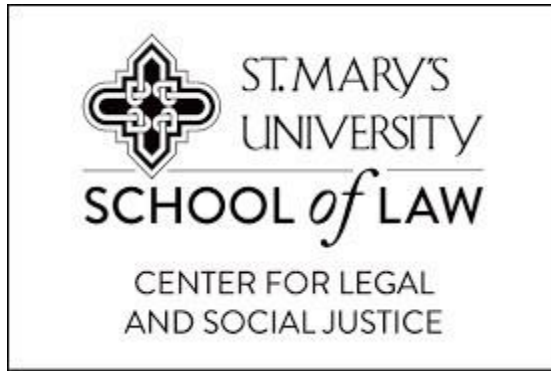
## Certificate Offerings for J.D. Students

Are you a J.D. student looking to add more opportunities for yourself once you graduate?

Would you like to get started as soon as summer with our flexible online offerings? The Office of Graduate Law can assist you in finding the best certificate program to fit your goals!

To find out more information on our Compliance, Business Law & Risk Certificate, Healthcare Compliance Certificate, and Legal Studies Certificate, book an appointment here

<https://calendly.com/aturrieta> with Coordinator Turrieta to review what the Certificate program has to offer you!



## Clinical Course Application - Fall 2021

**The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Fall 2021!**

Earn 6 hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients in Consumer/Housing, Family Law/Wills & Estates, Criminal Defense or Immigration cases.

Learn more about each of these four Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/clinical-program/>.

The required online Clinic application may be found on this page, too, and at <http://bit.ly/StMUClinicApp2021>.

**Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission!



# MAXimize Your Financial Future

Remember, MAX by AccessLex® is a program offered to you, free of charge, to help you build financial capability and confidence. If you haven't already, register for [MAX](#) and check out this month's highlights:

- Be sure to check out the **NEW** MAX event Five Habits of Financially Successful Lawyers. Find a time that works for you [here](#). And if you want even more live events, visit the [full schedule](#) of upcoming webinars in your MAX account or in the below PDF.

Other MAX Webinars scheduled throughout the spring are:

- The Road to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment
- Financial Planning for Law School Students
- The Psychology of Financial Decision-Making
- Your Employment Options, Your Money
- Making Big Purchases Fit Your Big Picture
- Your PSLF Action Plan

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[Spring 2021 MAX Webinars.pdf](#)

[Earn entries into the MAX by AccessLex scholarship drawings by attending any qualifying MAX Event.](#)

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## LexScholars

- Are you an aspiring lawyer from an underrepresented racial, ethnic and socioeconomic background? LexScholars by @AccessLexInst can help you fulfill your dream of getting into law school. Apply today: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)
- 200 spots remain for the LexScholars by @AccessLexInst program! Have you submitted your application? Learn more about eligibility and the application process here: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)
- LexScholars by @AccessLexInst gives students from underrepresented groups access to free resources and guidance that will help them on their journey to enter the legal profession. Learn more: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)

The 2021 application cycle for [LexScholars by AccessLex](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars) is now open and spaces are filling.

Visit [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars) for more information on the program, eligibility or the application process. Or, email questions to [LexScholars@accesslex.org](mailto:LexScholars@accesslex.org).



## Branch Endowed Scholarship Available

Branch Endowed Scholarship - Anita Branch established this scholarship to recognize the excellent services provided by her attorney, Jim Drought, a 1969 graduate of the School of Law. The scholarship is awarded to a practicing Catholic who is a second or third year student in the top 10 percent of the class. To apply, use this link <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/spring-2021-law-scholarship-application/>.



## LGBT Public Interest Scholarship

The Scholarship will provide financial support to current law students, or recent law graduate to enable the student or recent law graduate to work in the LGBT public interest arena for the Summer and/or Fall of 2021 that either identify as LGBTQ, or plan to work in the LGBTQ space doing public interest work or any other type of program that helps to promote and protect the Rule of Law and the civil and human rights of LGBTQ persons. One or more scholarships of up to \$5000 each will be awarded annually. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2021. For more information please visit [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/diversity/sexual\\_orientation/SOGI/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/diversity/sexual_orientation/SOGI/)

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[ABA Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#)

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## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Two \$5,000 scholarships. [www.texasbariplaw.org](http://www.texasbariplaw.org). Deadline to apply is 05/01/2021.

Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. [www.amarillobar.org](http://www.amarillobar.org). \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 5/14/2021.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics. [https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021\\_smith\\_doheny\\_flyer.pdf](https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021_smith_doheny_flyer.pdf). \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 06/01/2021.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law annual writing competition. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/>. \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply 06/15/ 2021.

Jackson Lewis. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. \$3,000 and two \$1,000. Deadline to apply is 06/15/2021.

ABA Forum on Construction Law Writing Competition. [Click here for more information](#). Deadline to apply is 07/21/2021.

PIABA Foundation. [bit.ly/2021Beckley](http://bit.ly/2021Beckley) \$1,000, \$750, \$500. Deadline to apply is 9/17/ 2021.



## **Pro Bono Program**

### ***Community Service Requirement: Updates***

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

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### **Change in Recording Tracking Hours**

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Find Us on Canvas!**

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! You should have received an invitation to add the course. Accept the invitation to access weekly announcements, forms, and more!



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**A new, free financial literacy platform for students.**

You know, all those real-world skills that there isn't a class for? iGrad's got you covered. It is your go-to resource for personalized financial and wellness education, scholarship search, student loan management and more. With free [courses](#) and [tools](#), iGrad has something for everyone. As a St. Mary's student, it is yours for free!

Sign up using your St. Mary's email address via Gateway or go directly to [stmarytx.igrad.com](http://stmarytx.igrad.com).

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Assistance at [finaid@stmarytx.edu](mailto:finaid@stmarytx.edu).

### [SIGN UP WITH iGRAD](#)

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[iGrad for StMU](#)

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## **Health & Wellness**

A satisfying lunch or dinner and no carbs!

### **Shrimp Scampi Zoodles**

[https://www.purewow.com/recipes/shrimp-scampi-zoodles?utm\\_source=skinnymys&utm\\_campaign=newsletters&utm\\_medium=syndication](https://www.purewow.com/recipes/shrimp-scampi-zoodles?utm_source=skinnymys&utm_campaign=newsletters&utm_medium=syndication)

Credit: Pure Wow Recipes



## Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Hours

### Hours of Operation

The Law Library provides a daily schedule for hours of operation. Please check here: <https://lawlib.stmarytx.edu/hoursdirections.html>.

For everyone's health and safety, wearing a face mask is required as is keeping 6-foot social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Face Masks Continue to be Required on Campus

St. Mary's has in place a mandatory [Face Mask Policy](#) for the 2020-21 academic year. We thank everyone for keeping the St. Mary's community safe by wearing a mask and minimizing the spread of the Covid-19 virus.



## Mental Well-Being Support

Students are reminded of resources available through the Student Counseling Center. Students may also reach out to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program. Contact information for both programs is below.

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

Student Counseling Center

[Center for Life Directions](#)

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)

Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### 24-hour Crisis Response

The counselor on duty may be accessed by calling the Student Counseling Center emergency line at (210) 825-3622 after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on Saturday and Sunday. Emergency services are available during regular office hours by calling (210) 436-3135 or by walk-in to the office. All appointments are virtual.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/>

call or Text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527)





## Notices

### **Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues**

Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

### **Law Students with Disabilities**

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210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information.

### **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

### **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

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- Students with Disability  
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>

- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

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## **Academic Support**

### **Law School Resources**

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



## **Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

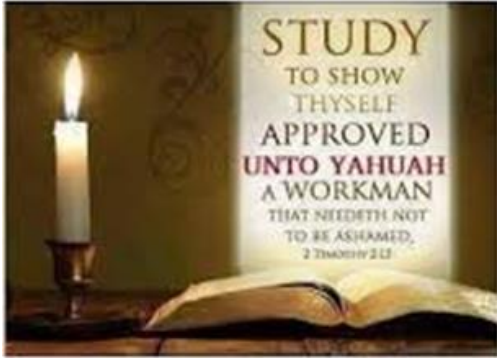
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## **Bible Study**

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## **Follow Us on Instagram and Facebook**

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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.

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THE NATIONAL TEAM

## **The Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition**

The St. Mary's Board of Advocates would like to thank everyone for their involvement in the Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition. This competition is held annually in honor of Jimi Derrick, a St. Mary's law student who passed away during his 2L year, and sponsored by the generous donation of Jimi's parents, Dr. Millikin and Mr. Derrick.

Team 110 consisting of Daisy Ramirez and Josue Barron battled it out in the championship round against Team 101 Kathryn Cantu and Crystal Andrade. The championship round was judged by the distinguished panel of former United States Ambassador to Argentina and former 5th Circuit Judge The Honorable Edward C. Prado, presiding with United State Magistrate Judge



The Honorable Henry J. Bemporad, and Forth Court of Appeals Justice The Honorable Patricia O. Alvarez.

The esteemed panel selected Team 101 consisting of 1L Kathryn Cantu and 3L Crystal Andrade as the champion team of the competition. Further, Ms. Cantu was recognized as the best advocate of the championship round. Mr. Barron was selected as the Best Rookie (the highest scoring 1L from the preliminary, quarter-finals, and semi-final rounds).

It is worth noting that 1L Mr. Barron, 1L Ms. Ramirez, and 1L Ms. Cantu just competed earlier this month against each other in the championship round of the Linda and Dave Schlueter First-Year Moot Court Competition before the 4th Court of Appeals.



Barristers Honors is taking place Thursday, April 29 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Because of Social Distancing guidelines, the number of attendees who can participate live has to be restricted. In order to share the evening with our community, we will live stream the event at [www.stmarytx.edu/live](http://www.stmarytx.edu/live) at 8:00 p.m.

Awards for our graduating students, including Faculty Awards, the Order of Barristers and naming the newest members of the National Team will be announced during the ceremony.

The entire law school community is invited to attend online and cheer our students on!



## OCS News You Can Use

### Save the Date

- **Financial Wisdom Wednesdays: Evaluating Job Offers**, Wednesday, April 28, at 12:00 p.m., Zoom ID 92548791331
- **Fun Thursday: People's Choice Trivia**, Thursday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m., Zoom ID 98072876366

For more information and to register, please see the Events page in CORE.

# Raise the Bar

## **Raise the Bar - July 2021**

Raise the Bar is a St. Mary's sponsored supplement to your commercial program designed to give you critical guidance and one-on-one support as you prepare to tackle the bar exam this July. No commercial bar course can offer you this individual coaching benefit. In addition to

coaching, workshops and practice sessions are planned throughout the summer. Best of all, this program is FREE for all St. Mary's Law graduates. There is no reason not to take advantage of this opportunity. You can only gain from it as long as you put in the effort. To learn more, visit: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>.

The program will begin in mid-May and run through July. If you are ready to increase your chance of success on the bar exam, take the first step by enrolling in the program at [https://stmarys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2ohKqNMck4urdGu](https://stmarys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ohKqNMck4urdGu).

If you have any questions regarding the program or enrollment, please contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at [azapata2@stmarytx.edu](mailto:azapata2@stmarytx.edu).

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## Stipend Program for Bar Takers – July 2021

Preparation for the bar exam alone is stressful enough. Uncertainty regarding living expenses only adds to this stress. Do you find yourself having to deal with both of these this summer? If so, we have an opportunity for you.

In partnership with the National Conference of Board Examiners (NCBE), the St. Mary's Raise the Bar program will offer living-expense stipends of \$6,250 to four individual bar takers for whom such support is predicted to make a positive difference in the likelihood of bar passage. This program is open to those students graduating in May 2021 and sitting for the July 2021 Bar Exam. Applicants will be reviewed based on criteria such as financial need, law school GPA, and other factors consistent with increasing diversity in the legal profession.

If you are interested in this opportunity, you may apply at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScN4S5hF7I6clAs19BoyoN6WGqdQ06IQKx49ogimRRa4XqvTQ/viewform?fbzx=-474265072472709780>.

Please submit your application no later than 5:00 PM (CT), May 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Afton Cavanaugh.

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[NCBE Stipend Program.pdf](#)

[Deadline to apply is May 1, 2021](#)

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## **Tuesday Jazz**

Join Dean Haynes Tuesday, April 27 at <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/2104363930> for Jazz during lunch, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Dean Haynes will play relaxing Jazz. There are no expectations, no need to talk, no need to express your feelings; just relax and enjoy the music. Join for two minutes, five minutes, ten minutes, thirty minutes, forty-five minutes or the entire hour! Come and go as you please and no need to turn your camera on. All you need to do is just relax!



## St. Mary's Law Journal Write-on Information Sessions

Dear 1L Class,

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* write-on competition is right around the corner, and the Volume 53 Board is here to answer your questions. We will host Zoom Information Sessions on the dates and times below:

Monday, April 26, 1:00-2:00 pm

Zoom Link: <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/99966108978>

Tuesday, April 27, 6:00-7:00 pm

Zoom Link: <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/96770216050>

We will share our experiences and answer any questions you may have regarding the write-on competition. We encourage **all** first-year students to participate. Please do not feel like *Journal* is unattainable for you, no matter your current circumstances. This is an invaluable opportunity that will make you a better writer and open many doors throughout your legal career.

The write-on packet will not be available until the last day of the semester, May 21, 2021, so you do not have to worry about writing anything until then.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the information sessions listed above. **An additional link for these sessions will be included in the information notifications posted on the Journal's Facebook page.** If you cannot attend the information sessions or simply have a question please feel free to email them to [lcruz19@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:lcruz19@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## Celebration of Service

St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice invites you to a Celebration of Service, Friday, April 30 at 4:00 p.m., Zoom ID 998 7761 0307.

The award ceremony will honor those who have made exceptional contributions to advancing the public interest through clinical pro bono and community service work.



## Library Carrels for Bar Study

Students planning for Bar studies this summer are eligible to request a carrel in the law library.

Due to Covid-19 safety guidelines, the number of carrels available are limited and will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis. Beginning Monday, May 24, students may stop by the Circulation Desk to request a carrel. No reservations will be taken.

As a courtesy to other students, a carrel user should not personalize or decorate the carrel and should promptly remove all personal items when the term expires.

For law library summer hours, please visit the library website at:  
<https://lawlib.stmarytx.edu/hoursdirections.html>



## **St. Mary's University hosts early voting and May 1 voting location**

[Early voting](#) for the general, special and charter election will be held on campus through Tuesday, April 27, at the [AT&T Center for Information Technology](#).



## **Class of 2021 Service Hours: Submit No Later than May 5**

Calling All May Graduates! All JD students who matriculated in August 2018 or later must record a minimum of 30 service hours, at least 15 of which must be law-related, to satisfy the community service graduation requirement. Additionally, JD students who complete 100 hours of law-related service, community service, or any combination thereof will be recognized at graduation for their commitment to service.

Graduates are asked to submit their hours no later than the final day of classes Wednesday, May 5 to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu). Students may confirm their current recorded hour total on CORE, under the Externships and Pro Bono tab. With questions about service opportunities, please contact Greg Zlotnick, Director of Pro Bono Programs, at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).





## **Community Service Reporting Deadline for Continuing JD Students**

Current students will have until August 18, 2021 to satisfy the community service benchmarks required of students upon the completion of the first and second year of the JD programs.

Rising second-year students (those who will have completed the first 29 credit hours of the JD program by this fall) will have until August 18, 2021 to satisfy the 10-hour community service requirement.

Rising third-year students (those who will have completed 60 credit hours of the JD program by this fall) will also have until August 18, 2021 to complete the 20-hour community service requirement. Note that at least five (5) of those hours are required to be law-related, as defined in the Student Handbook.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions or concerns, please contact Greg Zlotnick, Director of Pro Bono Programs, at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).



## **StMU School of Law Mask Fundraiser**

Have you purchased your St. Mary's School of Law mask? All mask proceeds will go to the Summer Public Service Fellowship. For \$10, not only will you support some of our own colleagues, but you will also support the local community, all while showing StMU Law School pride.

Masks are sold by StMU Law United for Change, the new philanthropic organization geared toward the service of the St. Mary's community. United for Change will continue selling masks while products are available. You can purchase masks here:  
[https://secure.touchnet.net/C20173\\_ustores/web/index.jsp?FROMQRCODE=true](https://secure.touchnet.net/C20173_ustores/web/index.jsp?FROMQRCODE=true).

Just go to Law School Registered Student Organizations, then select United for Change.

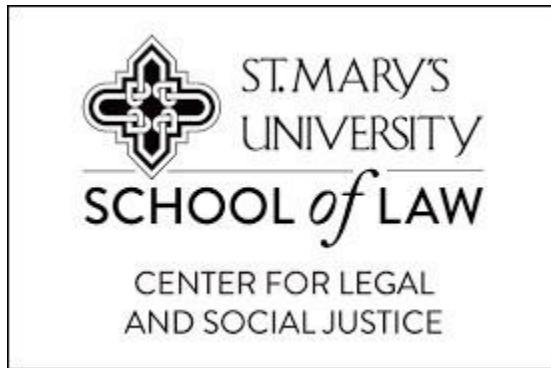


## **Certificate Offerings for J.D. Students**

Are you a J.D. student looking to add more opportunities for yourself once you graduate?

Would you like to get started as soon as summer with our flexible online offerings? The Office of Graduate Law can assist you in finding the best certificate program to fit your goals!

To find out more information on our Compliance, Business Law & Risk Certificate, Healthcare Compliance Certificate, and Legal Studies Certificate, book an appointment here <https://calendly.com/aturrieta> with Coordinator Turrieta to review what the Certificate program has to offer you!



## **Clinical Course Application - Fall 2021**

**The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Fall 2021!**

Earn 6 hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients in Consumer/Housing, Family Law/Wills & Estates, Criminal Defense or Immigration cases.

Learn more about each of these four Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/clinical-program/>.

The required online Clinic application may be found on this page, too, and at <http://bit.ly/StMUClinicApp2021>.

**Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission!



## MAXimize Your Financial Future

Remember, MAX by AccessLex® is a program offered to you, free of charge, to help you build financial capability and confidence. If you haven't already, register for [MAX](#) and check out this month's highlights:

- Be sure to check out the **NEW** MAX event Five Habits of Financially Successful Lawyers. Find a time that works for you [here](#). And if you want even more live events, visit the [full schedule](#) of upcoming webinars in your MAX account or in the below PDF.

Other MAX Webinars scheduled throughout the spring are:

- The Road to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment
- Financial Planning for Law School Students
- The Psychology of Financial Decision-Making
- Your Employment Options, Your Money
- Making Big Purchases Fit Your Big Picture
- Your PSLF Action Plan

Below is a link to the AccessLex law school scholarship databank. This link includes student scholarships and writing competitions totaling almost \$300 million in aid.

[https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof\\_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html](https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html)

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[Spring 2021 MAX Webinars.pdf](#)

[Earn entries into the MAX by AccessLex scholarship drawings by attending any qualifying MAX Event.](#)

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## LexScholars

- Are you an aspiring lawyer from an underrepresented racial, ethnic and socioeconomic background? LexScholars by @AccessLexInst can help you fulfill your dream of getting into law school. Apply today: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)
- 200 spots remain for the LexScholars by @AccessLexInst program! Have you submitted your application? Learn more about eligibility and the application process here: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)
- LexScholars by @AccessLexInst gives students from underrepresented groups access to free resources and guidance that will help them on their journey to enter the legal profession. Learn more: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)

The 2021 application cycle for [LexScholars by AccessLex](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars) is now open and spaces are filling.

Visit [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars) for more information on the program, eligibility or the application process. Or, email questions to [LexScholars@accesslex.org](mailto:LexScholars@accesslex.org).



## Branch Endowed Scholarship Available

Branch Endowed Scholarship - Anita Branch established this scholarship to recognize the excellent services provided by her attorney, Jim Drought, a 1969 graduate of the School of Law. The scholarship is awarded to a practicing Catholic who is a second or third year student in the top 10 percent of the class. To apply, use this link <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/spring-2021-law-scholarship-application/>.



## LGBT Public Interest Scholarship

The Scholarship will provide financial support to current law students, or recent law graduate to enable the student or recent law graduate to work in the LGBT public interest arena for the Summer and/or Fall of 2021 that either identify as LGBTQ, or plan to work in the LGBTQ space doing public interest work or any other type of program that helps to promote and protect the Rule of Law and the civil and human rights of LGBTQ persons. One or more scholarships of up to \$5000 each will be awarded annually. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2021. For more information please visit [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/diversity/sexual\\_orientation/SOGI/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/diversity/sexual_orientation/SOGI/)

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## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

Below is a link to the AccessLex law school scholarship databank. This link includes student scholarships and writing competitions totaling almost \$300 million in aid.

[https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof\\_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html](https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html).

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Two \$5,000 scholarships.

[www.texasbariplaw.org](http://www.texasbariplaw.org). Deadline to apply is 05/01/2021.

Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. [www.amarillobar.org](http://www.amarillobar.org). \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 5/14/2021.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics. [https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021\\_smith\\_doheny\\_flyer.pdf](https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021_smith_doheny_flyer.pdf).

\$2,500. Deadline to apply is 06/01/2021.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law annual writing competition. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/>. \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply 06/15/ 2021.



Jackson Lewis. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. \$3,000 and two \$1,000. Deadline to apply is 06/15/2021.

ABA Forum on Construction Law Writing Competition. [Click here for more information](#). Deadline to apply is 07/21/2021.

PIABA Foundation. [bit.ly/2021Beckley](http://bit.ly/2021Beckley) \$1,000, \$750, \$500. Deadline to apply is 9/17/ 2021.



## Pro Bono Program

### *Community Service Requirement: Updates*

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

### **Change in Recording Tracking Hours**

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for

students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

## Find Us on Canvas!

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! You should have received an invitation to add the course. Accept the invitation to access weekly announcements, forms, and more!



## Introducing iGrad

**A new, free financial literacy platform for students.**

You know, all those real-world skills that there isn't a class for? iGrad's got you covered. It is your go-to resource for personalized financial and wellness education, scholarship search, student loan management and more. With free [courses](#) and [tools](#), iGrad has something for everyone. As a St. Mary's student, it is yours for free!

Sign up using your St. Mary's email address via Gateway or go directly to [stmarytx.igrad.com](http://stmarytx.igrad.com).

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Assistance at [finaid@stmarytx.edu](mailto:finaid@stmarytx.edu).

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## **Health & Wellness**

An amazingly easy recipe packed with flavor!

### **Lemon Chicken Breasts**

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/ina-garten/lemon-chicken-breasts-recipe-1923711>

Credit: Food Network



## **Co-Rec Softball League Now Forming**

St. Mary's Intramurals is now forming their last co-rec softball tournament for the semester. The deadline to enter a team is Wednesday, April 28 at 5:00 p.m. This will be an eight team tournament. Each team is required to have a minimum of four females and 10 players total on the team. To sign-up, go to [imleagues.com/stmarytx](http://imleagues.com/stmarytx).



## **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Hours**

### **Hours of Operation**

The Law Library provides a daily schedule for hours of operation. Please check here: <https://lawlib.stmarytx.edu/hoursdirections.html>.

For everyone's health and safety, wearing a face mask is required as is keeping 6-foot social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Face Masks Continue to be Required on Campus

St. Mary's has in place a mandatory [Face Mask Policy](#) for the 2020-21 academic year. We thank everyone for keeping the St. Mary's community safe by wearing a mask and minimizing the spread of the Covid-19 virus.



## Mental Well-Being Support

Students are reminded of resources available through the Student Counseling Center. Students may also reach out to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program. Contact information for both programs is below.

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

Student Counseling Center

[Center for Life Directions](#)

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)

Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **24-hour Crisis Response**

The counselor on duty may be accessed by calling the Student Counseling Center emergency line at (210) 825-3622 after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on Saturday and Sunday. Emergency services are available during regular office hours by calling (210) 436-3135 or by walk-in to the office. All appointments are virtual.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/>

call or Text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527)



## **Notices**

### **Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues**

Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

### **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

### **Law Students with Disabilities**

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information.

### **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

### **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

#### **What You Should Know**

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

### **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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).

### **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/compliance/research-compliance/>

### **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.



## Free ABA Student Membership to all Law Students

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare for, why not let the American Bar Association help? A **FREE LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** offers an array of [resources and benefits](#) to help you succeed.

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join our community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join today!](#)

**Want more from the ABA? Just \$25 unlocks *Premium Membership for the entire year.*** Premium Membership offers up to \$500 in discounts on Quimbee, Themis and Kaplan bar prep courses, networking opportunities, instant resume review to improve the content and format of your resume, and so much more. [Unlock your Premium Membership](#), today!



## Academic Support

### Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



## **Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

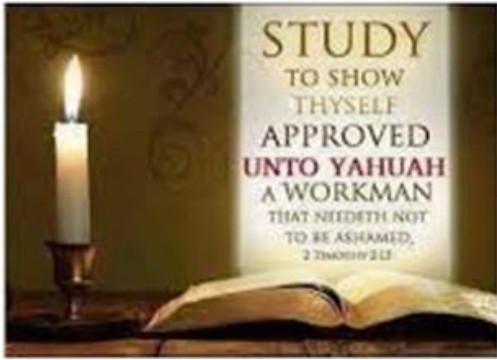
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## **Bible Study**

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## **Follow Us on Instagram and Facebook**

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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.

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## **Congratulations to the Barrister's Honors Advocacy Award Winners**

On Thursday, April 29, 2021, the faculty, staff, and students of St. Mary's University School of Law gathered in person and virtually at Barrister's Honors to celebrate the achievements of our graduating student advocates.

Please congratulate the following award winners:

### ***Faculty Advocacy Awards***

Texas State Bar Association Award for Appellate Excellence—Melissa Sharon Fullmer

Outstanding Mock Trial Award—Rebecca C. Fuller & Meagan Ledesma

Outstanding Moot Court Award—Nicole Adelfa Cooper

Outstanding Negotiation Award—Claire Lindsey Mikita



Judge Jack B. Miller Award for Integrity, Dedication & Professionalism—Juishree Vishwanath Samant

Outstanding Board of Advocates' Service Award—Elizabeth K. Duggan

Patricia Scott Award—Melissa Sharon Fullmer

***Order of the Barristers***

Rebecca C. Fuller

Melissa Sharon Fullmer

Juishree Vishwanath Samant

Nicole Adelfa Cooper

Elizabeth K. Duggan

Meagan Ledesma

Joseph Edward Casseb

Everardo Villareal, Jr.

Lance P. Kimbro

Cameron A. Galvan

***Litigation and Advocacy Award***

Skyler Brooke Grau

Claire Lindsey Mikita

Andrea L. Sifuentes

Tanya L. Burke

Charles P. Hosey

Kelsi Bryanne Owens



## **OCS News You Can Use**

**All Classes:** CONGRATULATIONS to our **Professionalism-in-Action Challenge Winners!** Peyton Janssen, Adeline Hernandez, and Laura “Shamsie” each won \$500 this semester for their professional development activities.

**All Classes:** Just in time for finals, this week marks **Well-Being Week in Law (WWIL)**. WWIL aims to raise awareness about mental health and encourage action and innovation across the profession to improve well-being. Join the larger law school community and take some time to engage in wellness BINGO or challenge yourself to get moving and brag about your steps on Facebook. These activities don’t have traditional prizes, but you’ll certainly feel a bit better for clearing your mind, expressing gratitude, and getting into motion.



## Become a SM1LE Mentor

SM1LE wants you to be a mentor!

SM1LE is St. Mary's University School of Law's official mentorship program. We match incoming 1Ls to 2L/3Ls to foster a sense of community and guidance.

We have all been a 1L and can remember being overwhelmed, not just with classes, but day-to-day life in law school. Having a mentor to go to for questions, guidance, or just an ear to listen, can make a huge difference to someone. This is your opportunity to help others who were in the position you once were in. At SM1LE, you are not only fostering a sense of community but building friendships along the way.

SM1LE looks forward to having you as a part of the mentor program. Please send your resume and cover letter to Dean Alan Haynes at [deanforlawstudentaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:deanforlawstudentaffairs@stmarytx.edu) no later than June 18, 2021 at midnight.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the SM1LE executive board members or Dean Haynes.

Kaylynn Rojas - President - [krojas1@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:krojas1@mail.stmarytx.edu)

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## **Tuesday Jazz**

Join Dean Haynes Tuesday, May 4th at <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/2104363930> for Jazz during lunch, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Dean Haynes will play relaxing Jazz. There are no expectations, no need to talk, no need to express your feelings; just relax and enjoy the music. Join for two minutes, five minutes, ten minutes, thirty minutes, forty-five minutes or the entire hour! Come and go as you please and no need to turn your camera on. All you need to do is just relax!

# **Raise the Bar**

## **Raise the Bar - July 2021**

Raise the Bar is a St. Mary's sponsored supplement to your commercial program designed to give you critical guidance and one-on-one support as you prepare to tackle the bar exam this July. No commercial bar course can offer you this individual coaching benefit. In addition to coaching, workshops and practice sessions are planned throughout the summer. Best of all, this program is FREE for all St. Mary's Law graduates. There is no reason not to take advantage of this opportunity. You can only gain from it as long as you put in the effort. To learn more, visit: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>.

The program will begin in mid-May and run through July. If you are ready to increase your chance of success on the bar exam, take the first step by enrolling in the program at [https://stmarys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2ohKqNMck4urdGu](https://stmarys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ohKqNMck4urdGu).

If you have any questions regarding the program or enrollment, please contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at [azapata2@stmarytx.edu](mailto:azapata2@stmarytx.edu).

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[Increase your bar exam success!](#)

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## Stipend Program for Bar Takers – July 2021

Preparation for the bar exam alone is stressful enough. Uncertainty regarding living expenses only adds to this stress. Do you find yourself having to deal with both of these this summer? If so, we have an opportunity for you.

In partnership with the National Conference of Board Examiners (NCBE), the St. Mary's Raise the Bar program will offer living-expense stipends of \$6,250 to four individual bar takers for whom such support is predicted to make a positive difference in the likelihood of bar passage. This program is open to those students graduating in May 2021 and sitting for the July 2021 Bar Exam. Applicants will be reviewed based on criteria such as financial need, law school GPA, and other factors consistent with increasing diversity in the legal profession.

If you are interested in this opportunity, you may apply at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScN4S5hF7I6clAs19BoyoN6WGqdQ06IQKx49ogimRRa4XqvTQ/viewform?fbzx=-474265072472709780>.

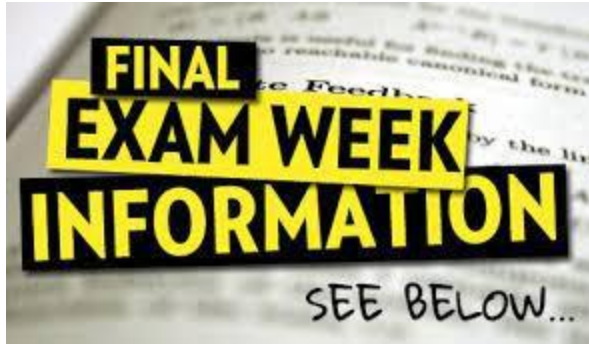
Please submit your application no later than 5:00 PM (CT), May 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Afton Cavanaugh.

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[Deadline to apply is May 1, 2021](#)

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## Spring 2021 Final Exams

Information on upcoming final exams is listed below. The final exam procedures and exam schedule is also available in the below PDF attachments.

### Anonymous Exam PIN Numbers

Each student is given a four-digit anonymous exam number each semester, which is the ONLY student identification placed on examination responses.

Students should access their exam PIN number on Gateway, either via “LAUNCHPAD” then “LAW” and “Law Student Pin,” or using the “LAW” tab at the top right, then below “Related Links,” “Exam Pin Number” and click on “View My Pin.” A student who does not see the exam number should contact the University’s IT department [helpdesk@stmarytx.edu](mailto: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 number. A student who uses an incorrect exam number should contact Ms. Yvonne Olfers [yolfers@stmarytx.edu](mailto:yolfers@stmarytx.edu) and provide the course name and professor, incorrect exam number used, and student ID#.

### Exam Schedule

The exam schedule shows the exam administration for each course during the two-week exam period, including room assignments for in-person exams. This schedule is also posted on Gateway. Students should confirm information on the format of their exam (In-person, Exemplify-remote, or Dropbox) from each individual professor.

### Using ExamSoft/Exemplify to Laptop Exam Answers

For in-person exams that will allow students to laptop their answers, and for remote Exemplify exams, students MUST have **the latest version of Softtest from ExamSoft/Exemplify** downloaded on the laptop the students will use for exams. **Students are required to take a practice test prior to the exam period, and may take a practice test multiple times.**



Questions about ExamSoft/Examplify should be directed to the Law School's IT Department at [lawtech@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawtech@stmarytx.edu), 210-431-6721, or their offices in Room 101 of the Raba Law Faculty Building.

### **Dropbox Links**

If your final exam has a Dropbox submission, as determined by your professor, you will receive an email from Ms. Yvonne Olfers, Director of Student Records, prior to the start of the exam period that will contain the link. Please review this email on how to prepare and upload your exam answers, which must be as PDF.

### **Examplify Passcodes**

If your final exam will be administered via Examplify Remote, as determined by your professor, you will need a unique passcode to access your exam on the posted day and time of your test. Ms. Olfers will email the passcode approximately 5 minutes before the start of the exam to your St. Mary's University email account. Be sure to check both your Inbox and Junk folder for receipt of that message.

### **Posting Spring 2021 Grades**

No grades are posted during the exam period (May 10 - 21). Any faculty grades submitted during this time period will be posted on Gateway beginning Monday, May 24, 2021. The grading deadline for faculty to submit their grades is 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 18, 2021. Grades are reviewed to ensure they meet the grade rules before being posted. Once posted, students can view their individual grades on Gateway, "LAUNCHPAD," "STUDENTS," "My Student Profile" then "View Grades" underneath the student's ID picture.

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[2021 Spring Final Exam Schedule.pdf](#)

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## Library Carrels for Bar Study

Students planning for Bar studies this summer are eligible to request a carrel in the law library.

Due to Covid-19 safety guidelines, the number of carrels available are limited and will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis. Students may stop by the Circulation Desk to request a carrel. No reservations will be taken.

As a courtesy to other students, a carrel user should not personalize or decorate the carrel and should promptly remove all personal items when the term expires.

For law library summer hours, please visit the library website at:  
<https://lawlib.stmarytx.edu/hoursdirections.html>.



## Class of 2021 Service Hours: Submit No Later than May 5

Calling All May Graduates! All JD students who matriculated in August 2018 or later must record a minimum of 30 service hours, at least 15 of which must be law-related, to satisfy the community service graduation requirement. Additionally, JD students who complete 100 hours

of law-related service, community service, or any combination thereof will be recognized at graduation for their commitment to service.

Graduates are asked to submit their hours no later than the final day of classes Wednesday, May 5 to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu). Students may confirm their current recorded hour total on CORE, under the Externships and Pro Bono tab. With questions about service opportunities, please contact Greg Zlotnick, Director of Pro Bono Programs, at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).



## **Community Service Reporting Deadline for Continuing JD Students**

Current students will have until August 18, 2021 to satisfy the community service benchmarks required of students upon the completion of the first and second year of the JD programs.

Rising second-year students (those who will have completed the first 29 credit hours of the JD program by this fall) will have until August 18, 2021 to satisfy the 10-hour community service requirement.

Rising third-year students (those who will have completed 60 credit hours of the JD program by this fall) will also have until August 18, 2021 to complete the 20-hour community service requirement. Note that at least five (5) of those hours are required to be law-related, as defined in the Student Handbook.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions or concerns, please contact Greg Zlotnick, Director of Pro Bono Programs, at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).



## **StMU School of Law Mask Fundraiser**

Have you purchased your St. Mary's School of Law mask? All mask proceeds will go to the Summer Public Service Fellowship. For \$10, not only will you support some of our own colleagues, but you will also support the local community, all while showing StMU Law School pride.

Masks are sold by StMU Law United for Change, the new philanthropic organization geared toward the service of the St. Mary's community. United for Change will continue selling masks while products are available. You can purchase masks here:

[https://secure.touchnet.net/C20173\\_ustores/web/index.jsp?FROMQRCODE=true](https://secure.touchnet.net/C20173_ustores/web/index.jsp?FROMQRCODE=true). Go to Law School Registered Student Organizations, then select United for Change.

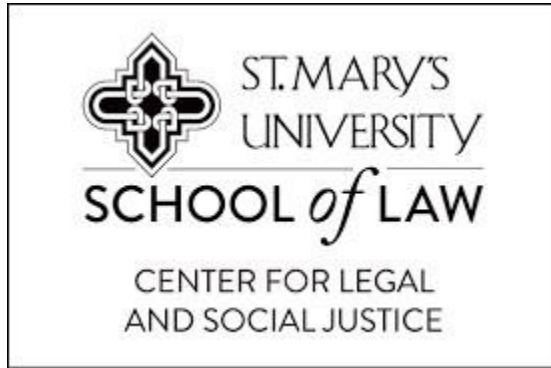


## **Certificate Offerings for J.D. Students**

Are you a J.D. student looking to add more opportunities for yourself once you graduate?

Would you like to get started as soon as summer with our flexible online offerings? The Office of Graduate Law can assist you in finding the best certificate program to fit your goals!

To find out more information on our Compliance, Business Law & Risk Certificate, Healthcare Compliance Certificate, and Legal Studies Certificate, book an appointment here <https://calendly.com/aturrieta> with Coordinator Turrieta to review what the Certificate program has to offer you!



## **Clinical Course Application - Fall 2021**

**The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Fall 2021!**

Earn 6 hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients in Consumer/Housing, Family Law/Wills & Estates, Criminal Defense or Immigration cases.

Learn more about each of these four Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/clinical-program/>.

The required online Clinic application may be found on this page, too, and at <http://bit.ly/StMUClinicApp2021>.

**Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission!



## MAXimize Your Financial Future

Remember, MAX by AccessLex® is a program offered to you, free of charge, to help you build financial capability and confidence. If you haven't already, register for [MAX](#) and check out this month's highlights:

- Be sure to check out the **NEW** MAX event Five Habits of Financially Successful Lawyers. Find a time that works for you [here](#). And if you want even more live events, visit the [full schedule](#) of upcoming webinars in your MAX account or in the below PDF.

Other MAX Webinars scheduled throughout the spring are:

- The Road to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment
- Financial Planning for Law School Students
- The Psychology of Financial Decision-Making
- Your Employment Options, Your Money
- Making Big Purchases Fit Your Big Picture
- Your PSLF Action Plan

Below is a link to the AccessLex law school scholarship databank. This link includes student scholarships and writing competitions totaling almost \$300 million in aid.

[https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof\\_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html](https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html)

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[Spring 2021 MAX Webinars.pdf](#)

[Earn entries into the MAX by AccessLex scholarship drawings by attending any qualifying MAX Event.](#)

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## LexScholars

- Are you an aspiring lawyer from an underrepresented racial, ethnic and socioeconomic background? LexScholars by @AccessLexInst can help you fulfill your dream of getting into law school. Apply today: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)
- 200 spots remain for the LexScholars by @AccessLexInst program! Have you submitted your application? Learn more about eligibility and the application process here: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)
- LexScholars by @AccessLexInst gives students from underrepresented groups access to free resources and guidance that will help them on their journey to enter the legal profession. Learn more: [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars)

The 2021 application cycle for [LexScholars by AccessLex](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars) is now open and spaces are filling.

Visit [AccessLex.org/lexscholars](https://AccessLex.org/lexscholars) for more information on the program, eligibility or the application process. Or, email questions to [LexScholars@accesslex.org](mailto:LexScholars@accesslex.org).





## Branch Endowed Scholarship Available

Branch Endowed Scholarship - Anita Branch established this scholarship to recognize the excellent services provided by her attorney, Jim Drought, a 1969 graduate of the School of Law. The scholarship is awarded to a practicing Catholic who is a second or third year student in the top 10 percent of the class. To apply, use this link <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/spring-2021-law-scholarship-application/>.



## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

Below is a link to the AccessLex law school scholarship databank. This link includes student scholarships and writing competitions totaling almost \$300 million in aid.

[https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof\\_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html](https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2021/03/accesslex-law-school-scholarship-databank-800-scholarships-totaling-300-million.html)

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

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>.

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. [www.amarillobar.org](http://www.amarillobar.org). \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 5/14/2021.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics. [https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021\\_smith\\_doheny\\_flyer.pdf](https://law.nd.edu/assets/421336/2021_smith_doheny_flyer.pdf). \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 06/01/2021.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law annual writing competition. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/>. \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply 06/15/ 2021.

Jackson Lewis. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. \$3,000 and two \$1,000. Deadline to apply is 06/15/2021.

ABA Forum on Construction Law Writing Competition. [Click here for more information](#). Deadline to apply is 07/21/2021.

PIABA Foundation. [bit.ly/2021Beckley](http://bit.ly/2021Beckley) \$1,000, \$750, \$500. Deadline to apply is 9/17/ 2021.



## Pro Bono Program

### *Community Service Requirement: Updates*

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the *Student Handbook* on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

## Change in Recording Tracking Hours

It has been the practice of the Pro Bono Program to record training hours upon student participation in the event or project for which they have trained. Due to the suspension, postponement, and cancellation of in-person pro bono events, we will record training hours for students who did not have the opportunity to take part in events for which they trained. Please submit training hours using the Community Service Tracking Form to [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu).

## Find Us on Canvas!

The Pro Bono Program has a Canvas course! You should have received an invitation to add the course. Accept the invitation to access weekly announcements, forms, and more!



## Introducing iGrad

**A new, free financial literacy platform for students.**

You know, all those real-world skills that there isn't a class for? iGrad's got you covered. It is your go-to resource for personalized financial and wellness education, scholarship search, student loan management and more. With free [courses](#) and [tools](#), iGrad has something for everyone. As a St. Mary's student, it is yours for free!

Sign up using your St. Mary's email address via Gateway or go directly to [stmarytx.igrad.com](http://stmarytx.igrad.com).

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Assistance at [finaid@stmarytx.edu](mailto:finaid@stmarytx.edu).

## **SIGN UP WITH iGRAD**

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## **Health & Wellness**

This slightly spicy quesadilla is great for a snack, lunch or dinner!

### **Creamy Chicken Quesadillas**

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Credit: Sarah Walker Caron



## Notices

### **Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs**

Students wishing to make an appointment with Dean Haynes for any reason, may do so by using his Calendly link [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5). He may also be reached via email at [ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu) or by telephone at (210) 436-3930. For more information or general questions, please see Student Services at <https://law.stmarytx.edu/student-services/>.

### **Disclosure of Character and Fitness Issues**

Students are required to disclose, in writing, any new or additional information, or changes to any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the students' application or occurring during their legal studies. This disclosure is made to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. Students must disclose any matter that affects character and fitness in a timely manner, close in time the incident that may affect issues of character and fitness to the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs.

A character and fitness addendum must include a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding and current disposition of the motivating event. The addendum must be submitted with the date and the student's original or electronic signature. It is the student's responsibility to update the Texas Board of Law Examiners or any other state bar licensing agency where the student intends to apply for admission of any amendments made to the law school. For more information students should refer to the *Law Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

## **Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

All Law RSO events must be virtual events whether on or off campus. All events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

## **Law Students with Disabilities**

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email [accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu) or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information.

## **Student E-mail Accounts**

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

## **Inviting Dignitaries to Campus?**

### **What You Should Know**

All law school registered student organizations (RSO's) 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/>.

## **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 at [calendly.com/ahaynes5](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5).



## 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/compliance/research-compliance/>

## 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.



## Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Hours

### Hours of Operation

The Law Library provides a daily schedule for hours of operation. Please check here: <https://lawlib.stmarytx.edu/hoursdirections.html>

For everyone's health and safety, wearing a face mask is required as is keeping 6-foot social distance while in the library. No furniture should be moved without permission of the Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Mary's safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.





## Face Masks Continue to be Required on Campus

St. Mary's has in place a mandatory [Face Mask Policy](#) for the 2020-21 academic year. We thank everyone for keeping the St. Mary's community safe by wearing a mask and minimizing the spread of the Covid-19 virus.



## Mental Well-Being Support

Students are reminded of resources available through the Student Counseling Center. Students may also reach out to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program. Contact information for both programs is below.

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/counseling/>

Student Counseling Center  
[Center for Life Directions](#)  
(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)  
Fax: (210) 431-6706

[counseling@stmarytx.edu](mailto:counseling@stmarytx.edu)

Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **24-hour Crisis Response**

The counselor on duty may be accessed by calling the Student Counseling Center emergency line at (210) 825-3622 after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on Saturday and Sunday. Emergency services are available during regular office hours by calling (210) 436-3135 or by walk-in to the office. All appointments are virtual.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/>

call or Text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527)



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## **Academic Support**

### **Law School Resources**

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):

(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu)

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

[accessibility@stmarytx.edu](mailto:accessibility@stmarytx.edu)

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

[healthcenter@stmarytx.edu](mailto:healthcenter@stmarytx.edu)

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

Campus Recreation AACC 2145

210-436-3997

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>



## **Food Bank Assistance**

San Antonio Food Bank

(210) 431-8326 or (800) 246-9121

[clientservices@safoodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safoodbank.org)

Holy Rosary Church

155 Camino Santa Maria

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's student ID is required



## **Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP)**

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

[www.tlaphelps.org](http://www.tlaphelps.org)

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon

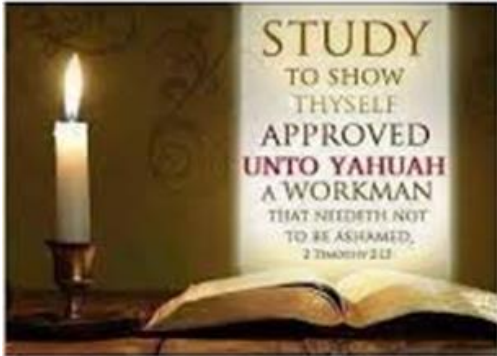
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



## **Bible Study**

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 7:00 a.m. each Monday and 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. However, until Covid-19 restrictions ease, classes are taped via KALTURA and sent out electronically each week. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, please contact Ondrejia Scott at [oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:oscott@mail.stmarytx.edu).



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