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ST. MARY'S MOOT COURT TEAM SHINES AT SUMMER TYLA STATE MOOT COURT COMPETITION

This summer, the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team competed against some of the best law schools in the country in the Texas Young Lawyer's Association State Moot Court Competition (TYLA SMC). The competition is open to every law school in the state and involves a round robin format where every Texas school competes against every other Texas school, with the top four teams vying for the opportunity to present their arguments in the Championship Round to the actual justices/judges of the Texas Supreme Court or Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. TYLA SMC is the premier state moot court competition in the country, primarily because of the excellence of Texas moot court teams and the annual participation of either the sitting members of the Texas Supreme Court or the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. **For example, this year, six of the seven teams competing at TYLA SMC were from law schools whose moot court programs are ranked Top-25 in the nation, with four of the seven schools ranked in the Top-10. Coy Westbrook (graduated 3L) and Haley Harvey (rising 3L) argued every round on behalf of St. Mary's.** Jamie Weber (rising 2L) served as the bailiff for the team. **Westbrook and Harvey broke second at the competition, beating the ABA NAAC National Champion team from Texas Tech along the way, and lost on a split decision to Baylor (the eventual Champion) in the semi-final round.** Coy Westbrook received the award for **best brief** at the competition, while **Coy and Haley also took two of the three top advocate awards - Coy was awarded 3rd Best Oralist and Haley was recognized as the Best Oral Advocate in Texas.** This tournament was the first in-person competition for the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team since Natsumi Covey ('20) and Emily Reed ('20) won the championship round of the ABA NAAC Washington, DC Regional in 2020. Please congratulate these stellar advocates for their great start to the coming moot court year!



FALL 2022 COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

As the Fall 2022 semester commences, St. Mary's University will continue to enforce coronavirus-related policies that are in line with CDC guidelines. These policies are quarantine, isolation and self-reporting. Face masks are optional in all spaces – indoors and outdoors – on campus. Face masks are still required when visiting the Student Health Center (SHC) and in some private offices.



Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should self-report to the [Student Health Center](#) and follow protocols for isolation and quarantine. The SHC will notify the law school Administration, who in turn will ask faculty to provide recordings for missed classes for the period of official COVID quarantine. Any class absences during official University-sanctioned quarantine will not count towards attendance policies.

- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University accommodation.

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Equal Justice Works Conference & Career Fair

Registration for the **2022 Equal Justice Works Conference & Career Fair** – the nation's largest public interest career fair – is Now Open! This year's event will be hosted over two separate dates – **Virtual Conference: Sept. 21-23, 2022** and **Virtual Career Fair: Oct. 20-22, 2022**. Student registration is \$25. The deadline to register and apply for prescheduled interviews is **Thursday, Sept. 15, at 5:00 p.m.** Interested students can register here: <https://www.equaljusticeworks.org/conference-and-career-fair/for-attendees/law-students-graduates/>.

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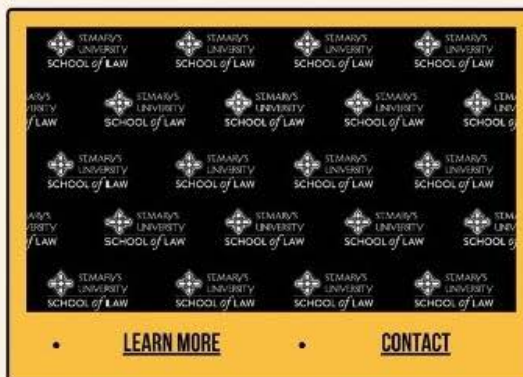


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24-hour Crisis Response

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.

You can also contact the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program here: <https://www.tlaphelps.org/> or call, text 1-800-343-TLAP (8527).

TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org



TLAP Website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

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

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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



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

DAILY MASS ON CAMPUS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 12:30 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Sunday Mass
9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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ABA 1L Week

The ABA is promoting 1L week **August 22-28, 2022**.

Join with a free or premium membership during the [ABA 1L Week](#) and you will receive a gift. Additionally, your name will be entered into a series of raffles for a gift card. ABA Law Student Membership includes many extremely valuable resources such as:



- Access to up to 5 member groups so that students can explore various areas of law and network with attorneys in the field
- Webinars, articles, podcasts, and other programming
- Leadership and competition opportunities
- Numerous discounts from our partners at Quimbee, West Academic, Themis Bar Prep, Kaplan, and JD Advising
- And much more!



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- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, August 25 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Report to Practice**, Thursday, August 25 at 4:30 p.m., Law



- **Passport to Practice**, Thursday, August 29 at 4:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room
- **Pathways to the Profession: Family Law**, Wednesday, August 31 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, September 1 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy

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

Labor and Employment Law Institute CLE

The State Bar of Texas invites law students to attend the Labor and Employment Law Institute CLE free of charge. The CLE will take place August 26-27, 2022, at the JW Marriott Hill Country Resort in San Antonio. Current law school students can register to attend with the following coupon code and registration link:

The coupon code is: FreeStudent

The registration link is: <https://statebaroftexassections.redpodium.com/laborcle2022>

Please see the Events section in CORE for more information. There is also a Cocktail Reception on Friday, August 26 at 5:30 p.m. (at the JW Marriott) that law school students are welcome to attend.

Middle Eastern Law Student Assoc., Asian Pacific American Law Student Assoc., Black Law Student Assoc., Hispanic Law Student Assoc., First Generation Professionals, Lawtina Network, OUTlaw, & Women's Law Assoc.

WELCOME ALL MEMBERS & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS TO THE

DEAN'S AFFINITY WELCOME

Meet Dean Roberts & learn about how you can get involved!

Wednesday, August 24th, 2022
Law Alumni Room 5:30-7:30 PM

PHOTOGRAPHER WANTED

Seeking a skilled photographer to cover the Dean's Affinity event scheduled **Wednesday, August 24**, in the Law Alumni Room from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Pro Bono hours will be given in exchange for photos of the event. Are you interested? Please contact Dora Cantu, dcantu24@mail.stmarytx.edu or call 956.624.2014.






THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

DOCKET CALL

AUGUST 29 - AUGUST 30
5:00-7:00 PM
SARITA KENNEDY EAST LAW LIBRARY

AUGUST 31
5:00-7:00 PM
ONLINE

1L Section Meet-Greet-Eat



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YOUR SECTION MEMORIES BEGIN AT LUNCH

- Meet Section "Mates"
- What to know for "Pro Bono"
- International Study Abroad
- Food, Fellowships, & Networking
- Meet Classmates Running for SBA
- Meet Professors

Section A
Tuesday
August 30, 2022
@ 12:00pm

Section B
Wednesday
August 31, 2022
@ 12:15pm

Section C
Thursday
September 1, 2022
@ 12:15pm



Raba 1st Floor
Hosted By: Sr. Grace



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Rattlertracks just
scan the QR Code**

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FGP is a student org that is dedicated to supporting First Gen Law students and students who grew up in working class/low-income communities. Non First Gen students are welcome to joining! Open to all students.

**SIGN UP FOR
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FGP will be hosting weekly study hours to help members with all 1L subjects starting on 8/29/2022.

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GRADUATE LAW RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Graduate Law Office 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 Office and would like to assist in

our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the below job description for application instructions.



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"Best in Texas" Voir Dire Competition: VOLUNTEER JURORS NEEDED

Volunteers earn \$50 CASH the day of the competition. September 22, 23, 24 at the Bexar County Courthouse. St. Mary's Board of Advocates & the Texas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (TEX-ABOTA) need volunteers to serve as jurors for upcoming voir dire competition. Sign up using link below:
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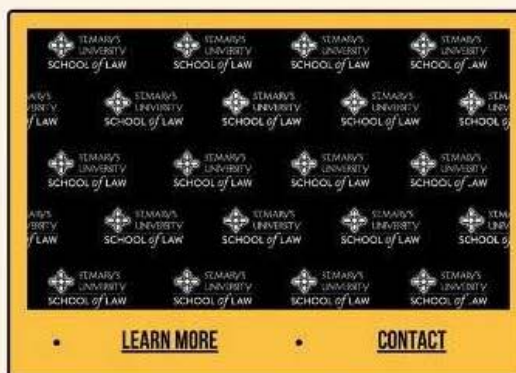
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UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ON NON-DISCRIMINATION

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/accessibility/>
- Human Subjects Research - <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

TOBACCO USE POLICY ON CAMPUS

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MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OPENING SCHOOL LITURGY

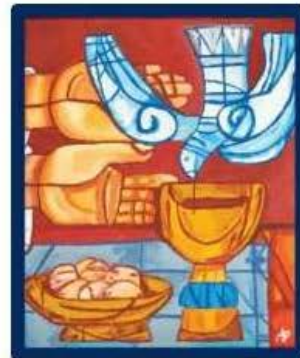
Thursday, August 25

11:10 a.m.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

At the Mass of the Holy Spirit, we celebrate a new academic year, pray for the whole University community and ask that the Spirit of God bless all of our efforts in this coming year.

Photo Credit: Anna Davila



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SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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





WITAN

Issue 3 - August 29, 2022



OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Pathways to the Profession: Family Law**, Wednesday, August 31 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, September 1 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Pathways to the Profession: Immigration Law**, Wednesday, September 7 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, September 8 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy



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

IRS Office of Chief Counsel Virtual Information Session

Come join the IRS Office of Chief Counsel Deputy Chief Counsel, Drita Tonuzi, in a virtual roundtable to discuss a day in the life of an IRS attorney on **Thursday September 1, 2022 at 3pm (Eastern)**. This session will be a time for you to ask questions, get to know more about the agency, learn more about our hiring process, and talk to attorneys about their experience at Counsel.

These sessions are open to all current students. Later this summer, the Office of Chief Counsel will be hiring 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.M. students. See <http://jobs.irs.gov/counsel> for information on open positions and hiring. The job postings will close on September 15, 2022. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn about the Office of Chief Counsel and get some of your questions answered. Please see the Events section in CORE for more information about this virtual information session.

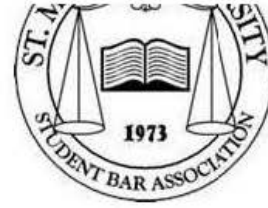
The Student Bar Association presents... DOCKET CALL

Visit with and learn more about Law Registered Student Organizations (RSOs).



Monday & Tuesday, August 29-30, 2022
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sarita Kennedy East Library

Thursday, September 1, 2022
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Online (additional information to come)



1L Section Meet-Greet-Eat

Law
Ministry

YOUR SECTION MEMORIES BEGIN AT LUNCH

- Meet Section "Mates"
- What to know for "Pro Bono"
- International Study Abroad
- Food, Fellowships, & Networking
- Meet Classmates Running for SBA
- Meet Professors

Raba 1st Floor
Hosted By: Sr. Grace

Section A

Tuesday
August 30, 2022
@ 12:00pm

Section B

Wednesday
August 31, 2022
@ 12:15pm

Section C

Thursday
September 1, 2022
@ 12:15pm



INTRODUCTION & RECRUITMENT LUNCH TO ST. MARY'S FEDERALIST SOCIETY

The Federalist Society will host their first Introduction and Recruitment Lunch, **Thursday, September 1**, 12:30 - 1:20 p.m. in the Law Library Alumni Room. Join us to learn more about the Federalist Society, meet your classmates, hear about upcoming events, and enjoy free Chick-fil-A. This event is open to all law students. For more information, contact Justin Rorick@mail.stmarytx.edu.



STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION 2022-2023 ELECTIONS

Please consider getting involved with the Student Bar Association (SBA) at St. Mary's University School of Law. The SBA's purpose is to provide a more effective student government, to develop a greater spirit and fellowship among law students, and to work in close cooperation with the American Bar Association Law Student Division in the achievement of its goals.

American Bar Association Law Student Division in the achievement of its goals.

The candidate petition paperwork will be due at 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, September 2, 2022**. Campaigning will be from September 6-9. Elections will be held on Rattletracks from September 12-14. The results will be announced on Friday, September 16.

If you have any questions, your point of contact will be SBA's Election Commissioner, Cyrilla-Lyn Thompson. You can reach them at cthompson17@mail.stmarytx.edu



STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

2022-2023 ELECTIONS

The following positions are open:

- 8 1L Senators (2 per section)
- 1 1L Honor Court Justice
- 1 2L Senator
- 1 Mjur Senator
- 1 LLM Senator

Petitions can be found on Rattletracks. Petitions are due on Friday, September 2nd at 5 p.m. to cthompson17@mail.stmarytx.edu

MANDATORY 1L MEETING WITH THE TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

As an extension of 1L Orientation, all entering JD students are REQUIRED to attend a meeting with the Texas Board of Law Examiners to overview the process of completing and filing your Declaration, some key things to know about the process, and to introduce some of the resources offered to law students by the Texas Bar. Mandatory meeting aside, the BLE will provide very useful information for you to consider that will make the Declaration experience easier to navigate.

Please attend the meeting at your assigned location in the below graphic. Section O will attend via Zoom.

TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

MANDATORY 1L MEETING

All students must attend the meeting in their assigned room according to Section:

- Section A - LC103
- Section B - Law Library Alumni Room
- Section C - Law Library Commons

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

4:00 PM

Students must check-in using the room's unique QR code and passcode in order to receive credit for attendance.

All 1Ls are REQUIRED to attend this important meeting.

Dress Code: Casual Attire



REGISTER STUDENTS TO VOTE

BECAUSE EVERY VOTE MATTERS

St. Mary's University in front of the Law Classroom and inside the University Center
from 8:00am - 2:00pm
Sign up for 1 hour time slots

It includes the following:

- Register students to vote
- Get some swag for volunteering
- Training: TBD
- Counts towards Law School Approved Pro Bono hours

VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK
SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2022

Scan to Sign Up

For more information: Contact your RSO president or Vanessa Ortega at: vortega9@mail.stmarytx.edu

St. Mary's
School of Law
First Generation Professionals

Sign Up for FGP through Rattlertracks just scan the QR Code

Sign Up

FGP is a student org that is dedicated to supporting First Gen Law students and students who grew up in working class/low income



working class/low-income communities. Non First Gen students are welcome to joining! Open to all students.

SIGN UP FOR OUR STUDY HOURS

FGP will be hosting weekly study hours to help members with all 1L subjects starting on 8/29/2022.

Sign up here!
<https://forms.gle/8wGetNS22fni72wz5>

@STMU_FGP

The poster features a 'Sign Up' button with a cursor arrow pointing to it, a QR code, and a decorative wavy line graphic.

GRADUATE LAW RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Graduate Law Office 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 Office and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the below job description for application instructions.



Graduate Law RA Job Description-Intl Programs.pdf

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Graduate Law RA Job Description.pdf

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FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENT FAMILY DAY

The Office of Law Student Affairs will host Family Day 2022 "Life with Your Law Student" on **Saturday, September 18, 2022**, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Law Classrooms building, 101-102-103. Family members and loved ones of first-year law students are invited to attend this special program. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast tacos and coffee will be served. Attire is casual. Please *RSVP* to lawfamilyday@stmarytx.edu.



"Best in Texas" Voir Dire Competition: VOLUNTEER JURORS NEEDED

Volunteers earn \$50 CASH the day of the competition. **September 22, 23, 24** at the Bexar County Courthouse. St. Mary's Board of Advocates & the Texas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (TEX-ABOTA) need volunteers to serve as jurors for upcoming voir dire competition. Sign up using link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4faea72aa2fec16-best3>



TEX-ABOTA Jury Selection Competition.pdf

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3L MANDATORY ADVISING APPOINTMENT

Attention 3Ls: All 3Ls must meet with a career advisor by **Friday, September 30, 2022**. You can schedule your mandatory career advising appointment with either Kim Underdown or Veronica Elizalde through CORE. We look forward to meeting with you.



GETTING READY FOR THE MPRE

Are you planning to take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) soon? If so, the Office of Law Success invites you to attend an informational session to learn more about the exam, what to expect, and how to prepare for it. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you have regarding the MPRE. If you plan to attend virtually, the Zoom link can be found at: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>



Getting Ready for the MPRE



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

LC105

This session will be in-person and live via Zoom at
<https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

If you are graduating in December, you may be planning to sit for the upcoming Bar Exam in February 2023. Our Raise the Bar team stands ready to walk with you as you prepare for the exam. We invite you to attend an informational session and learn more about the bar exam, study planning, and other important items to consider. If you plan to attend via Zoom, you may access the Zoom link at the following site: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

TAKING THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM?

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022

12:00 - 12:50 PM

LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 103 & LIVE VIA ZOOM

@ <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Join us to discuss the exam, study planning, and other important reminders.



PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Community Service Hours Tracking Form Fillable.pdf

[Download](#)
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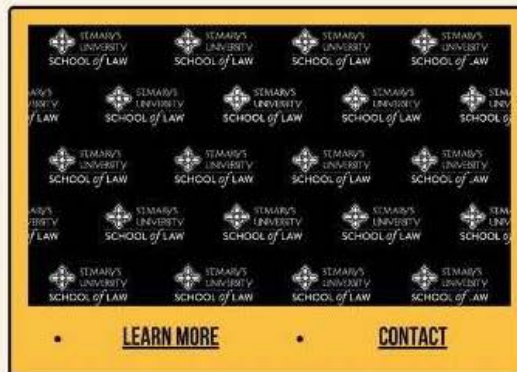
Joint Degree Programs

EARN A J.D. AND A MASTER'S DEGREE SIMULTANEOUSLY

Joint

DEGREE PROGRAMS

In addition to separate graduate and law degrees, the Law School and the Graduate Studies also offer a joint program of studies leading to degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) and Master programs.



Contact Graduate Admission 210.436.3126 or email graduate@stmarytx.edu.

TEXAS CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION (TCAA) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUNICIPAL LAW CONFERENCES

The Texas City Attorneys Association (TCAA) invites law students attending ABA-accredited law schools to submit an application for a scholarship to attend its municipal law conference. The scholarship will cover conference registration fees. Transportation, meals (not provided as part of the conference), and lodging are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient. Scholarship recipients will be exposed to various facets of municipal law and will have an opportunity to interact with TCAA board members and


TEXAS CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

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To be considered for a scholarship, please complete the application and submit no later than 5:00 p.m. on **September 16, 2022**. An application for the 2022 Fall Conference, scheduled for October 6, in San Antonio, can be found here:

<https://texascityattorneys.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/10/TCAA-Municipal-Law-Conference-Scholarship-Fall-Conference.pdf>

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

The PIABA 2022 James E. Beckley Securities Arbitration and Law Competition. \$1,000, \$750, \$500. bit.ly/2021Beckley. Deadline to apply is 09/16/2022.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

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

LAW STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
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- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University accommodation.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Skillet Chicken Parmesan

Try this one skillet, high in protein recipe.

<https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/269812/skillet-chicken-parmesan>

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MENTAL WELL BEING SUPPORT

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Student Counseling Center



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

Center for Life Directions

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

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.

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RABA 105

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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

**Invest in Yourself.
Join the ABA.**

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.

ABA

See What

Build your resume and professional network by joining the nation's largest association of legal professionals.

"The ABA has been paramount in kick-starting my legal career."
CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law

See what Student Membership Means For You




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Choose From Two Types of Membership

Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

MEMBERSHIP	PREMIUM	FREE
After the Bar Digital Publications	✓	
Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (save up to \$500)	✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Binder (\$36 Value)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 20% on West Academic Coursebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Essentials Package, Key Concept Sheets, Legal Terminology HD, and related resources	✓	
\$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to law, MPRE, study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 30% on JD Advising's one-sheets, outlines, and slides	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all B. courses (\$50.00 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Plus Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	30 days	30 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (\$5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazines & blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$75 Value)	Free a Day for	Free a Week for
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ABA Bar Prep Program Premium Members Only

Themis BarReview

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages
- Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, legal terminology sets, essay exam roadmaps, and the like

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses



Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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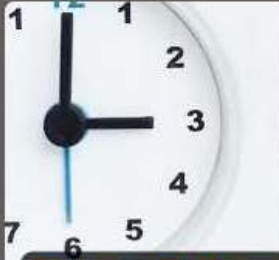
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SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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





WITAN

Issue 4- September 6, 2022



OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

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

RESEARCH AND WRITING PROJECTS RELATED TO:

- LEGAL EDUCATION
- THE NEXT GENERATION BAR EXAM
- VOTING RIGHTS OF PUERTO RICAN RESIDENTS

WE ARE

- AND OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES
- OTHER AREAS OF LAW

CONTACT ASSISTANT DEAN AFTON
CAVANAUGH VIA EMAIL AT
ACAVANAUGH1@STMARYTX.EDU TO INDICATE
YOUR INTEREST ALONG WITH YOUR RESUME
AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

WE ARE
**HIRING
NOW**
APPLY TODAY!

Do you have an interest in research and writing? The Office of Law Success is hiring one Research Assistant (RA) who will assist with research and writing related to legal education, the bar exam, and other areas of law. This position will have a special emphasis on the voting rights of Puerto Rican residents and other United States territories as well as developments from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) regarding the upcoming changes to the bar exam.

If you are interested in this position, please send an email to Assistant Dean Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu with a copy of your resume at your earliest convenience.



THIS WEEK - MANDATORY 1L MEETING WITH THE TX BLE

As an extension of 1L Orientation, all entering JD students are REQUIRED to attend a meeting with the Texas Board of Law Examiners to overview the process of completing and filing your Declaration, some key things to know about the process, and to introduce some of the resources offered to law students by the Texas Bar. Mandatory meeting aside, the BLE will provide very useful information for you to consider that will make the Declaration experience easier to navigate. Please attend the meeting at your assigned location in the below graphic. Section O will attend via Zoom.

TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

MANDATORY 1L MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

4:00 PM

All 1Ls are REQUIRED to attend this important meeting.

Dress Code: Casual Attire

All students must attend the meeting in their assigned room according to Section:

Section A - LC103

Section B - Law Library Alumni Room

Section C - Law Library Commons

Section O - Online via Zoom

Students must check-in using the room's unique QR code and passcode in order to receive credit for attendance.



COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) for Coffee in



Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) for Coffee in the Courtyard, **Thursday, September 8**, from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Enjoy some iced coffee and learn about the CLSJ's Clinical application opening up later this month, applying for Spring/Summer Externship opportunities, and the many Pro Bono events happening this year. If you can't make it this week, find us later this semester on September 22, October 6, October 20, November 3 and November 17. We will see you the courtyard for our bi-weekly event



Etiquette Dinner

Does the idea of dining out with professional colleagues strike fear in your heart? Sign up for the Dining Etiquette Dinner on **Wednesday, September 14**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For all the details and to RSVP, visit the Events section in CORE by September 7, 2022.



STUDENTS TO VOTE



Scan to Sign Up

For more information:

Contact your RSO president or
Vanessa Ortega at: vortega9@mail.stmarytx.edu

BECAUSE EVERY VOTE MATTERS

St. Mary's University in front of the Law Classroom and inside the University Center
from 8:00am - 2:00pm
Sign up for 1 hour time slots



It includes the following:

- Register students to vote
- Get some swag for volunteering
- Training: TBD
- Counts towards Law School Approved Pro Bono hours

VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2022

St. Mary's
School of Law
First Generation
Professionals



Sign Up



Sign Up for FGP through Rattletracks just scan the QR Code

FGP is a student org that is dedicated to supporting First Gen Law students and students who grew up in working class/low-income communities. Non First Gen students are welcome to joining! Open to all students.

SIGN UP FOR OUR STUDY HOURS



Sign Up



FGP will be hosting weekly study hours to help members with all 1L subjects starting on 8/29/2022.

Sign up here!
<https://forms.gle/8wGctNS22fni72wz5>

@STMU_FGP

CELEBRATE YOUR 3L YEAR

with Arnold & Itkin

Get Insights From

Kurt Arnold
Founding Partner
& Record-Setting Trial Lawyer



Lesley Garcia Mitchell Briones
Laredo Native
& Former Judge

September 15 | 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Boiler House Texas Grill & Wine Garden
Open Bar & Food Provided

RSVP IN THE EVENTS SECTION IN CORE BY SEPTEMBER 9TH



Celebrate your 3L year with Arnold & Itkin! Arnold & Itkin will host a dinner for 3Ls on **Thursday, September 16** at The Boiler House at The Pearl. Get insights from Kurt Arnold, Founding Partner and record-setting trial lawyer, and Lesley Garcia Mitchell Briones, Laredo native and former judge. Open bar and food provided. Please RSVP by September 9. For more details, please see the Events section in CORE.

GRADUATE LAW RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Graduate Law Office 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 Office and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the below job description for application instructions.



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FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENT FAMILY DAY

The Office of Law Student Affairs will host Family Day 2022 "Life with Your Law Student" on **Saturday, September 17, 2022**, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Law Classrooms building, 101-102-103. Family members and loved ones of first-year law students are invited to attend this special program. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast tacos and coffee will be served. Attire is casual. Please *RSVP* to lawfamilyday@stmarytx.edu.



"Best in Texas" Voir Dire Competition: VOLUNTEER JURORS NEEDED

Volunteers earn \$50 CASH the day of the competition. **September 22, 23, 24** at the Bexar County Courthouse. St. Mary's Board of Advocates & the Texas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (TEX-ABOTA) need volunteers to serve as jurors for upcoming voir dire competition. Sign up using link below:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4faea72aa2fec16-best3>



TEX-ABOTA Jury Selection Competition.pdf

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3L MANDATORY ADVISING APPOINTMENT

Attention 3Ls: All 3Ls must meet with a career advisor by **Friday, September 30, 2022**. You can schedule your mandatory career advising appointment with either Kim Underdown or Veronica Elizalde through CORE. We look forward to meeting with you.



SHIRTS FOR SALE!

Do you have nieces/nephews, siblings, grandkids or kids? Check out these adorable shirts from Parents in Law United for Support (PLUS)!

Don't know any kids to rep SML? No problem! We have adult shirts available too! Reach out with any questions to Monica Palma at mpalma@mail.stmarytx.edu

Sizes:
Youth XS-XL
Toddler 2T-5T
Infant 3mo, 6mo, 12mo, 24mo



venmo

\$20.00 each

Zelle (203)506-6511 or Venmo w/ Kid's shirt and size



All profits will benefit Parents in Law United for Support

PLUS

Kid's Shirts

\$22.50 each

Heathered Royal Blue, Extra soft material
Sizes: XS-5XL



venmo

Zelle (203) 506-6511 or Venmo w/ Shirt #1 or #2 and size



**PLUS
ADULT
SHIRTS**

GETTING READY FOR THE MPRE

Are you planning to take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) soon? If so, the Office of Law Success invites you to attend an informational session to learn more about the exam, what to expect, and how to prepare for it. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you have regarding the MPRE. If you plan to attend virtually, the Zoom link can be found at: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>

MPRE[®]
Multistate Professional
Responsibility Examination



Getting Ready for the MPRE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

LC105

This session will be in-person and live via Zoom at
<https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

If you are graduating in December, you may be planning to sit for the upcoming Bar Exam in February 2023. Our Raise the Bar team stands ready to walk with you as you prepare for the exam. We invite you to attend an informational session and learn more about the bar exam, study planning, and other important items to consider. If you plan to attend via Zoom, you may access the Zoom link at the following site: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

TAKING THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR
EXAM?

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022

12:00 - 12:50 PM

LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 103 & LIVE VIA ZOOM

@ <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Join us to discuss the exam, study



PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Community Service Hours Tracking Form Fillable.pdf

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Joint Degree Programs

EARN A J.D. AND A MASTER'S DEGREE SIMULTANEOUSLY

Joint

DEGREE PROGRAMS

In addition to separate graduate and law degrees, the Law School and the Graduate



Studies also offer a joint program of studies leading to degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) and Master programs.

[LEARN MORE](#)

[CONTACT](#)

Contact Graduate Admission 210.436.3126 or email graduate@stmarytx.edu.

TEXAS CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION (TCAA) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUNICIPAL LAW CONFERENCES

The Texas City Attorneys Association (TCAA) invites law students attending ABA-accredited law schools to submit an application for a scholarship to attend its municipal law conference. The scholarship will cover conference registration fees. Transportation, meals (not provided as part of the conference), and lodging are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient. Scholarship recipients will be exposed to various facets of municipal law and will have an opportunity to interact with TCAA board members and municipal law attorneys from across the State of Texas.



To be considered for a scholarship, please complete the application and submit no later than 5:00 p.m. on **September 16, 2022**. An application for the 2022 Fall Conference, scheduled for October 6, in San Antonio, can be found here:

<https://texascityattorneys.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/10/TCAA-Municipal-Law-Conference-Scholarship-Fall-Conference.pdf>

More information on TCAA can be found here: <https://texascityattorneys.org/>

SAN ANTONIO BAR AUXILIARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation is providing a \$2500 scholarship to be used for tuition and fees. The requirements to apply are as follows:

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. A financial need should be demonstrated.



If you are interested in applying, please send a resume and a short cover letter directly to Professor Dave Hague: dhague@stmarytx.edu. Please title the subject line of your email: "SABA Application." All applications must be received by **October 19, 2022**.

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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

The PIABA 2022 James E. Beckley Securities Arbitration and Law Competition. \$1,000, \$750, \$500. bit.ly/2021Beckley. Deadline to apply is 09/16/2022.

The Bankruptcy Law Section for the State Bar of Texas is offering the BLS Diversity Scholarship. \$2,500. Apply here: <https://statebaroftexasbankruptcy.com/resources/Documents/Diversity%20and%20Inclusion%20Committee%20Scholarship%20Application%20-%202022%20-%20fillable.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 10/14/2022.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *Student Handbook*, CIDE, on Gateway for more information. The deadline to

the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Thursday, November 10, 2022**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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/administrationfinance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its COVID-19 guidance for quarantine and isolation. St. Mary's will continue to follow [CDC guidance](#) using these new updates for students and employees who are ill or exposed to COVID-19.



The primary change in the guidance is that after two negative COVID-19 tests after Day 5 of isolation, you may return to work/class while continuing to wear your mask through Day 10.

isolation, you may return to work/class while continuing to wear your mask through Day 10. employees and students should test twice after Day 5 and report those results before returning to work or classes.

Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should self-report to the [Student Health Center](#) and follow protocols for isolation and quarantine. The SHC will notify the law school Administration, who in turn will ask faculty to provide recordings for missed classes for the period of official COVID quarantine. Any class absences during official University-sanctioned quarantine will not count towards attendance policies.

- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University accommodation.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Garlic Butter Chicken Bites with Lemon Asparagus

<https://www.eatwell101.com/garlic-butter-chicken-bites-asparagus-recipe>

This low carb, keto friendly, one-pan dinner is packed with flavor and easy to make.

Source and Photo Credit: [Eatwell101.com](#)



FEELING BURNT OUT, ANXIOUS OR DEPRESSED?

Start prioritizing yourself with Rattler Helpline.

Get in the moment support or therapy. Call the 24/7 Support Line at (210) 825-3622

Mental health articles, videos and more!

Visit the Wellness Hub at rattlerhelpline.com or scan the QR code.

More resources available with the following:

Student Counseling Center

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/studentservices/counseling/>

Center for Life Directions

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

counseling@stmarytx.edu

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



Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP Website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke
Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu



Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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



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

Schedule for Mass

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy


*Adoration
and
Confession*

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

 ST. MARY'S
UNIVERSITY | The Catholic and
Marianist University

Prepare for your
legal career



As a member of the ABA, you get access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your resume and professional network by joining the nation's largest association of legal professionals.

Invest in Yourself. Join the ABA.

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.



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Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

MEMBERSHIP	MEMBER	PREMIUM	FREE
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Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (save up to \$500)	✓		
ABA Legal Ethics Bundle (\$16 Value)	✓		
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓		
Save 50% on West Academic Casebooks & Study Guides	✓		
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Concept Sheets, Legal Terminology 800, and other financial tools	✓		
\$300 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓		
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓		
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓		
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓	
Access to the MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓	
Save 50% on JD Advising's one-sheets, outlines, and guides	✓	✓	
Law School One-Sheets for all 6 courses (\$49.95 value)	✓	✓	
Quimbee Gold Plus Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	80 days	10 days	
ABA Career Center	✓	✓	
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓	
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓	
Student Career magazine & blog	✓	✓	
ABA Journal (\$75 Value)	Free & Digital	Print & Digital	
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓	

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ABA Bar Prep Program Premium Members Only

Themis Bar Review

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
 - Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages
- Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, legal terminology info, essay exam roadmaps, and the like.

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, September 15 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Pathways to the Profession: Sports & Entertainment Law**, Wednesday, September 21 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, September 22 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Student 2 Student Panel – Private Sector Jobs**, Thursday, September 22 at 12:30 p.m., Virtual

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



**South Texas &
Border Region
Students!**



NEW YEAR CAFECITO & BENDICIÓN

Share in the comforts of home, build community,
and connect with special guests from across the

University. Director Rivas (Weslaco) will give a special bendición to start the semester!

Monday, September 12th
4:30-6:00 PM
Law Alumni Room

DELIA'S TAMALES, PAN DULCE, Y CAFÉ

South Texas & Border Cafecito

Director Amanda Rivas invites all South Texas and Border students to an afternoon cafecito on Monday, September 12 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room. As an RGV native (Weslaco) and 2009 St. Mary's law graduate, she is eager to meet and support fellow South Texas and Border law students. Dean Roberts, Sister Grace, and University Provost Jason Pierce (Los Fresnos) will pop in to connect and cheer you on. There will be Delia's tamales, pan dulce, and café. Director Rivas will also share a special bendición to start the new year!



**St. Mary's University School of Law
 Financial Wisdom Series**

The financial decisions you make today have a long-term impact on your overall financial health. That's why Broadway Bank is investing in your future by providing a series of FREE financial planning seminars to help you have a successful career.

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- Managing a budget while in school
- Developing good financial habits
- Investing basics
- Saving wisely and managing expenses
- Responsible use of credit
- Financial planning



**Join us • Seating is limited. RSVP at amdar@stmarys.edu
 Register to join us via Zoom, here: <https://bit.ly/3r1XD7m>**



Tuesday, September 13, 2022
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.



St. Mary's School of Law Alumni Room
 Inside Santa Kateri East Law Library



Board dinner served • Giveaways • Attendees can schedule a complimentary counseling session with a Broadway Banker • Attend all three seminars for a chance to win one of the \$250 sponsorships offered by Broadway Bank and Sara Dysart (J.D. '11).

Guest Speakers:



Jordan Wright, CFP®, ChFC®
 SVP, Financial Advisor for Broadway Wealth Solutions, Inc.



Jacob Cavazos
 SVP, Continuity Reinvestment Manager

Moderator:



Dean Patricia Roberts
 St. Mary's University School of Law

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**FIRST-YEAR
 LAW STUDENT
 FAMILY DAY
 2022**

Join us in welcoming your loved ones to the St. Mary's Law family!

- Dean's welcome
- Law school's focus
- Tips on supporting a law student
- Mock class

SAT., SEPT. 17
9:00 am- Noon

RSVP to
lawfamilyday@stmarytx.edu.

Breakfast provided!

For questions, please contact:
Bebe Gonzalez.
(bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu)



CUSTOM TAILORING AT THE LAW SCHOOL!

UPCOMING INTERVIEW? GRADUATION? INTERNSHIP?

Heritage House has been serving StMU Law Faculty & Students for 21 years!

- WHEN?** Tuesday, September 20th
9:00am - 4:00pm
- WHERE?** Sr. Grace's Office (Raba LF106)
- HOW?**
- Make an Appointment: info@hheustomtailor.com
 - Walk-ins Welcome! (Free Consultation)
- WHY?** Avoid Crowded Stores!
Personalized Fit!

*% of proceeds is donated to Law Ministry
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RESEARCH AND WRITING PROJECTS RELATED TO:

- LEGAL EDUCATION
- THE NEXT GENERATION BAR EXAM

- VOTING RIGHTS OF PUERTO RICAN RESIDENTS AND OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES
- OTHER AREAS OF LAW

CONTACT ASSISTANT DEAN AFTON CAVANAUGH VIA EMAIL AT ACAVANAUGH1@STMARYTX.EDU TO INDICATE YOUR INTEREST ALONG WITH YOUR RESUME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

**WE ARE
HIRING
NOW
APPLY TODAY!**

Do you have an interest in research and writing? The Office of Law Success is hiring one Research Assistant (RA) who will assist with research and writing related to legal education, the bar exam, and other areas of law. This position will have a special emphasis on the voting rights of Puerto Rican residents and other United States territories as well as developments from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) regarding the upcoming changes to the bar exam.

If you are interested in this position, please send an email to Assistant Dean Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu with a copy of your resume at your earliest convenience.



Law Communications - Student Assistant Job Position

The Associate Director of Law Communications is looking for a current 2 or 3L student to assist with promoting awareness about the School of Law primarily through various social media channels, including Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Duties include: creating social media content, shooting and editing video, reviewing analytics, providing real-time coverage of events, participating in trainings, and other duties as assigned.

The student assistant must be able to dedicate between 10 and 20 hours per week.

More details are available on CORE at <https://law-stmarytx.12twenty.com/jobPostings#/jobPostings/35006701795519>.

Interested applicants should submit a résumé and general cover letter by **September 16** to Letty Romero at lromero6@stmarytx.edu.

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) for Coffee in the Courtyard, **Thursday, September 22**, from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Enjoy some iced coffee and learn about the CLSJ's Clinical application opening up later this month, applying for Spring/Summer Externship opportunities, and the many Pro Bono events happening this year. If you can't make it this week, find us later this semester on, October 6, October 20, November 3 and November 17. We will see you the courtyard for our bi-weekly event





REGISTER STUDENTS TO VOTE



Scan to Sign Up

BECAUSE EVERY VOTE MATTERS

St. Mary's University in front of the Law Classroom and inside the University Center from 8:00am - 2:00pm Sign up for 1 hour time slots



It includes the following:

- Register students to vote
- Get some swag for volunteering
- Training: TBD
- Counts towards Law School Approved Pro Bono hours

VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2022

For more information:

Contact your RSO president or Vanessa Ortega at: vortega9@mail.stmarytx.edu



Sign Up for FGP through Rattletracks just scan the QR Code

Sign Up



FGP is a student org that is dedicated to supporting First Gen Law students and students who grew up in working class/low-income communities. Non First Gen students are welcome to joining! Open to all students.

SIGN UP FOR

OUR STUDY HOURS



FGP will be hosting weekly study hours to help members with all 1L subjects starting on 8/29/2022.

Sign up here!
<https://forms.gle/8wGctNS22fni72wz5>

@STMU_FGP

GRADUATE LAW RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Graduate Law Office 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 Office and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the below job description for application instructions.



Graduate Law RA Job Description-Intl Programs.pdf

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Graduate Law RA Job Description.pdf

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"Best in Texas" Voir Dire Competition: VOLUNTEER JURORS NEEDED

Volunteers earn \$50 CASH the day of the competition. **September 22, 23, 24** at the Bexar County Courthouse. St. Mary's Board of Advocates & the Texas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (TEX-ABOTA) need volunteers to serve as jurors for upcoming voir dire competition. Sign up using link below:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4faea72aa2fec16-best3>



TEX-ABOTA
The Texas Chapters of ABOTA



TEX-ABOTA Jury Selection Competition.pdf

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1L WORKSHOP SERIES: TAKING THE OUTLINE ON A TEST DRIVE

Now that you've had some experience outlining your course material, it's time to learn how to use them effectively as a study tool. Learn how to use your outlines as an aid in rule memory and practice.



A session for Sections A, B, and C will be held in-person on **Thursday, September 29, 2022**. A session for Section O will be held online via Zoom on **Saturday, October 1, 2022**.

Please consult the below graphic for full details. <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/>

**1L Workshop Series:
Taking the Outline on a Test Drive**

Now that you've had some experience outlining your course material, it's time to learn how to use them effectively as a study tool. Learn how to use your outlines as an aid in rule memory and practice.

Sections A, B, and C:
Thursday, September 29
12:30 PM - 1:20 PM
Law Classroom Building 105

Section O:
Saturday, October 1
9:30 AM - 10:20 AM

Link at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/>

3L MANDATORY ADVISING APPOINTMENT

Attention 3Ls: All 3Ls must meet with a career advisor by **Friday, September 30, 2022**. You can schedule your mandatory career advising appointment with either Kim Underdown or Veronica Elizalde through CORE. We look forward to meeting with you.



LUNCH WITH A (BUSINESS) LITIGATOR

Business Law Society (BLS) presents "Lunch with a (Business) Litigator" on **Tuesday, October 4, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.** in the Atrium of the Law Administration building. BLS is hosting Jane Bockus from



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GETTING READY FOR THE MPRE

Are you planning to take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) soon? If so, the Office of Law Success invites you to attend an informational session to learn more about the exam, what to expect, and how to prepare for it. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you have regarding the MPRE. If you plan to attend virtually, the Zoom link can be found at: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>

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Getting Ready for the MPRE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

LC105

This session will be in-person and live via Zoom at
<https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>



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FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

If you are graduating in December, you may be planning to sit for the upcoming Bar Exam in February 2023. Our Raise the Bar team stands ready to walk with you as you prepare for the exam. We invite you to attend an informational session and learn more about the bar exam, study planning, and other important items to consider. If you plan to attend via Zoom, you may access the Zoom link at the following site: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

TAKING THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM?

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022
12:00 - 12:50 PM
LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 103 & LIVE VIA ZOOM
@ <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Join us to discuss the exam, study planning, and other important reminders.



PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to

Community

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2016 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Community Service Hours Tracking Form Fillable.pdf

[Download](#)
185.5 KB

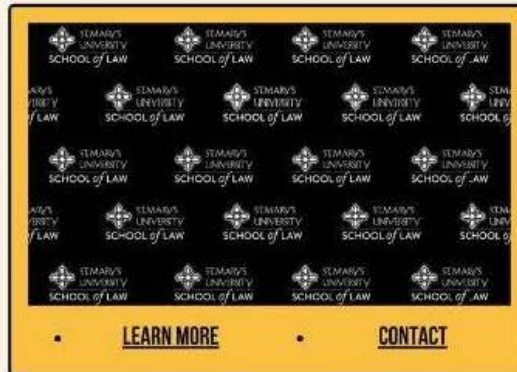
Joint Degree Programs

EARN A J.D. AND A MASTER'S DEGREE SIMULTANEOUSLY

Joint

DEGREE PROGRAMS

In addition to separate graduate and law degrees, the Law School and the Graduate Studies also offer a joint program of studies leading to degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) and Master programs.



Contact Graduate Admission 210.436.3126 or email graduate@stmarytx.edu.

TEXAS CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION (TCAA) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUNICIPAL LAW CONFERENCES

The Texas City Attorneys Association (TCAA) invites law students attending ABA-accredited law schools to submit an application for a scholarship to attend its municipal law conference. The scholarship will cover conference registration fees. Transportation, meals (not provided as part of the conference), and lodging are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient. Scholarship recipients will be exposed to various facets of municipal law and will have an opportunity to interact with TCAA board members and municipal law attorneys from across the State of Texas.



To be considered for a scholarship, please complete the application and submit no later than 5:00 p.m. on **September 16, 2022**. An application for the 2022 Fall Conference, scheduled for October 6, in San Antonio, can be found here:

<https://texascityattorneys.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/10/TCAA-Municipal-Law-Conference-Scholarship-Fall-Conference.pdf>

More information on TCAA can be found here: <https://texascityattorneys.org/>

SAN ANTONIO BAR AUXILIARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation is providing a \$2500 scholarship to be used for tuition and fees. The requirements to apply are as follows:



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. A financial need should be demonstrated.

If you are interested in applying, please send a resume and a short cover letter directly to Professor Dave Hague: dhague@stmarytx.edu. Please title the subject line of your email: "SABA Application." All applications must be received by **October 19, 2022**.

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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

The PIABA 2022 James E. Beckley Securities Arbitration and Law Competition. \$1,000, \$750, \$500. bit.ly/2021Beckley. Deadline to apply is 09/16/2022.

2022 ABA Public Contract Law Section Writing Competition. Various cash awards. Find more details on the writing competition rules and entry form, on the [awards](#) page. Deadline to apply is 09/30/2022.

The Bankruptcy Law Section for the State Bar of Texas is offering the BLS Diversity Scholarship. \$2,500. Apply here:

<https://statebaroftexasbankruptcy.com/resources/Documents/Diversity%20and%20Inclusion%20Committee%20Scholarship%20Application%20-%202022%20-%20fillable.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 10/14/2022.

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute, \$5,000 scholarship for a 3L student. [Click here for the application](#). Deadline to apply is 12/20/2022.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 to 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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Thursday, November 10, 2022**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS? WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) are reminded to submit a request for

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its COVID-19 guidance for quarantine and isolation. St. Mary's will continue to follow [CDC guidance](#) using these new updates for students and employees who are ill or exposed to COVID-19.



The primary change in the guidance is that after two negative COVID-19 tests after Day 5 of isolation, you may return to work/class while continuing to wear your mask through Day 10. employees and students should test twice after Day 5 and report those results before returning to work or classes.

Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should self-report to the [Student Health Center](#) and follow protocols for isolation and quarantine. The SHC will notify the law school Administration, who in turn will ask faculty to provide recordings for missed classes for the period of official COVID quarantine. Any class absences during official University-sanctioned quarantine will not count towards attendance policies.

- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University

Please note that faculty are not required to provide their classes outside an official university accommodation.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Slow Cooker Lemon Garlic Chicken

<https://www.number-2-pencil.com/slow-cooker-lemon-garlic-chicken-6/>

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SUPPORT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

With a variety of mental health resources for students through Rattler Helpline, find support options that work best for you. Call 210.825.3622 or visit [rattlerhelpline.com](https://www.rattlerhelpline.com).

Student Counseling Center

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

Center for Life Directions

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

counseling@stmarytx.edu

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



Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP Website information:

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

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

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

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success

Raba Building, Room 108

210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support

Raba Building, Room 108



RABA Building, Room 105
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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

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



Schedule for Mass

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

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Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

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Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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As a member of the ABA, you get access to the ABA Career Center:

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- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
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ABA Legal Ethics Binder (300 Values)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 25% on West Academic Casebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package Key Concept Sheets, Legal Terminology 100, and Online Fundamentals	✓	
\$50 discount on law school MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-shots, seminars, and classes	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 8 courses (\$29.99 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Pilot Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	30 days	30 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Group (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (375 Value)	Free & Digital	Free & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓

ABA Bar Prep Program

Premium Members Only

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- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages

Multiple choice questions, multiple-choice sheets, local terminology lists, essay exam outlines, and the like

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaison program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.



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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Student Bar Association.

- 2L Senator:** Pablo Bautista
- M.Jur. Senator:** Blanca Easley
- LL.M. Senator:** Kamara Alleyne



1L Honor Court Justice: Ryan Blakely

- 1L Senators:**
- Angela Barajas Salcido
 - Camille Tealer
 - Cerdan Resendez
 - Jacqueline Gurley
 - Jaryd Lara
 - Jason Woessner
 - John Herbst
 - Yesenia "Yessy" Anorve-Basoria

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Resume Workshop** – Tuesday, September 20 at 12:30 p.m. in LL217
- **Pathways to the Profession: Sports & Entertainment Law**, Wednesday, September 21 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, September 22 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Pathways to the Profession: Intellectual Property Law**, Wednesday, September 28 at 12:30



p.m., Atrium

- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, September 29 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy

Attention 1Ls

Schedule your mandatory 1L advising appointment in CORE today. 1L appointments are from October 3, 2022 until November 11, 2022.

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



**CUSTOM TAILORING AT
THE LAW SCHOOL!**

**UPCOMING
INTERVIEW?
GRADUATION?
INTERNSHIP?**

*Heritage House has been serving STMU Law
Faculty & Students for 21 years!*

WHEN? Tuesday, September 20th
9:00am - 4:00pm

WHERE? Sr. Grace's Office (Raba LF106)

HOW?

- Make an Appointment:
info@hhcustomtailor.com
- Walk-ins Welcome!
(Free Consultation)

WHY? Avoid Crowded Stores!
Personalized Fit!

*% of proceeds is donated to Law Ministry
Law Ministry is not involved in the tailoring process*



LAWTINA NETWORK T-SHIRT SALE

Lawtina Network, the newest RSO on campus for Latina students, is excited to share our official shirt for the year! Please considering buying one to show your support and ensure we can continue having great events!

Order your T-shirt here:

https://secure.touchnet.net:443/C20173_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=116&FROMQRCODE=true&SINGLESTORE=true



RESEARCH AND WRITING PROJECTS RELATED TO:

- LEGAL EDUCATION
- THE NEXT GENERATION BAR EXAM
- VOTING RIGHTS OF PUERTO RICAN RESIDENTS AND OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES
- OTHER AREAS OF LAW

CONTACT ASSISTANT DEAN AFTON CAVANAUGH VIA EMAIL AT ACAVANAUGH1@STMARYTX.EDU TO INDICATE YOUR INTEREST ALONG WITH YOUR RESUME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

**WE ARE
HIRING
NOW
APPLY TODAY!**

Do you have an interest in research and writing? The Office of Law Success is hiring one Research Assistant (RA) who will assist with research and writing related to legal education, the bar exam, and other areas of law. This position will have a special emphasis on the voting rights of Puerto Rican residents and other United States territories as well as developments from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) regarding the upcoming changes to the bar exam.

If you are interested in this position, please send an email to Assistant Dean Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu with a copy of your resume at your earliest convenience.



LAW COMMUNICATIONS - STUDENT ASSISTANT JOB POSITION

The Associate Director of Law Communications is looking for a current 2 or 3L student to assist with promoting awareness about the School of Law primarily through various social media channels, including Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Duties include: creating social media content, shooting and editing video, reviewing analytics, providing real-time coverage of events, participating in trainings, and other duties as assigned.

The student assistant must be able to dedicate between 10 and 20 hours per week.

More details are available on CORE at <https://law-stmarytx.12twenty.com/jobPostings#/jobPostings/35006701795519>.

Interested applicants should submit a résumé and general cover letter by **September 16** to Letty Romero at lromero6@stmarytx.edu.

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) for Coffee in the Courtyard, **Thursday, September 22**, from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Enjoy some iced coffee and learn about the CLSJ's Clinical application opening up later this month, applying for Spring/Summer Externship opportunities, and the many Pro Bono events happening this year. If you can't make it this week, find us later this semester on, October 6, October 20, November 3 and November 17. We will see you the courtyard for our bi-weekly event



1L WORKSHOP SERIES: TAKING THE OUTLINE ON A TEST DRIVE

Now that you've had some experience outlining your course material, it's time to learn how to use them effectively as a study tool. Learn how to use your outlines as an aid in rule memory and practice.



A session for Sections A, B, and C will be held in-person on **Thursday, September 29, 2022**. A session for Section O will be held online via Zoom on **Saturday, October 1, 2022**.

Please consult the below graphic for full details. <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/>

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Sections A, B, and C:
Thursday, September 29
12:30 PM - 1:20 PM
Law Classroom Building 105

Section O:
Saturday, October 1
9:30 AM - 10:20 AM

Link at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/>

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPT. 15 TO OCT. 15, 2022

Sponsored by the Hispanic Heritage Month Committee

<p>THURSDAY, SEPT. 15</p> <p>UNMAY Presentation 10:30 a.m. University Center, Room 105 Conference Room How have international universities like UNMAY impacted education in the United States? Hear from UNMAY's President, Dr. Juan Carlos Rodríguez Cordero.</p> <p>FRIDAY, SEPT. 16</p> <p>Chico West Chico Engagement Initiative Professor Juan Carlos Rodríguez Cordero, Ph.D., LL.M., LL.M., LL.M. Assistant Director and Public Advocate of Political Science and Public Administration Juan Rodríguez, Ph.D., LL.M., LL.M. Dean of Law School 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Former Chief of Staff to Mayor Annise Wood Law Center 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Law Center, Conference Room C University Center, Conference Room A Cabrillo Family and Legacy of San Antonio Wendy Garcia, Ph.D., LL.M., LL.M., LL.M. Assistant Director and Public Advocate of Political Science and Public Administration 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Law Center, Conference Room C University Center, Conference Room A</p> <p>MONDAY, SEPT. 19</p> <p>Public Health in the Hispanic American Community Featuring Dr. Cherie Ruiz-Alfaro, Ph.D., LL.M., LL.M., LL.M. CEO of the San Antonio Health Foundation 7:00 p.m. SANT Center for Information Technology, Room 105</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21</p> <p>Teach, Read, Learn, Love, Book Event, Family Reading University Center, Conference Room C 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. University Center, Conference Room B</p> <p>THURSDAY, SEPT. 22</p> <p>Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. University Center, Conference Room A</p>	<p>FRIDAY, SEPT. 23</p> <p>Registration for 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. University Center, Conference Room C</p> <p>THURSDAY, SEPT. 29</p> <p>1L Workshop Series: Taking the Outline on a Test Drive 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. Law Classroom Building 105</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5</p> <p>Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. University Center, Conference Room C</p> <p>THURSDAY, OCT. 13</p> <p>Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. University Center, Conference Room C</p>	<p>FRIDAY, SEPT. 23</p> <p>Registration for 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. University Center, Conference Room C</p> <p>THURSDAY, SEPT. 29</p> <p>1L Workshop Series: Taking the Outline on a Test Drive 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. Law Classroom Building 105</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5</p> <p>Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. University Center, Conference Room C</p> <p>THURSDAY, OCT. 13</p> <p>Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. University Center, Conference Room C</p>
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Visit the University calendar at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/>



"Best in Texas" Voir Dire Competition: VOLUNTEER JURORS NEEDED

Volunteers earn \$50 CASH the day of the competition. **September 22, 23, 24** at the Bexar County Courthouse. St. Mary's Board of Advocates & the Texas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (TEX-ABOTA) need volunteers to serve as jurors for upcoming voir dire competition. Sign up using link below:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4faea72aa2fec16-best3>



TEX-ABOTA Jury Selection Competition.pdf

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GRADUATE LAW RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Graduate Law Office 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 Office and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the below job description for application instructions.



Graduate Law RA Job Description-Intl Programs.pdf

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Graduate Law RA Job Description.pdf

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CAREER STRATEGY

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2022, through November 11, 2022.

LUNCH WITH A (BUSINESS) LITIGATOR

Business Law Society (BLS) presents "Lunch with a (Business) Litigator on **Tuesday, October 4**, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in the Atrium of the Law Administration building. BLS is hosting Jane Bockus from Dykema Gossett to speak to the membership. Jane will talk about her non-traditional path to being a litigator, what business litigation involves, and how to prepare for a trial.



REGISTER STUDENTS TO VOTE

BECAUSE EVERY VOTE MATTERS

St. Mary's University in front of the Law Classroom and inside the University Center
from 8:00am - 2:00pm
Sign up for 1 hour time slots



Scan to Sign Up

For more information: Contact your RSO president or Vanessa Ortega at: vortega9@mail.stmarytx.edu

**VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK
SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2022**

It includes the following:

- Register students to vote
- Get some swag for volunteering
- Training: TBD
- Counts towards Law School Approved Pro Bono hours



Sign Up for FGP through Rattletracks just

Professionals


Scan the QR Code

Sign Up



FGP is a student org that is dedicated to supporting First Gen Law students and students who grew up in working class/low-income communities. Non First Gen students are welcome to joining! Open to all students.

SIGN UP FOR OUR STUDY HOURS



FGP will be hosting weekly study hours to help members with all 1L subjects starting on 8/29/2022.

Sign up here!
<https://forms.gle/8wGctNS22fni72wz5>

@STMU_FGP

SHIRTS FOR SALE!

Do you have nieces/nephews, siblings, grandkids or kids? Check out these adorable shirts from Parents in Law United for Support (PLUS)!

Don't know any kids to rep SML? No problem! We have adult shirts available too! Reach out with any questions to Monica Palma at mpalma@mail.stmarytx.edu

Sizes:
Youth XS-XL
Toddler 2T-5T

Infant 3mo, 6mo, 12mo, 24mo



\$20.00 each

Zelle (203)506-6511 or Venmo w/ Kid's shirt and size



All profits will benefit Parents in Law United for Support

PLUS

Kid's Shirts

\$22.50 each

Heathered Royal Blue, Extra soft material
Sizes: XS-5XL



Zelle (203) 506-6511 or Venmo w/ Shirt #1 or #2 and size



PLUS ADULT SHIRTS

All profits benefit PLUS

GETTING READY FOR THE MPRE

Are you planning to take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) soon? If so, the Office of Law Success invites you to attend an informational session to learn more about the exam, what to expect, and how to prepare for it. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you have regarding the MPRE. If you plan to attend virtually, the Zoom link can be found

at: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>

MPRE[®]
Multistate Professional
Responsibility Examination



Getting Ready for the MPRE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

LC105

This session will be in-person and live via Zoom at
<https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>



THE NATIONAL TEAM

**OPEN TO 2L & 3L
STUDENTS**

 **OCT. 14-15**

**PUT YOUR
NEGOTIATION
SKILLS TO THE TEST**

 **STMU LAW**



**REGISTER BY 10/7 AT 11:59 PM
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16 TEAMS OF 2 NEEDED**



FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

If you are graduating in December, you may be planning to sit for the upcoming Bar Exam in February 2023. Our Raise the Bar team stands ready to walk with you as you prepare for the exam. We invite you to attend an informational session and learn more about the bar exam, study planning, and other important items to consider. If you plan to attend via Zoom, you may access the Zoom link at the following site: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

TAKING THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM?

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022
12:00 - 12:50 PM
LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 103 & LIVE VIA ZOOM
@ <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Join us to discuss the exam, study planning, and other important reminders.



RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2023 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

If you are scheduled to sit for the February 2023 Bar Exam, you are encouraged to maximize your success on the exam by participating in the Raise the Bar program. Enrolled participants will receive benefits such as an assigned coach, informational sessions, simulated practice opportunities, individualized guidance, and exclusive resources. Enroll today for the Winter 2023 administration of the Raise the Bar program. The program will begin in December 2022. For more information visit, <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>, https://stmarys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ukMdjGeDw6p7rU or contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

REACH FOR THE STARS AS YOU PREPARE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM!

REGISTER FOR RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2022 TODAY!

EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO ONLINE RESOURCES

INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

SIMULATED PRACTICE

GUIDANCE ON STUDY SCHEDULE & STRATEGY

ONE-ON-ONE COACHING

Raise the Bar

For additional information, contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu. Visit us at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Program Begins in December 2022

REGISTER HERE



PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who



demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Community Service Hours Tracking Form Fillable.pdf

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Joint Degree Programs

EARN A J.D. AND A MASTER'S DEGREE SIMULTANEOUSLY

Joint

DEGREE PROGRAMS

In addition to separate graduate and law degrees, the Law School and the Graduate Studies also offer a joint program of studies leading to degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) and Master programs.



Contact Graduate Admission 210.436.3126 or email graduate@stmarytx.edu.

TEXAS CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION (TCAA)
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUNICIPAL LAW CONFERENCES


TEXAS CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

The Texas City Attorneys Association (TCAA) invites law students attending ABA-accredited law schools to submit an application for a scholarship to attend its municipal law conference. The scholarship will cover conference registration fees. Transportation, meals (not provided as part of the conference), and lodging are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient. Scholarship recipients will be exposed to various facets of municipal law and will have an opportunity to interact with TCAA board members and municipal law attorneys from across the State of Texas.

To be considered for a scholarship, please complete the application and submit no later than 5:00 p.m. on **September 16, 2022**. An application for the 2022 Fall Conference, scheduled for October 6, in San Antonio, can be found here:

<https://texascityattorneys.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/10/TCAA-Municipal-Law-Conference-Scholarship-Fall-Conference.pdf>

More information on TCAA can be found here: <https://texascityattorneys.org/>

SAN ANTONIO BAR AUXILIARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation is providing a \$2500 scholarship to be used for tuition and fees. The requirements to apply are as follows:



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. A financial need should be demonstrated.

If you are interested in applying, please send a resume and a short cover letter directly to Professor Dave Hague: dhague@stmarytx.edu. Please title the subject line of your email: "SABA Application." All applications must be received by **October 19, 2022**.

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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

2022 ABA Public Contract Law Section Writing Competition. Various cash awards. Find more details on the writing competition rules and entry form, on the [awards](#) page. Deadline to apply is 09/30/2022.

The Bankruptcy Law Section for the State Bar of Texas is offering the BLS Diversity Scholarship. \$2,500. Apply here:

<https://statebaroftexasbankruptcy.com/resources/Documents/Diversity%20and%20Inclusion%20Committee%20Scholarship%20Application%20-%202022%20-%20fillable.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 10/14/2022.

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute, \$5,000 scholarship for a 3L student. [Click here for the application](#). Deadline to apply is 12/20/2022.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Thursday, November 10, 2022**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its COVID-19 guidance for quarantine and isolation. St. Mary's will continue to follow [CDC guidance](#) using these new updates for students and employees who are ill or exposed to COVID-19.



The primary change in the guidance is that after two negative COVID-19 tests after Day 5 of isolation, you may return to work/class while continuing to wear your mask through Day 10. employees and students should test twice after Day 5 and report those results before returning to work or classes.

Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should self-report to the [Student Health Center](#) and follow protocols for isolation and quarantine. The SHC will notify the law school Administration, who in turn will ask faculty to provide recordings for missed classes for the period of official COVID quarantine. Any class absences during official University-sanctioned quarantine will not count towards attendance policies.

- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC

- directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University accommodation.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Roasted Acorn Squash and Gorgonzola Pizza

Recipe by: Giada DeLaurentis

<https://www.positivehealthwellness.com/recipes/roasted-acorn-squash-and-gorgonzola-pizza/>

Source and Photo Credit: Karen Reed, Ph.D. and Positive Health Wellness



RATTLER HELPLINE

The Rattler Helpline is a 24/7 Support Line - mental health support is available 24/7/365. Call 210.825.3622.

Visit the Wellness Hub for mental health and wellness articles, videos and self help tools at rattlerhelpline.com

Additional support options for St. Mary's University students now available through the Counseling Center. Start prioritizing yourself today!

Student Counseling Center

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/studentsservices/counseling/>

Center for Life Directions

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

counseling@stmarytx.edu

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

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP Website information:

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

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

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



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Learning Support



The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke
Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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

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



Schedule for Mass

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel



Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish

11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English

8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy


Adoration and Confession

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

 ST. MARY'S
UNIVERSITY

The Catholic and
Marianist University

Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Invest in Yourself. Join the ABA.

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Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

MEMBERSHIP	PREMIUM	FREE
After the Bar Digital Publications	✓	
Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (cave up to \$500)	✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Bundle (\$75 Value)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 20% on West Academic Casebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Cases & Statutes, Legal Terminology 100, and online Flashcard tool	✓	
\$100 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
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ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Group (\$ Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
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ABA Bar Prep Program Premium Members Only



- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages

Multiple-choice question sets, key concepts sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam flashcards, and the like.



- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review



- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course



- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses



Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center, which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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BOARD OF ADVOCATES HOLD FIRST OF ITS KIND COMPETITION

This past week, the Board of Advocates hosted the first ever *Best in Texas, Vior Dire Competition*, sponsored by TEX-ABOTA. St. Mary's hosted all ten Texas law schools in a live jury selection competition.

Our BOA recruited over 450 jurors to serve on panels at the historic Bexar County Courthouse, and over 90 volunteers. Every judge in the tournament is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and every presiding judge is a current sitting judge. "This project was a pipe dream when I first came to St. Mary's and it took several years and a ton of hard work by several BOA teams to get us here" said Assistant Dean A.J. Bellido de Luna.

Many St. Mary's students participated in the competition, including almost every member of the BOA. Special appreciation goes out to the Competition Committee which included BOA Chair Arieana Martinez, Vice Chair Kimberly Reese and Tournament Director Amy Russo. They along with Julia Awad, Kaelie Bernard, Nicole Bongiorno, Aimee Felices, Alli Heinemeyer, Shanell Henry, Koy Kunkel, Alexandria Ramirez, Allison Reyes, Sophia Richardson and Savina Tapia received praise from advocacy directors, coaches, judges and ABOTA members for the professionalism displayed throughout the weekend.

The President of the ABOTA Foundation, Mr. John Kim stated, "This has the potential for a nationwide impact that will help preserve the 7th amendment, judicial independence and rule of law for future generations."

Special appreciation to Adjunct Professor Misty Deatherage who played a vital role this weekend. Congratulations to the Board of Advocates and the National Team.



CLINIC APPLICATION - SPRING 2023

The online application for all Spring 2023 Clinical courses will open

tomorrow, September 27. Earn 6 hours of academic, experiential 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/academics/clinics/>. Application link: <https://tinyurl.com/ClinicSpring2023>.



Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission. Required: Pre-Registration Session, October 12, 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. on Zoom (details on application).

A poster for a coffee run event. The background is a faded image of a white coffee trailer with a chalkboard menu and a hand holding a coffee cup. The text is in a mix of script and serif fonts.

Coffee Time!

Fuel your studying with a FREE cup of coffee from Coffee Run!

Tuesday, September 27th
9 AM - 3 PM

Located at the Dean's Parking area on Lot X

A poster for a presentation by the St. Mary's Federalist Society. It features a circular portrait of a man in a suit and tie on the left. The text is in white and light blue on a dark blue background.

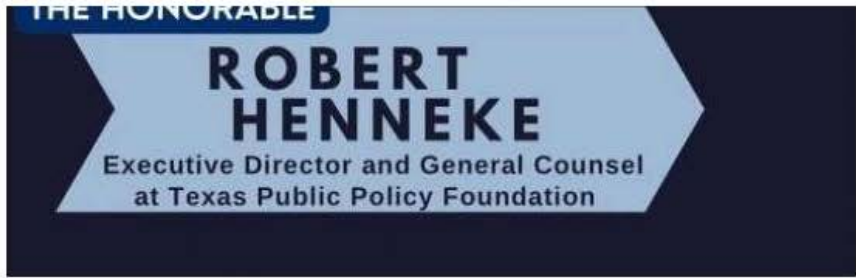
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September 29, 2022
12:20pm
Law Classroom 100

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FEDERALIST SOCIETY SPEAKER EVENT

Join the Federalist Society at their speaker event featuring Robert Henneke this week Thursday, September 29 in Law Classroom 100, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.. Free Chick-Fil-A to be served. Bring a friend!

ABA WEBINAR: MOVING FROM LAW SCHOOL STUDENT TO LAWYER



The transition from law student to lawyer presents many challenges. This roundtable will discuss several of the hot button items that a young law student will face as they transition to lawyer. These topics will help answer the questions that many law students face such as Am I Ready? Will I like my job? Will they like me? The move into the working world of a lawyer for those leaving law school may bring doubts from concerns about age, lack of experience, when to be deferential and when they should speak up. We hope at the end of the session, the lawyers will leave with many insights into how to tackle those issues from real world experiences that have been shared, allowing them to be assertive in the proper situation, present persuasive arguments both externally and internally as well as manage their day to day without feeling overwhelmed.

This webinar will take place on Thursday, September 29 at 11:00 a.m.

Please see the Events section in CORE for more information on how to join this webinar.

An advertisement for a Dean's Research Fellow position. It features a central text area with several callout boxes. At the top left, a brown arrow-shaped box contains the text "Want to improve your legal research and writing skills?". To the right is an image of a blue book with "LAW" written on it. The main heading is "Become a Dean's Research Fellow!". Below this is the text "The Dean's Research Fellows assist with a variety of legal research projects for the Dean, law faculty, and the University." Another brown arrow-shaped box contains "Rate of pay is \$12.00 per hour." Below that is the text "All 2Ls are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow." At the bottom left is an image of a stack of US dollar bills. A brown arrow-shaped box at the bottom right contains "Must be available to work a minimum of 10 and maximum 20 hours a week." At the bottom left, the word "Interested?" is written in bold. At the bottom center, it says "Submit your resume to Professor Mike Anderson at".

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Interested?

Submit your resume to Professor Mike Anderson at



MIKE MARTINEZ at
mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu and
Project Manager David Janise at
djanise@mail.stmarytx.edu

THE HON. LARRY E. KELLY BANKRUPTCY AMERICAN INN OF COURT

The members of The Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court are split into 6 pupillage teams, comprised of a mix of Masters, Barristers, Associates and Pupils from Austin and San Antonio. There are both consumer and commercial bankruptcy specialists and all the WDTX bankruptcy judges are active members. Each pupillage team is assigned one presentation per year. Our meetings are held in Austin, San Antonio and San Marcos (and sometimes virtually).

Dues are waived for law students. Because there are both an Austin and San Antonio Inn of Court, typically there are law students from both St. Mary's and UT law schools. You will find our meetings to be both educational and fun. There are six meetings (usually September, October, January, February, March and April) beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour (half hour actually), followed by an hour of CLE/educational programming. These meetings are generally interactive. Interested students may email Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com.

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Pathways to the Profession: Intellectual Property Law**, Wednesday, September 28 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, September 29 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **LinkedIn Workshop**, Tuesday, October 4 at 12:30 p.m., LL217
- **Pathways to the Profession: Business/Corporate Law**, Wednesday, October 5 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Student-2-Student Panel: Big Law**, Thursday, October 6 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, October 6 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy



Attention 1Ls

Schedule your mandatory 1L advising appointment in CORE today. 1L appointments are from October 3, 2022 until November 11, 2022.

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



RESEARCH AND WRITING PROJECTS RELATED TO:

- LEGAL EDUCATION
- THE NEXT GENERATION BAR EXAM
- VOTING RIGHTS OF PUERTO RICAN RESIDENTS AND OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES
- OTHER AREAS OF LAW

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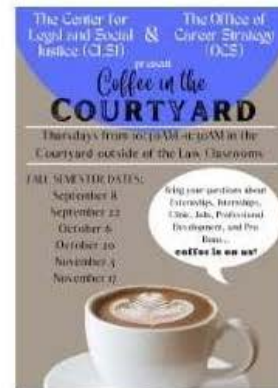
Do you have an interest in research and writing? The Office of Law Success is hiring one Research Assistant (RA) who will assist with research and writing related to legal education, the bar exam, and other areas of law. This position will have a special emphasis on the voting rights of Puerto Rican residents and other United States territories as well as developments from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) regarding the upcoming changes to the bar exam.

If you are interested in this position, please send an email to Assistant Dean Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu with a copy of your resume at your earliest convenience.



COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) and Office of Career Strategy (OCS) for Coffee in the Courtyard every other Thursday from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. We will be there **October 6**. Enjoy some iced coffee and bring your questions about upcoming Pro Bono opportunities, Spring Clinic applications, Externship, professional development, and networking.



1L WORKSHOP SERIES: TAKING THE OUTLINE ON A TEST DRIVE

Now that you've had some experience outlining your course material, it's time to learn how to use them effectively as a study tool. Learn how to use your outlines as an aid in rule memory and practice.



A session for Sections A, B, and C will be held in-person on **Thursday, September 29, 2022**. A session for Section O will be held online via Zoom on **Saturday, October 1, 2022**.

Please consult the below graphic for full details. <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/>

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Sections A, B, and C:

Thursday, September 29

12:30 PM - 1:20 PM

Law Classroom Building 105

Section O:

Saturday, October 1

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM

Link at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/>



OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY

Attention 1Ls

Schedule your mandatory 1L advising appointment today in CORE.

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LUNCH WITH A (BUSINESS) LITIGATOR

Business Law Society (BLS) presents "Lunch with a (Business) Litigator" on **Tuesday, October 4, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.** in the Atrium of the Law Administration building. BLS is hosting Jane Bockus from Dykema Gossett to speak to the membership. Jane will talk about her non-traditional path to being a litigator, what business litigation involves, and how to prepare for a trial.



Lunch with a (Business) Litigator

Speakers:
• Jane Bockus, Partner, Dykema Gossett
• [Name obscured], [Title obscured]
• [Name obscured], [Title obscured]
• [Name obscured], [Title obscured]
• [Name obscured], [Title obscured]
• [Name obscured], [Title obscured]
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Jane Bockus
Partner, Dykema

When: October 4, 12:30-1:30
Where: Atrium Inside the Law Administration Building
***Space will be limited.**

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPT. 15 TO OCT. 15, 2022

Sponsored by the Hispanic Heritage Month Committee

<p>THURSDAY, SEPT. 15</p> <p>3PM-4PM 3PM-4PM 4PM-5PM 5PM-6PM</p> <p>FRIDAY, SEPT. 16</p> <p>9AM-10AM 10AM-11AM 11AM-12PM 12PM-1PM 1PM-2PM 2PM-3PM 3PM-4PM 4PM-5PM</p> <p>MONDAY, SEPT. 19</p> <p>9AM-10AM 10AM-11AM 11AM-12PM 12PM-1PM 1PM-2PM 2PM-3PM 3PM-4PM 4PM-5PM</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21</p> <p>9AM-10AM 10AM-11AM 11AM-12PM 12PM-1PM 1PM-2PM 2PM-3PM 3PM-4PM 4PM-5PM</p> <p>THURSDAY, SEPT. 22</p> <p>9AM-10AM 10AM-11AM 11AM-12PM 12PM-1PM 1PM-2PM 2PM-3PM 3PM-4PM 4PM-5PM</p>	<p>FRIDAY, SEPT. 23</p> <p>9AM-10AM 10AM-11AM 11AM-12PM 12PM-1PM 1PM-2PM 2PM-3PM 3PM-4PM 4PM-5PM</p> <p>SUNDAY, SEPT. 25</p> <p>9AM-10AM 10AM-11AM 11AM-12PM 12PM-1PM 1PM-2PM 2PM-3PM 3PM-4PM 4PM-5PM</p> <p>TUESDAY, SEPT. 27</p> <p>9AM-10AM 10AM-11AM 11AM-12PM 12PM-1PM 1PM-2PM 2PM-3PM 3PM-4PM 4PM-5PM</p>	<p>THURSDAY, SEPT. 29</p> <p>9AM-10AM 10AM-11AM 11AM-12PM 12PM-1PM 1PM-2PM 2PM-3PM 3PM-4PM 4PM-5PM</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5</p> <p>9AM-10AM 10AM-11AM 11AM-12PM 12PM-1PM 1PM-2PM 2PM-3PM 3PM-4PM 4PM-5PM</p> <p>SATURDAY, OCT. 8 AND SUNDAY, OCT. 9</p> <p>9AM-10AM 10AM-11AM 11AM-12PM 12PM-1PM 1PM-2PM 2PM-3PM 3PM-4PM 4PM-5PM</p> <p>THURSDAY, OCT. 13</p> <p>9AM-10AM 10AM-11AM 11AM-12PM 12PM-1PM 1PM-2PM 2PM-3PM 3PM-4PM 4PM-5PM</p>
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St. Mary's University
Visit the University calendar for more details.

GRADUATE LAW RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Graduate Law Office 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 Office and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the below job description for application instructions.

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FGP will be hosting weekly study hours to help members with all 1L subjects starting on 8/29/2022.

Sign up here!

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SHIRTS FOR SALE!

Do you have nieces/nephews, siblings, grandkids or kids? Check out these adorable shirts from Parents in Law United for Support (PLUS)!

Don't know any kids to rep SML? No problem! We have adult shirts available too! Reach out with any questions to Monica Palma at mpalma@mail.stmarytx.edu

Sizes:
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GETTING READY FOR THE MPRE

Are you planning to take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) soon? If so, the Office of Law Success invites you to attend an informational session to learn more about the exam, what to expect, and how to prepare for it. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you have regarding the MPRE. If you plan to attend virtually, the Zoom link can be found at: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>



Getting Ready for the MPRE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

LC105

This session will be in-person and live via Zoom at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>




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FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

If you are graduating in December, you may be planning to sit for the upcoming Bar Exam in February 2023. Our Raise the Bar team stands ready to walk with you as you prepare for the exam. We invite you to attend an informational session and learn more about the bar exam, study planning, and other important items to consider. If you plan to attend via Zoom, you may access the Zoom link at the following site: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

TAKING THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM?

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022
12:00 - 12:50 PM

LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 103 & LIVE VIA ZOOM
@ <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Join us to discuss the exam, study planning, and other important reminders.



RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2023 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

If you are scheduled to sit for the February 2023 Bar Exam, you are encouraged to maximize your success on the exam by participating in the Raise the Bar program. Enrolled participants will receive benefits such as an assigned coach, informational sessions, simulated practice opportunities, individualized guidance, and exclusive resources. Enroll today for the Winter 2023 administration of the Raise the Bar program. The program will begin in December 2022. For more information visit, <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>, https://stmarys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ukMdjGeDw6p7rU or contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

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REGISTER FOR RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2022

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PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



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In addition to separate graduate and law degrees, the Law School and the Graduate Studies also offer a joint program of studies leading to degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) and Master programs.



Contact Graduate Admission 210.436.3126 or email graduate@stmarytx.edu.

SAN ANTONIO BAR AUXILIARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation is providing a \$2500 scholarship to be used for tuition and fees. The requirements to apply are as follows:



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. A financial need should be demonstrated.

If you are interested in applying, please send a resume and a short cover letter directly to Professor Dave Hague: dhague@stmarytx.edu. Please title the subject line of your email: "SABA Application." All applications must be received by **October 19, 2022**.

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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

2022 ABA Public Contract Law Section Writing Competition. Various cash awards. Find more details on the writing competition rules and entry form, on the [awards](#) page. Deadline to apply is 09/30/2022.

The Bankruptcy Law Section for the State Bar of Texas is offering the BLS Diversity Scholarship. \$2,500. Apply here: <https://statebaroftexasbankruptcy.com/resources/Documents/Diversity%20and%20Inclusion%20Committee%20Scholarship%20Application%20-%202022%20-%20fillable.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 10/14/2022.

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute, \$5,000 scholarship for a 3L student. [Click here for the application](#). Deadline to apply is 12/20/2022.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Thursday, November 10, 2022**.

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

the sender email account to not an acceptable excuse for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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/administrationfinance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its COVID-19 guidance for quarantine and isolation. St. Mary's will continue to follow [CDC guidance](#) using these new updates for students and employees who are ill or exposed to COVID-19.



The primary change in the guidance is that after two negative COVID-19 tests after Day 5 of isolation, you may return to work/class while continuing to wear your mask through Day 10. employees and students should test twice after Day 5 and report those results before returning to work or classes.

Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should self-report to the [Student Health Center](#) and follow protocols for isolation and quarantine. The SHC will notify the law school Administration, who in turn will ask faculty to provide recordings for missed classes for the period of official COVID quarantine. Any class absences during official University-sanctioned quarantine will not count towards attendance policies.

- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University accommodation.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Nutrient Dense Green Smoothie

Take a look at these green smoothie recipes. The no. 4 is awesome!

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



Recipe by: Kitty Clemens

Source and Photo Credit: Karen Reed, Ph.D., <https://www.positivehealthwellness.com>

RATTLER HELPLINE

The Rattler Helpline is a 24/7 Support Line - mental health support is available 24/7/365. Call 210.825.3622.

Visit the Wellness Hub for mental health and wellness articles, videos and self help tools at rattlerhelpline.com

Additional support options for St. Mary's University students now available through the Counseling Center. Start prioritizing yourself today!

Student Counseling Center

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

Center for Life Directions

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

counseling@stmarytx.edu

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

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP Website information:

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



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

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

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke
Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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

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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish

11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English

8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy


*Adoration
and
Confession*

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

 **ST. MARY'S
UNIVERSITY** | The Catholic and
Marinist University

The poster features a dark blue background with white and gold text. To the right of the text is a vertical strip of abstract art with geometric shapes in blue, yellow, red, and orange. At the bottom left is the St. Mary's University logo and name, followed by the tagline 'The Catholic and Marinist University'.

Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit



...and more. What career path is the right one for you?

Still deciding what area of law you want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your resume and professional network by joining the nation's largest association of legal professionals.

Invest in Yourself. Join the ABA.

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.

"The ABA has been paramount in kick-starting my legal career."

CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law



See What Student Membership Means For You



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Choose From Two Types of Membership

Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

MEMBERSHIP	MEMBER	PREMIUM
Access to the Digital Platform	✓	✓
Exclusive discounts on Themis, Statutes, Rules, and JD Advising bar prep (save up to \$500)	✓	✓
ABA Legal Ethics Basics (\$20 Value)	✓	✓
ABA Student Leadership & Connection Opportunities	✓	✓
Save 20% on West Academic Casebooks & Study Guides	✓	✓
Themis Law School Reference Package: Key Concept Sheets, legal terminology BSS, and interview/finance tool	✓	✓
\$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam prep materials	✓	✓
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	✓
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	✓
Themis Law School Reference Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted by the student prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, seminars, and e-books	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 6 courses (\$200 Value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	90 days	30 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer Magazine & Blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$75 Value)	Free & Digital	Print & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓

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ABA Bar Prep Program Premium Members Only



- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
 - Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages
- Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, legal terminology info, essay exam roadmaps, and the like.



- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review



- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course



- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses



Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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ANNOUNCING YOUR NEW PRO BONO PROGRAM TEAM

We are thrilled to welcome back to St. Mary's Law Stephanie Harlien, J.D. (L'18) as our new Director of Pro Bono Programs. Stephanie joins us from Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, where she served as a staff attorney in Corpus Christi, as well as a director for TRLA's Legal Aid for Survivors of Sexual Assault (LASSA) project. An accomplished attorney, counselor, and advocate, Stephanie brings with her a wealth of knowledge: not only of the practice of public interest law, but also of the San Antonio and Texas legal community.

Stephanie's time as a student at St. Mary's Law fully incorporated social justice into her legal education. As a former student attorney for the Civil Justice Clinic, student coordinator for the Pro Bono Program, and staff writer for *The Scholar*, Stephanie understands the impact that participation in social justice work can make not only on students' educations, but also on our communities. Stephanie is ready to provide counsel, guidance, and leadership to our School as we continue to grow the opportunities available to law students to engage in meaningful, justice-centered work.

We are also excited to share that Rory De Los Santos (C'20) has begun her work as the new Program Assistant for the Pro Bono Program and the Center for Legal and Social Justice. An alumna of St. Mary's University, Rory previously served as a City Year AmeriCorps team member in San Antonio's West Side. As an undergraduate, Rory served as a work-study employee with the Identification Recovery Program, working alongside staff and students to assist unhoused San Antonians at Haven for Hope. Rory will support students, staff, and faculty across the Pro Bono, Externship, and Clinical programs.

As many of you know, Greg Zlotnick will be staying at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. He will be serving as a supervising attorney for our expanded Housing Rights Project in the Consumer Protection Clinic, where he will also serve as a Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor. He is grateful to have had the chance to serve you as the supervisor for the Pro Bono Program for the past 8 years, and is excited to see the program continue to grow.

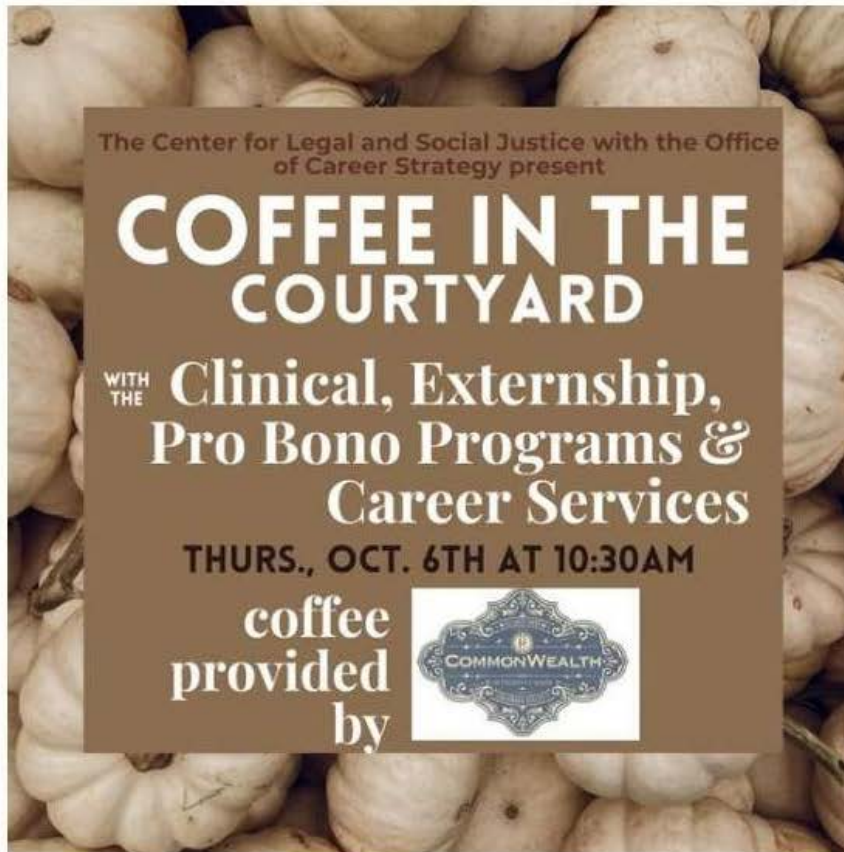
Stephanie and Rory will now be your points of contact for all matters pertaining to the Pro Bono Program, including the Public Service Graduation Requirement. Service hour tracking forms will

now be sent to sharlien@stmarytx.edu, and at rdelossantos13@stmarytx.edu. Do not hesitate to contact them with any questions, ideas, thoughts, or goals you may have. We are certain that Stephanie and Rory will enrich our School of Law's already-deep commitment to the common good. We are grateful that they have chosen to continue their public interest careers in these roles in our community.

Please give them a warm welcome when you see them on campus in the coming days and weeks!

LUNCH WITH A (BUSINESS) LITIGATOR

Business Law Society (BLS) presents "Lunch with a (Business) Litigator on **Tuesday, October 4**, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in the Atrium of the Law Administration building. BLS is hosting Jane Bockus from Dykema Gossett to speak to the membership. Jane will talk about her non-traditional path to being a litigator, what business litigation involves, and how to prepare for a trial.

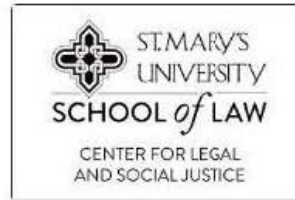


COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) and Office of Career Strategy (OCS) for Coffee in the Courtyard every other Thursday from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. We will be there **October 6**. Enjoy some iced coffee and bring your questions about upcoming Pro Bono opportunities, Spring Clinic applications, Externship, professional development, and networking.

CLINIC APPLICATION - SPRING 2023

The online application for all Spring 2023 Clinical courses is open! Earn 6 hours of academic, experiential 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/academics/clinics/>.



Application link: <https://tinyurl.com/ClinicSpring2023>.

Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission.

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **LinkedIn Workshop**, Tuesday, October 4 at 12:30 p.m., LL217
- **Pathways to the Profession: Business/Corporate Law**, Wednesday, October 5 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Student-2-Student Panel: Big Law**, Thursday, October 6 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, October 6 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Big Law Boot Camp**, Tuesday, October 11 and Thursday, October 13 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **Pathways to the Profession: Big Law**, Wednesday, October 12 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, October 13 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy



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

Updated on Sept. 28th

Nonprofits

- Texas Advocacy Project
- RAICES
- Trinity University
- Texas RioGrande Legal Services
- Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Texas Public Policy Foundation
- MALDEF

Spring Externships

In-House Counsel

- CentroMed
- CPS Energy
- Spurs Sports & Entertainment
- San Antonio Board of Realtors
- Easy Expunctions

Government

- Bexar County DA
- Comal County DA
- Medina County DA
- Nueces County DA
- 81st Judicial DA
- Tx. Atty. General- Consumer Protection
- UTSA EOS/Title IX
- Texas State University Attorney for Students
- City of Austin Law Department

Book Appointment with Director Rivas

Most Deadlines Oct. 13th

More details on CORE postings!

SPRING EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Find great postings that are eligible for our Spring Externship course on CORE!
Book an appointment with Director Rivas on CORE to discuss joining the spring or summer Externship course. You can also learn more about placement/supervisor eligibility and how to find a placement for Externship our website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/center-legal-social-justice/practice-credit-program/>

**A CONVERSATION
ABOUT
AFGHANISTAN**
PERSPECTIVE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ATTORNEY
HUMAIRA AMEER RASULI

Join WLA & MESA in welcoming Professor Rasuli to learn more about the situation in Afghanistan and how you can help. Lunch will be provided & the event is also approved for one law school pro bono hour.

**October 12th
12:30 pm-1:30 pm
Law Alumni
Room & Zoom**

RSVP on RattlerTracks
<https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/6096227697>

**CELEBRATING
WOMEN**
DIRECTOR OF
MEDICA
AFGHANISTAN
Humaira Rasuli

"If we can unite, if we believe in our values and strength, there can be one who alone is..."

MAKING HISTORY

GETTING READY FOR THE MPRE

Are you planning to take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) soon? If so, the Office of Law Success invites you to attend an informational session to learn more about the exam, what to expect, and how to prepare for it. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you have regarding the MPRE. If you plan to attend virtually, the Zoom link can be found at: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>

MPRE
Multistate Professional
Responsibility Examination

**Getting Ready for
the MPRE**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

This session will be in-person and live via Zoom at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>



THE NATIONAL TEAM

OPEN TO 2L & 3L STUDENTS

 OCT. 14-15

PUT YOUR NEGOTIATION SKILLS TO THE TEST

 STMU LAW



REGISTER BY 10/7 AT 11:59 PM
 1ST COME 1ST SERVE BASIS
 16 TEAMS OF 2 NEEDED



CAREER SUCCESS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

HOSTED BY STATE BAR OF TEXAS: TEXAS MINORITY LAW STUDENT PROGRAM (TMLs)

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

OCTOBER 14, 2022 | 12:15-2:30 PM
 LAW ALUMNI ROOM *LUNCH PROVIDED*

- ATTORNEY PANELISTS FROM AROUND TEXAS WILL SHARE CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVICE WITH ALL ST. MARY'S LAW STUDENTS.
- DETAILS ARE IN THE EVENTS TAB IN CORE
- REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER BY TUESDAY OCTOBER, 11.





ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL of LAW

OFFICE OF CAREER STRATEGY

Attention 1Ls

Schedule your mandatory 1L advising appointment today in CORE.
1L appointments are from October 3, 2022, through November 11, 2022.

INNSBRUCK PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

An informational meeting for students interested in studying abroad at the University of Innsbruck, summer 2023 will be held on **Tuesday, October 18**, 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. in LC105. Lunch will be provided.

A photograph of a Red Mass ceremony taking place in a church. Priests in red vestments are gathered around an altar with a large, ornate golden tabernacle in the background.

Law students and families are invited to join us for a legacy of faith and law

70th Annual Red Mass

Thursday, Oct. 27
6 p.m.



FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

If you are graduating in December, you may be planning to sit for the upcoming Bar Exam in February 2023. Our Raise the Bar team stands ready to walk with you as you prepare for the exam. We invite you to attend an informational session and learn more about the bar exam, study planning, and other important items to consider. If you plan to attend via Zoom, you may access the Zoom link at the following site: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

TAKING THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM?

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022
12:00 - 12:50 PM
LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 103 & LIVE VIA ZOOM
@ <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Join us to discuss the exam, study planning, and other important reminders.



Now Accepting Applications for **DIVERSITY STUDENT ADR SUMMIT: ROADMAP TO A CAREER IN ADR** November 12 and 13, 2022

The American Arbitration Association® (AAA®) is the global leader in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and, as such, is committed to the growth of diversity and inclusion within the ADR field. Since 2009, the AAA's *Learn, Engage, Collaborate, & Fulfill* Program has provided training, networking, and mentorship for up- and coming diverse ADR practitioners—many of whom have advanced to appointment to the AAA Roster and have been selected to serve in cases.

THE DIVERSITY STUDENT ADR SUMMIT: As part of our ongoing commitment, the AAA is launching a 1½-day ADR Summit for diverse law students to provide an in-depth understanding of what it really takes to become a successful arbitrator and/or mediator.

Presenters will include experienced ADR professionals and litigators from various backgrounds who will outline a successful career path as an arbitrator or mediator and discuss how to avoid potential pitfalls along the way. Attendees will learn the importance of focusing on a specific industry, networking, connecting with mentors, gaining relevant experience, and building a good reputation in the field.

The program is open to diverse students. Selected applicants will receive a \$1,000 stipend to cover travel and hotel expenses to New York.

When: Saturday, November 12 & Sunday, November 13

Where: American Arbitration Association
New York, NY

TO APPLY, please provide the following materials:

- Resume
- Statement of interest
- One faculty or professional recommendation
- An essay on the future of ADR (250-500 words)



2022 Diversity ADR Summit.pdf

Roadmap to a Career in ADR

Download

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THE HON. LARRY E. KELLY BANKRUPTCY AMERICAN INN OF COURT

The members of The Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court are split into 6 pupillage teams, comprised of a mix of Masters, Barristers, Associates and Pupils from Austin and San Antonio. There are both consumer and commercial bankruptcy specialists and all the WDTX bankruptcy judges are active members. Each pupillage team is assigned one presentation per year. Our meetings are held in Austin, San Antonio and San Marcos (and sometimes virtually).

Dues are waived for law students. Because there are both an Austin and San Antonio Inn of Court, typically there are law students from both St. Mary's and UT law schools. You will find our meetings to be both educational and fun. There are six meetings (usually September, October, January, February, March and April) beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour (half hour actually), followed by an hour of CLE/educational programming. These meetings are generally interactive. Interested students may email Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com.

Want to improve your legal research and writing skills?



Become a Dean's Research Fellow!

The Dean's Research Fellows assist with a variety of legal research projects for the Dean, law faculty, and the University.

Rate of pay is \$12.00 per hour.

All 2Ls are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow.



Must be available to work a minimum of 10 and maximum 20 hours a week.

Interested?



Submit your resume to Professor Mike Martinez at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu and Project Manager David Janise at djanise@mail.stmarytx.edu


FGP Study Hours




Sign Up for Study Hours! New Link!!
Scan our QR Code or click on the link:
<https://calendly.com/fgpstmu>

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St. Mary's
School of Law
First Generation
Professionals



Sign Up



Sign Up for FGP through Rattlertracks just scan the QR Code

FGP is a student org that is dedicated to supporting First Gen Law students and students who grew up in working class/low-income communities. Non First Gen students are welcome to joining! Open to all students.

St. Mary's School of Law
Women's Law Association
Silent Auction

**Benefiting The PEARLS
Foundation
Tuesday, November 1, 2022
12pm to 7pm
Law Library Alumni Room**



RESEARCH AND WRITING PROJECTS RELATED TO:

- LEGAL EDUCATION
- THE NEXT GENERATION BAR EXAM
- VOTING RIGHTS OF PUERTO RICAN RESIDENTS AND OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES
- OTHER AREAS OF LAW

CONTACT ASSISTANT DEAN AFTON CAVANAUGH VIA EMAIL AT ACAVANAUGH1@STMARYTX.EDU TO INDICATE YOUR INTEREST ALONG WITH YOUR RESUME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

**WE ARE
HIRING
NOW**
APPLY TODAY!

Do you have an interest in research and writing? The Office of Law Success is hiring one Research Assistant (RA) who will assist with research and writing related to legal education, the bar exam, and other areas of law. This position will have a special emphasis on the voting rights of Puerto Rican residents and other United States territories as well as developments from the National Conference



of Bar Examiners (NCBE) regarding the upcoming changes to the bar exam.

If you are interested in this position, please send an email to Assistant Dean Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu with a copy of your resume at your earliest convenience.

GRADUATE LAW RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Graduate Law Office 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 Office and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the below job description for application instructions.



Graduate Law RA Job Description-Intl Programs.pdf

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Graduate Law RA Job Description.pdf

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SHIRTS FOR SALE!

Do you have nieces/nephews, siblings, grandkids or kids? Check out these adorable shirts from Parents in Law United for Support (PLUS)!

Don't know any kids to rep SML? No problem! We have adult shirts available too! Reach out with any questions to Monica Palma at mpalma@mail.stmarytx.edu

Sizes:
Youth XS-XL
Toddler 2T-5T
Infant 3mo, 6mo, 12mo, 24mo



venmo

\$20.00 each

Zelle (203)506-6511 or Venmo
w/ Kid's shirt and size



**All profits will benefit
Parents in Law United for Support**

PLUS

Kid's Shirts

\$22.50 each

Heathered Royal Blue, Extra soft material
Sizes: XS-5XL



venmo

Zelle (203) 506-6511 or Venmo w/
Shirt #1 or #2 and size

**PLUS
ADULT
SHIRTS**



All profits benefit PLUS

RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2023 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

If you are scheduled to sit for the February 2023 Bar Exam, you are encouraged to maximize your success on the exam by participating in the Raise the Bar program. Enrolled participants will receive benefits such as an assigned coach, informational sessions, simulated practice opportunities, individualized guidance, and exclusive resources. Enroll today for the Winter 2023 administration of the Raise the Bar program. The program will begin in December 2022. For more information visit, <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>, https://stmarys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ukMdjGeDw6p7rU or contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

**REACH FOR THE STARS AS YOU PREPARE FOR
THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM!**

**REGISTER FOR RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2022
TODAY!**

**EXCLUSIVE ACCESS
TO ONLINE
RESOURCES**

**INFORMATIONAL
SESSIONS**

**SIMULATED
PRACTICE**

**GUIDANCE ON
STUDY SCHEDULE
& STRATEGY**

ONE-ON-ONE COACHING

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PRO BONO PROGRAM

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COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

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Community Service Hours Tracking Form Fillable.pdf

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JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

EARN A J.D. AND A MASTER'S DEGREE SIMULTANEOUSLY

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DEGREE PROGRAMS

In addition to separate graduate and law degrees, the Law School and the Graduate Studies also offer a joint program of studies



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Students also enter a joint program of studies leading to degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) and Master programs.

Contact Graduate Admission 210.436.3126 or email graduate@stmarytx.edu.

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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.pinkerton.com/~/media/Pinkerton/2021-2022/PinkertonLawReview>

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

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

The Bankruptcy Law Section for the State Bar of Texas is offering the BLS Diversity Scholarship, \$2,500. Apply here:

<https://statebaroftexasbankruptcy.com/resources/Documents/Diversity%20and%20Inclusion%20Committee%20Scholarship%20Application%20-%202022%20-%20fillable.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 10/14/2022.

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute, \$5,000 scholarship for a 3L student. [Click here for the application](#). Deadline to apply is 12/20/2022.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Thursday, November 10, 2022**.

STUDENT E-MAIL ACCOUNTS

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INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its COVID-19 guidance for quarantine and isolation. St. Mary's will continue to follow [CDC guidance](#) using these new updates for students and employees who are ill or exposed to COVID-19.



The primary change in the guidance is that after two negative COVID-19 tests after Day 5 of isolation, you may return to work/class while continuing to wear your mask through Day 10. employees and students should test twice after Day 5 and report those results before returning to work or classes.

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Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should self-report to the [Student Health Center](#) and follow protocols for isolation and quarantine. The SHC will notify the law school Administration, who in turn will ask faculty to provide recordings for missed classes for the period of official COVID quarantine. Any class absences during official University-sanctioned quarantine will not count towards attendance policies.

- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University accommodation.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Lemon Chicken with Orzo

Try this light, yet filling dish!

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

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FEELING BURNT OUT, ANXIOUS OR DEPRESSED?

Start prioritizing yourself with Rattler Helpline. Get in the moment support or therapy. Call the 24/7 Support Line at 210.825.3622.

For mental health articles, videos and more, visit the Wellness Hub at rattlerhelpline.com or scan the QR code.

Student Counseling Center

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

Center for Life Directions

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

counseling@stmarytx.edu

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

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP Website information:

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

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

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



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke
Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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

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



SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish

11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English

8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

A vertical poster for 'Adoration and Confession'. The left side has a dark blue background with white and gold text. The right side features a colorful abstract painting of a hand holding a glowing orb. At the bottom left is the St. Mary's University logo and name.

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy


*Adoration
and
Confession*

**Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel**

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

 **ST. MARY'S
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An advertisement for the ABA Career Center. It features a photograph of three students (two men and one woman) looking at a laptop. The text is on a dark blue background on the left.

**Prepare for your
legal career**

As a member of the ABA, you get
access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you.

Still deciding what area of law you
want to pursue?

**Invest in Yourself.
Join the ABA.**

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.



See What Student Membership Means For You

“The ABA has been paramount in kick-starting my legal career.”

CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law

Build your resume and professional network by joining the nation's largest association of legal professionals.



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Choose From Two Types of Membership

Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

BENEFITS	PREMIUM	FREE
After the Bar Digital Publications	✓	
Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (Save up to \$500)	✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Binder (\$100 value)	✓	
ABA National Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 50% on West Academic Casebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Essentials Package (Key Cases, one-shets, legal terminology lists, and online research tool)	✓	
\$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package (An additional support during bar exam prep)	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package (An additional support during law school)	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 50% on JD Advising's one-shets, seminars, and guides	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 8L courses (\$20.99 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Good Plan Plus Trial (Save up to \$75)	90 days	All days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Review Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 3-day Plus Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer Magazine & Blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$75 value)	Print & Digital	Print & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓

ABA Bar Prep Program Premium Members Only

Themis Bar Review

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
 - Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages
- Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam materials, and the like.

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

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- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
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Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center, which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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





NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM RECOGNIZED FOR TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

This past weekend, the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team competed in the 16th 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 Kathryn Cantu (3L) and Haley Harvey (3L) and Nadine Cox (2L), Emily Mann (2L) and Layne Mustian (2L) participated on behalf of St. Mary's, competing against a field of 30 teams and nearly 75 advocates** from all over the United States.



BOTH St. Mary's teams broke to the elimination rounds of the tournament. In their first competition as members of the Moot Court Team, Cox / Mann / Mustian reached the Top-16 round at the tournament, while Cantu / Harvey made it to the Round of Eight before losing to the eventual tournament champion. In addition to their team success, **Haley Harvey was recognized as a Top-5 oralist and Nadine Cox had a Top-10 brief.** CRAL was the first competition of the year for the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team and team members are excited for the opportunity to build off of their successful showing at this initial tournament.

Please congratulate these amazing advocates for their achievements this weekend!

BIG WEEKEND FOR THE NATIONAL TEAM

All Star Competitions

This past weekend the National team hosted the *All Star National* and *All Star Bracket* competitions. These competitions are held completely online with 179 trial rounds, with 360 student advocates, 1,176 Judges and too many volunteers to count. The Board of Advocates once again took the nation into their hands with teams



from 34 states, one district and one territory represented. Once again our Board Chair Arieana Martinez, Vice Chair Kim Reese and Tournament Director James Toye did an amazing job planning and hosting the competition. The tournament committee consisted of Liz Haratsis, Caitlin Hennessy, Sophia Richardson, Jenny Shamoon and Savina Tapia. Nearly every member of the BOA took part, even while they were away on vacation. The tournament continues next month with the National Finals taking place in Gulfport, Florida. Congratulations to the Board of Advocates for a beautifully run tournament.

Best of the Best

The National Trial Team participated in the **All Star National Challenge**. Members of the Trial Team 2L class represented St. Mary's. **Jayden Cool, Jonathan Delgado and Victoria Garza** did an excellent job. So much so, that **Jayden Cool** scored the highest points amongst all competitors, just one point shy of a perfect score and was named the **All Star Best Advocate**. Congratulations to the team and to Jayden. This is the first time a St. Mary's student has won this award.

Organizational Moot Court Impresses at Tang

Last week, the Organizational Moot Court Team competed in the Southwest Regional *Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition*, sponsored by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. 3Ls Daisy Ramirez and Savina Tapia, coached by Nadeen Abou-Hossa, reached the semi-final rounds of the competition and represented St. Mary's well. The students are now waiting to find out if they will compete in the National Rounds in Las Vegas in November. Please congratulate these amazing advocates for their achievements last week and wish them luck getting to finals.

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CAN DRIVE COMPETITION

OCTOBER 10 - OCTOBER 14 AT 12:00 PM

WHO WIN?



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MONETARY DONATIONS ARE WELCOME
THE WINNING RSO WILL RECEIVE A SOCIAL HOSTED BY SR. GRACE

The background of the poster is a teal color with a repeating pattern of various canned food items, including soups, beans, and pasta, in different colors and orientations.

FOOD DONATIONS

San Antonio FOOD BANK
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Fighting Hunger...Feeding Hope

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San Antonio Food Bank
5200 Enrique M. Barrera Pkwy, San Antonio, TX 78227
210-337-3653 | fooddrives@safbank.org

A CONVERSATION ABOUT AFGHANISTAN

PERSPECTIVE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ATTORNEY

HUMAIRA AMEER RASULI

Join WLA & MESA in welcoming Professor Rasuli to learn more about the situation in Afghanistan and how you can help. Lunch will be provided & the event is also approved for one law school pro bono hour.

October 12th
12:30 pm-1:30 pm
Law Alumni
Room & Zoom

RSVP on Rattler Tracks
<https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/6996227697>



APALSA - MISS TEXAS

You are invited to join APALSA on **Thursday, October 13, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.** in the Law Alumni Room as they feature Averie Bishop and her story as the first Asian American Miss Texas. For more information please contact Falak Momin at fmomin@mail.stmarytx.edu.



CLINIC APPLICATION - SPRING 2023

The online application for all Spring 2023 Clinical courses is open!

Earn 6 hours of academic, experiential 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/academics/clinics/>. Application link: <https://tinyurl.com/ClinicSpring2023>.

Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission! Required Pre-Registration Session, Oct. 26, 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. on Zoom (details on application).



OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Big Law Boot Camp**, Tuesday, October 11 and Thursday, October 13 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **Pathways to the Profession: Big Law**, Wednesday, October 12 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, October 13 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Pathways to the Profession: Wills & Estates**, Wednesday, October 19 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Student-2-Student Panel: Private Sector**, Thursday, October 20 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, October 20 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy



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

GETTING READY FOR THE MPRE

Are you planning to take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) soon? If so, the Office of Law Success invites you to attend an informational session to learn more about the exam, what to expect, and how to prepare for it. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you have regarding the MPRE. If you plan to attend virtually, the Zoom link can be found at: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>

MPRE[®]
Multistate Professional
Responsibility Examination



Getting Ready for the MPRE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

LC105

This session will be in-person and live via Zoom at
<https://sites.stmarytx.edu/lawsuccess/mpre/>



THE NATIONAL TEAM

OPEN TO 2L & 3L STUDENTS



OCT. 14-15

PUT YOUR
NEGOTIATION
SKILLS TO THE TEST



STMU LAW



REGISTER BY 10/7 AT 11:59 PM
1ST COME 1ST SERVE BASIS
16 TEAMS OF 2 NEEDED



CAREER SUCCESS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

HOSTED BY STATE BAR OF TEXAS: TEXAS MINORITY LAW STUDENT PROGRAM (TMLSP)

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

OCTOBER 14, 2022 | 12:15-2:30 PM

LAW ALUMNI ROOM

LUNCH PROVIDED

- ATTORNEY PANELISTS FROM AROUND TEXAS WILL SHARE CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVICE WITH ALL ST. MARY'S LAW STUDENTS.
- DETAILS ARE IN THE EVENTS TAB IN CORE
- REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER BY TUESDAY OCTOBER, 11.



Updated on Sept. 28th

Nonprofits

- Texas Advocacy Project
- RAICES
- Trinity University
- Texas RioGrande Legal Services
- Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Texas Public Policy Foundation
- MALDEF

Spring Externships

In-House Counsel

- CentroMed
- CPS Energy
- Spurs Sports & Entertainment
- San Antonio Board of Realtors
- Easy Expunctions

Government

- Bexar County DA
- Comal County DA
- Medina County DA
- Nueces County DA
- 81st Judicial DA
- Tx. Atty. General- Consumer Protection
- UTSA EOS/Title IX
- Texas State University Attorney for Students
- City of Austin Law Department

Book Appointment with Director Rivas

Most Deadlines Oct. 13th

More details on CORE postings!

SPRING EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Find great postings that are eligible for our Spring Externship course on CORE!

Book an appointment with Director Rivas on CORE to discuss joining the spring or summer Externship course. You can also learn more about placement/supervisor eligibility and how to find a placement for Externship our website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/center-legal-social-justice/practice-credit-program/>

INNSBRUCK PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

An informational meeting for students interested in studying abroad at the University of Innsbruck, summer 2023 will be held on **Tuesday, October 18, 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.** in LC105. Lunch will be provided.



COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Did you miss us last week?

Don't worry, join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) and Office of Career Strategy (OCS) for Coffee in the Courtyard every other Thursday from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Our next date is **October 20, 2022.**

Enjoy some iced coffee and bring your questions about upcoming PB opportunities, Spring Clinic applications, Externship, Professional Development, and Networking.



1L WORKSHOP SERIES: PIVOTING AFTER MIDTERMS - DEALING WITH THE FEAR FACTOR

Were your midterms eerily different from what you were accustomed to? Were the expectations frightening or cause confusion? If so, be sure to join us for this 1L Workshop on October 20, 12:30 - 1:20 p.m. in LC105.

Professor Duke will provide strategies on how to evaluate your performance on midterms and use feedback as a growth opportunity in preparation for Final Exams. She will also provide strategies on how to become more familiar with exams in law school and how you can face any fears or concerns you may have.

Don't miss out. Get here early to grab some Halloween treats!



Trick or Treat... This Information Can't Be Beat

1L WORKSHOP SERIES: PIVOTING AFTER MIDTERMS - DEALING WITH THE FEAR FACTOR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20
12:30 PM - 1:20 PM
LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 105

VALUABLE STRATEGIES TO MOVE FORWARD & FREE HALLOWEEN TREATS

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Tuesday 10/25/22
12:30pm-1:30pm
Law Admin Building:
Atrium
Registration in

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THE BUSINESS WEEK EXPERIENCE 2022

You are invited to join the Greehey School of Business as they introduce The Business Week Experience 2022, a newly refreshed take on the long tradition of Business Week at St. Mary's University. View the [Business Week Experience webpage](#) for the full schedule, including locations.



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CAREER STRATEGY

Attention 1Ls

Schedule your mandatory 1L advising appointment today in CORE.
1L appointments are from October 3, 2022, through November 11, 2022.

LAW COMMUNICATIONS - STUDENT ASSISTANT JOB POSITION

The Associate Director of Law Communications is looking for a current 2 or 3L student to assist with promoting awareness about the School of Law primarily through various social media channels, including Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Duties include: creating social media content, shooting and editing video, reviewing analytics, providing real-time coverage of events, participating in trainings, and other duties as assigned.

The student assistant must be able to dedicate between 10 and 20 hours per week.

Interested applicants should submit a résumé and general cover letter by November 15 to Letty





Law students and families are invited to join us for a legacy of faith and law

**70th
Annual
Red Mass**

Thursday, Oct. 27
6 p.m.
San Fernando Cathedral

THE EVENT WILL ALSO BE LIVESTREAMED.
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT SAN FERNANDO HALL.

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

If you are graduating in December, you may be planning to sit for the upcoming Bar Exam in February 2023. Our Raise the Bar team stands ready to walk with you as you prepare for the exam. We invite you to attend an informational session and learn more about the bar exam, study planning, and other important items to consider. If you plan to attend via Zoom, you may access the Zoom link at the following site: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

TAKING THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM?

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022
12:00 - 12:50 PM
LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 103 & LIVE VIA ZOOM
@ <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Join us to discuss the exam, study planning, and other important reminders.



STATE BAR OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

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Thursday, November 3, 2022 | 3:00-6:30 p.m.
Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas

Free for law students!

- CONNECT WITH PRACTICING ATTORNEYS
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RSVP deadline: Oct. 21

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DIVERSITY STUDENT ADR SUMMIT: ROADMAP TO A CAREER IN ADR

November 12 and 13, 2022

The American Arbitration Association® (AAA®) is the global leader in alternative dispute resolution (ADR), and as such, is committed to the growth of diversity and inclusion within the ADR field. Since 2009, the AAA A. Lee Robinson, Jr. Fellows Program has provided training, networking, and mentorship for up-and-coming diverse-ADR practitioners—many of whom have advanced to appointment to the AAA Roster and have been selected to serve in cases.

THE DIVERSITY STUDENT ADR SUMMIT: As part of our ongoing commitment, the AAA is launching a 10-day ADR Summit for diverse law students to provide an in-depth understanding of what it really takes to become a successful arbitrator and/or mediator.

Presenters will include experienced ADR professionals and litigators from various backgrounds who will outline a successful career path as an arbitrator or mediator and discuss how to avoid potential pitfalls along the way. Attendees will learn the importance of focusing on a specific industry, networking, connecting with mentors, gaining relevant experience, and building a good reputation in the field.

The program is open to diverse students. Selected applicants will receive a \$1,200 stipend to cover travel and hotel expenses to New York.

When: Saturday, November 12 & Sunday, November 13

Where: American Arbitration Association
New York, NY

TO APPLY, please provide the following materials:

- Resume
- Statement of interest
- One faculty or professional recommendation
- An essay on the future of ADR (300-500 words)

Application Deadline: October 14, 2022

Send Applications to: Maggie.Lewski@JLAA.org



2022 Diversity ADR Summit.pdf

Roadmap to a Career in ADR

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THE HON. LARRY E. KELLY BANKRUPTCY AMERICAN INN OF COURT

The members of The Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court are split into 6 pupillage

teams, comprised of a mix of Masters, Barristers, Associates and Pupils from Austin and San Antonio. There are both consumer and commercial bankruptcy specialists and all the WDTX bankruptcy judges are active members. Each pupillage team is assigned one presentation per year. Our meetings are held in Austin, San Antonio and San Marcos (and sometimes virtually).

Dues are waived for law students. Because there are both an Austin and San Antonio Inn of Court, typically there are law students from both St. Mary's and UT law schools. You will find our meetings to be both educational and fun. There are six meetings (usually September, October, January, February, March and April) beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour (half hour actually), followed by an hour of CLE/educational programming. These meetings are generally interactive. Interested students may email Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com.

Want to improve your legal research and writing skills?



Become a Dean's Research Fellow!

The Dean's Research Fellows assist with a variety of legal research projects for the Dean, law faculty, and the University.

Rate of pay is \$12.00 per hour.

All 2Ls are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow.



Must be available to work a minimum of 10 and maximum 20 hours a week.

Interested?



Submit your resume to Professor Mike Martinez at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu and Project Manager David Janise at djanise@mail.stmarytx.edu



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through
Rattlertracks just
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Sign Up



FGP is a student org that is dedicated to supporting First Gen Law students and students who grew up in working class/low-income communities. Non First Gen students are welcome to joining! Open to all students.

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Nov. 1, 2022 -- 12PM-7PM



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RESEARCH AND WRITING PROJECTS RELATED TO:

- LEGAL EDUCATION
- THE NEXT GENERATION BAR EXAM
- VOTING RIGHTS OF PUERTO RICAN RESIDENTS AND OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES
- OTHER AREAS OF LAW

CONTACT ASSISTANT DEAN AFTON CAVANAUGH VIA EMAIL AT ACAVANAUGH1@STMARYTX.EDU TO INDICATE YOUR INTEREST ALONG WITH YOUR RESUME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

**WE ARE
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NOW**

APPLY TODAY!

Do you have an interest in research and writing? The Office of Law Success is hiring one Research Assistant (RA) who will assist with research and writing related to legal education, the bar exam, and other areas of law. This position will have a special emphasis on the voting rights of Puerto Rican residents and other United States territories as well as developments from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) regarding the upcoming changes to the bar exam.

If you are interested in this position, please send an email to Assistant Dean Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu with a copy of your resume at your earliest convenience.



GRADUATE LAW RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Graduate Law Office 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 Office and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the below job description for application instructions.



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SHIRTS FOR SALE!

Do you have nieces/nephews, siblings, grandkids or kids? Check out these adorable shirts from Parents in Law United for Support (PLUS)!

Don't know any kids to rep SML? No problem! We have adult shirts available too! Reach out with any questions to Monica Palma at mpalma@mail.stmarytx.edu

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RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2023 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

If you are scheduled to sit for the February 2023 Bar Exam, you are encouraged to maximize your success on the exam by participating in the Raise the Bar program. Enrolled participants will receive benefits such as an assigned coach, informational sessions, simulated practice opportunities, individualized guidance, and exclusive resources. Enroll today for the Winter 2023 administration of the Raise the Bar program. The program will begin in December 2022. For more information visit, <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>, https://stmarys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ukMdjGeDw6p7rU or contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

REACH FOR THE STARS AS YOU PREPARE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM!

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& STRATEGY

ONE-ON-ONE COACHING

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Program
Begins in
December
2022

REGISTER HERE



PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Community Service Hours Tracking Form Fillable.pdf

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

The Bankruptcy Law Section for the State Bar of Texas is offering the BLS Diversity Scholarship. \$2,500. Apply here:

<https://statebaroftexasbankruptcy.com/resources/Documents/Diversity%20and%20Inclusion%20Committee%20Scholarship%20Application%20-%202022%20-%20fillable.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 10/14/2022.

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute, \$5,000 scholarship for a 3L student. [Click here for the application](#). Deadline to apply is 12/20/2022.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Thursday, November 10, 2022**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its COVID-19 guidance for quarantine and isolation. St. Mary's will continue to follow [CDC guidance](#) using these new updates for students and employees who are ill or exposed to COVID-19.



The primary change in the guidance is that after two negative COVID-19 tests after Day 5 of isolation, you may return to work/class while continuing to wear your mask through Day 10. employees and students should test twice after Day 5 and report those results before returning to work or classes.

Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should self-report to the [Student Health Center](#) and follow protocols for isolation and quarantine. The SHC will notify the law school Administration, who in turn will ask faculty to provide recordings for missed classes for the period of official COVID quarantine. Any class absences during official University-sanctioned quarantine will not count towards attendance policies.

- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University accommodation.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Grilled Garlic and Herb Chicken and Veggies

A quick, easy and low carb meal.

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

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FEELING BURNT OUT, ANXIOUS OR DEPRESSED?

Start prioritizing yourself with Rattler Helpline. Get in the moment support or therapy. Call the 24/7 Support Line at 210.825.3622.

For mental health articles, videos and more, visit the Wellness Hub at rattlerhelpline.com or scan the QR code.



Student Counseling Center

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

Center for Life Directions

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

counseling@stmarytx.edu

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

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP Website information:

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

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

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

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success

Raba Building, Room 108

210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support

Raba Building, Room 108

vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergencies: 24/7/365

(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

accessibility@stmarytx.edu



accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

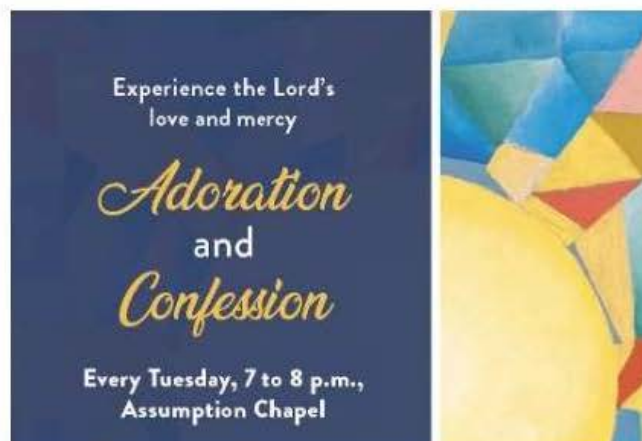
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.



Experience the Lord's
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*Adoration
and
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Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your resume and professional network by joining the nation's largest association of legal professionals.

Invest in Yourself. Join the ABA.

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.



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Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (save up to \$500)	✓	✓
ABA Legal Ethics Bundle (300 Value)	✓	✓
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	✓
Save 50% on West, Anderson, Casebooks & Study Guides	✓	✓
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Concept Sheets, legalformisology labs, and online Flashcard tool	✓	✓
\$100 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	✓
Free Law School One-Shoots for Upper-class courses	✓	✓
Themis Bar Exam Assessment Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	✓
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-shoots, seminars, and guides	✓	✓
Law School One-Shoots for all 8 courses (\$45.99 value)	✓	✓

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Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center, which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help



Organization/Program/Service	90 Days	30 Days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer Magazine 8 Free	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$75 Value)	Free 7-day	Free 7-day
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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



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WAYNE AND MAXINE SCOTT NEGOTIATIONS COMPETITION

This past weekend, the Board of Advocates hosted their final competition of the semester by hosting the Wayne and Maxine Scott Negotiations Competition.

Dominic Alves was the Tournament Director with Parker Benton, Emily Mann, Gaby Salina and Sydney Senter rounding out the tournament committee.

Cody Huttman, Fanisleidy Marin-Rodriguez, Shawn Barnett, and Miguel Gutierrez made it to the semi-finals with Cody and Fanisleidy finishing in third place. The finalists were Amy Russo and Luke Cleland. Congratulations to the tournament champions Bailey Wylie and Brandy Anderson.

The Board of Advocates would like to extend a huge thank you to judges Dr. Allen Craddock, Danica McKinney, Michael de Guzman, and Hector Martinez who shared their experiences with Professor Scott and expressed their gratitude for all of his contributions to the school and themselves.

We were honored to have Maxine Scott join us for the final round and to present the awards to the competitors. Maxine presented a few emotional and incredible stories about Professor Scott.

We look forward to hosting this competition in Professor Scott's honor for many years to come. Congratulations to everyone who made this competition possible.

INNSBRUCK INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 18
Noon to 1:15 p.m.
Law Classrooms Building, Room 105
Lunch will be provided.

Learn more about the Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck, Austria. For more information, contact Guadalupe Valdez at gvaldez@stmarytx.edu.



SAN ANTONIO BAR AUXILIARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation is providing a \$2500 scholarship to be used for tuition and fees. The requirements to apply are as follows:



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. A financial need should be demonstrated.

If you are interested in applying, please send a resume and a short cover letter directly to Professor Dave Hague: dhague@stmarytx.edu. Please title the subject line of your email: "SABA Application." All applications must be received by **October 19, 2022**.

Women's Law Association General Meeting



Guest Speaker
Attorney Samantha Alecozay

Wednesday, October 19, 2022
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
LC 101 and Zoom

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) and Office of Career Strategy (OCS) for Coffee in the Courtyard this Thursday, October 20 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Enjoy some hot coffee and bring your questions about upcoming Pro Bono opportunities, Spring Clinic applications, Externship, professional development and networking.



CLINIC APPLICATION - SPRING 2023

The online application for all Spring 2023 Clinical courses is open!

Earn 6 hours of academic, experiential 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/academics/clinics/>. Application link: <https://tinyurl.com/ClinicSpring2023>.



Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission! Required Pre-Registration Session, **October 26**, 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. on Zoom (details on application).



Save the Date

- Pathways to the Profession: Wills & Estates, Wednesday, October 19 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- Student-2-Student Panel: Private Sector, Thursday, October 20 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Popcorn Thursday, Thursday, October 20 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- Pathways to the Profession: Energy & Environmental Law (includes Oil & Gas), Wednesday, October 26 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- Popcorn Thursday, Thursday, October 27 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- Halloween Open House, Monday, October 31, time TBD, Office of Career Strategy



Judicial Clerkship Information Session

The "Judicial Clerkship Information Session" will be held on **Thursday, November 10**, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Atrium. The panel discussion, featuring the Honorable Marina Garcia Marmolejo, JD '96 and her current judicial clerks, will be a great way for 1Ls and 2Ls to learn more about post-grad clerkships, the application process, and the newly launched St. Mary's Law Judicial Clerkship Program led by Judge Garcia Marmolejo herself.

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

1L WORKSHOP SERIES: PIVOTING AFTER MIDTERMS - DEALING WITH THE FEAR FACTOR

Were your midterms eerily different from what you were accustomed to? Were the expectations frightening or cause confusion? If so, be sure to join us for this 1L Workshop on October 20, 12:30 - 1:20 p.m. in LC105.

Professor Duke will provide strategies on how to evaluate your performance on midterms and use feedback as a growth opportunity in preparation for Final Exams. She will also provide strategies on how to become more familiar with exams in law school and how you can face any fears or concerns you may have.

Don't miss out. Get here early to grab some Halloween treats!

A Halloween-themed poster for a 1L workshop. The background is dark with a full moon and a red blood splatter. The text is in white and red. The top line is in a cursive font: "Trick or treat...this Information Can't Be Beat". The main title is in red: "1L WORKSHOP SERIES: PIVOTING AFTER MIDTERMS - DEALING WITH THE FEAR FACTOR". The date and time are in white: "THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20" and "12:30 PM - 1:20 PM". The location is in white: "LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 105". At the bottom, it says "VALUABLE STRATEGIES TO MOVE FORWARD & FREE HALLOWEEN TREATS" in red. The St. Mary's University School of Law logo is in the top right corner.

Trick or treat...this Information Can't Be Beat

1L WORKSHOP SERIES: PIVOTING AFTER MIDTERMS - DEALING WITH THE FEAR FACTOR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20
12:30 PM - 1:20 PM
LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 105

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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL AT
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Ms. Pattison joined Chief Counsel in 1999 as a senior attorney, and became a manager in 2014.

JOIN US FOR A LUNCH PANEL

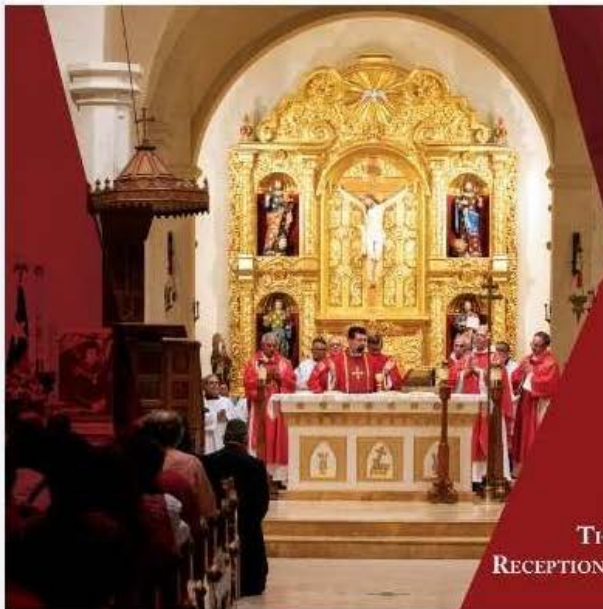
**Tuesday 10/25/22
12:30pm-1:30pm**
Law Admin Building:
Atrium
**Registration in
CORE is required**



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K. Lyn Hillman has almost 30 years of experience, including over 16 years as a criminal tax attorney.



Law students and families are invited to join us for a legacy of faith and law

70th Annual Red Mass

Thursday, Oct. 27
6 p.m.
San Fernando Cathedral

THE EVENT WILL ALSO BE LIVESTREAMED.
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT SAN FERNANDO HALL.

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

If you are graduating in December, you may be planning to sit for the upcoming Bar Exam in February 2023. Our Raise the Bar team stands ready to walk with you as you prepare for the exam. We invite you to attend an informational session and learn more about the bar exam, study planning, and other important items to consider. If you plan to attend via Zoom, you may access the Zoom link at the following site: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

TAKING THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM?

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022
12:00 - 12:50 PM
LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 103 & LIVE VIA ZOOM
@ <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Join us to discuss the exam, study planning, and other important reminders.



RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2023 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

If you are scheduled to sit for the February 2023 Bar Exam, you are encouraged to maximize your success on the exam by participating in the Raise the Bar program. Enrolled participants will receive benefits such as an assigned coach, informational sessions, simulated practice opportunities, individualized guidance, and exclusive resources. Enroll today for the Winter 2023 administration of the Raise the Bar program. The program will begin in December 2022. For more information visit, <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>, https://stmarys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ukMdjGeDw6p7rU or contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

REACH FOR THE STARS AS YOU PREPARE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM!

REGISTER FOR RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2022 TODAY!

EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO ONLINE RESOURCES

INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

SIMULATED PRACTICE

GUIDANCE ON STUDY SCHEDULE & STRATEGY

ONE-ON-ONE COACHING

Raise the Bar

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Program Begins in December 2022

REGISTER HERE



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Women's Law Association

Benefiting Teens in Foster Care

Join us in Person or Online



Law Library Alumni Room



<https://www.52auctions.com/WLA2022>

Nov. 1, 2022 -- 12PM-7PM

Updated on Sept. 28th

Nonprofits

- Texas Advocacy Project
- RAICES
- Trinity University
- Texas RioGrande Legal Services
- Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Texas Public Policy Foundation
- MALDEF

*Spring
Externships*

In-House Counsel

- CentroMed
- CPS Energy
- Spurs Sports & Entertainment
- San Antonio Board of Realtors
- Easy Expunctions

Government

- Bexar County DA
- Comal County DA
- Medina County DA
- Nueces County DA
- 81st Judicial DA
- Tx. Atty. General- Consumer Protection
- UTSA EOS/Title IX
- Texas State University Attorney for Students
- City of Austin Law Department

Book Appointment
with Director Rivas

Most Deadlines
Oct. 13th

More details on CORE postings!

SPRING EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Find great postings that are eligible for our Spring Externship course on CORE!

Book an appointment with Director Rivas on CORE to discuss joining the spring or summer Externship course. You can also learn more about placement/supervisor eligibility and how to find a placement for Externship our website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/center-legal-social-justice/practice-credit-program/>

Attention 1Ls

Schedule your mandatory 1L advising appointment today in CORE.
1L appointments are from October 3, 2022, through November 11, 2022.

LAW COMMUNICATIONS - STUDENT ASSISTANT JOB POSITION

The Associate Director of Law Communications is looking for a current 2 or 3L student to assist with promoting awareness about the School of Law primarily through various social media channels, including Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.



Duties include: creating social media content, shooting and editing video, reviewing analytics, providing real-time coverage of events, participating in trainings, and other duties as assigned.

The student assistant must be able to dedicate between 10 and 20 hours per week.

Interested applicants should submit a résumé and general cover letter by November 15 to Letty Romero at lromero6@stmarytx.edu.

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Thursday, November 3, 2022 | 3:00-6:30 p.m.
Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas

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For More Info & To-RSVP:
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DIVERSITY STUDENT ADR SUMMIT: ROADMAP TO A CAREER IN ADR

November 12 and 13, 2022

The American Arbitration Association® (AAA) is the global leader in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and as such, is committed to the growth of diversity and inclusion within the ADR field. Since 2009, the AAA's *Learn, Engage, Grow* Program has provided training, networking, and mentorship for up-and-coming diverse ADR practitioners—many of whom have advanced to appointment to the AAA Roster and have been selected to serve on cases.

THE DIVERSITY STUDENT ADR SUMMIT! As part of our ongoing commitment, the AAA is launching a 19-day ADR Summit for diverse law students to provide an in-depth understanding of what it really takes to become a successful arbitrator and/or mediator.

Presenters will include experienced ADR professionals and litigators from various backgrounds who will outline a successful career path as an arbitrator or mediator and discuss how to avoid potential pitfalls along the way. Attendees will learn the importance of focusing on a specific industry, networking, connecting with mentors, gaining relevant experience, and building a good reputation in the field.

The program is open to diverse students. Selected applicants will receive a \$1,200 stipend to cover travel and hotel expenses to New York.

When: Saturday, November 12 & Sunday, November 13

Where: American Arbitration Association
New York, NY

TO APPLY, please provide the following materials:

- Resume
- Statement of interest
- One faculty or professional recommendation
- An essay on the future of ADR (350-500 words)

Application Deadline: October 14, 2022

Send Applications to: Magga.Lukowski@LatareseMladar.org



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Roadmap to a Career in ADR

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THE HON. LARRY E. KELLY BANKRUPTCY AMERICAN INN OF COURT

The members of The Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court are split into 6 pupillage teams, comprised of a mix of Masters, Barristers, Associates and Pupils from Austin and San Antonio. There are both consumer and commercial bankruptcy specialists and all the WDTX bankruptcy judges are active members. Each pupillage team is assigned one presentation per year.

Our meetings are held in Austin, San Antonio and San Marcos (and sometimes virtually).

Dues are waived for law students. Because there are both an Austin and San Antonio Inn of Court, typically there are law students from both St. Mary's and UT law schools. You will find our meetings to be both educational and fun. There are six meetings (usually September, October, January, February, March and April) beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour (half hour actually), followed by an hour of CLE/educational programming. These meetings are generally interactive. Interested students may email Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com.

Want to improve your legal research and writing skills?



Become a Dean's Research Fellow!

The Dean's Research Fellows assist with a variety of legal research projects for the Dean, law faculty, and the University.

Rate of pay is \$12.00 per hour.

All 2Ls are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow.



Must be available to work a minimum of 10 and maximum 20 hours a week.

Interested?



Submit your resume to Professor Mike Martinez at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu and Project Manager David Janise at djanise@mail.stmarytx.edu



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Rattlertracks just
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Sign Up



FGP is a student org that is dedicated to supporting First Gen Law students and students who grew up in working class/low-income communities. Non First Gen students are welcome to joining! Open to all students.



RESEARCH AND WRITING PROJECTS RELATED TO:

- LEGAL EDUCATION
- THE NEXT GENERATION BAR EXAM
- VOTING RIGHTS OF PUERTO RICAN RESIDENTS AND OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES
- OTHER AREAS OF LAW

CONTACT ASSISTANT DEAN AFTON
CAVANAUGH VIA EMAIL AT

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ACAVANAUGH1@STMARYTX.EDU TO INDICATE
YOUR INTEREST ALONG WITH YOUR RESUME
AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

APPLY TODAY!

Do you have an interest in research and writing? The Office of Law Success is hiring one Research Assistant (RA) who will assist with research and writing related to legal education, the bar exam, and other areas of law. This position will have a special emphasis on the voting rights of Puerto Rican residents and other United States territories as well as developments from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) regarding the upcoming changes to the bar exam.

If you are interested in this position, please send an email to Assistant Dean Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu with a copy of your resume at your earliest convenience.



GRADUATE LAW RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Graduate Law Office 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 Office and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the below job description for application instructions.



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Graduate Law RA Job Description.pdf

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SHIRTS FOR SALE!

Do you have nieces/nephews, siblings, grandkids or kids? Check out these adorable shirts from Parents in Law United for Support (PLUS)!

Don't know any kids to rep SML? No problem! We have adult shirts available too! Reach out with any questions to Monica Palma at mpalma@mail.stmarytx.edu

Sizes:
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PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Community Service Hours Tracking Form Fillable.pdf

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

Insurance Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. \$4,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500.

<https://www.insurancelawsection.org/about/law-student-writing>. Deadline to apply is 12/16/2022.

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute, \$5,000 scholarship for a 3L student. [Click here for the application](#). Deadline to apply is 12/20/2022.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Thursday, November 10, 2022**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its COVID-19 guidance for quarantine and isolation. St. Mary's will continue to follow [CDC guidance](#) using these new updates for students and employees who are ill or exposed to COVID-19.



The primary change in the guidance is that after two negative COVID-19 tests after Day 5 of isolation, you may return to work/class while continuing to wear your mask through Day 10. employees and students should test twice after Day 5 and report those results before returning to work or classes.

Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should self-report to the [Student Health Center](#) and follow protocols for isolation and quarantine. The SHC will notify the law school Administration, who in turn will ask faculty to provide recordings for missed classes for the period of official COVID quarantine. Any class absences during official University-sanctioned quarantine will not count towards attendance policies.

- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University accommodation.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Zesty Lime Shrimp and Avocado Salad

Lime juice and cilantro are the key ingredients to making this wonderful salad.

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/zesty-lime-shrimp-and-avocado-salad/>

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SUPPORT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

With a variety of new mental health resources for students through Rattler Helpline, find support options that work best for you.

Call (210) 825-3622 or visit rattlerhelpline.com

Student Counseling Center

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

Center for Life Directions

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

counseling@stmarytx.edu

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

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP Website information:

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

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

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



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success

Raba Building, Room 108

210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support

Raba Building, Room 108

vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergencies: 24/7/365

(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080



accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

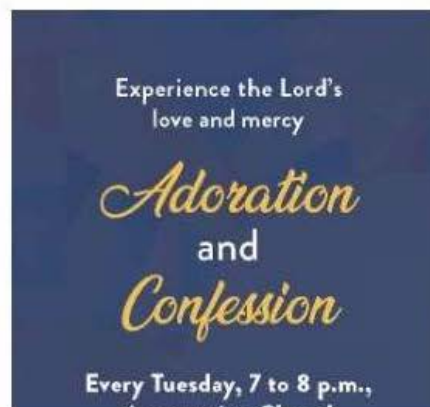
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.



Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your resume and professional network by joining the nation's largest association of legal professionals.

Invest in Yourself. Join the ABA.

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.



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CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law



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Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

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Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advantage bar prep (only up to \$500)		✓	
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Access to live, HPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MBE	✓		✓

ABA Bar Prep Program Premium Members Only

Themis Bar Review

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages
- Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam roadmaps, and the like

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:



Save 15% on JD Advising's one-sheets, rubrics, and guides	✓	✓
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ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Review Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer Magazine A blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$75 Value)	Print & Digital	Print & Digital
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Free on Registration Review

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JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

- The ABA Human Rights Center, which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



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



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Zoom link to follow for those who prefer to attend virtually.



Tuesday, September 13, 2022
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
5-6 p.m.



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FINANCIAL WISDOM SERIES

Join Broadway Bank and the School of Law for Part 3 of the Financial Wisdom Series on **Tuesday, October 25, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.** in the Alumni Room. A boxed dinner will be served and there will be giveaways. To register please RSVP to orodarte@stmarytx.edu.

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CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE LUNCHEON

Texas Watch is hosting a Champions of Justice luncheon on **Tuesday, October 25** at the Briscoe Museum. The event will honor Mikal Watts and his career advocating for the rights of Texans.

Texas Watch is a non-profit organization that primarily focuses on community engagement during legislative sessions to educate our community on the impact of pending legislation and advocate on behalf of Texans at the State Capitol. At the upcoming Champions of Justice luncheon, a sponsor has generously donated 12 seats to law school students who have an interest in civil justice and would like to attend. Interested students should email Kelly Taft at ktaft@texaswatch.org or Rob Alexis ralexis@texaswatch.org.

The event will be from 11:30 – 1:30 at the Jack Guenther Pavilion at the Briscoe, 210 W. Market St., San Antonio, Texas. More details may be found here: www.texaswatch.org/watts.luncheon.

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**JOIN US FOR
A LUNCH
PANEL**

**Tuesday 10/25/22
12:30pm-1:30pm**
Law Admin Building:
Atrium
**Registration in
CORE is required**



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SBSE, OFFICE OF CHIEF
COUNSEL, IRS

K. Lyn Hillman has almost 30 years of experience, including over 16 years as a criminal tax attorney.



WRONGFUL CONVICTION SERIES

Tues., Oct. 25th

Law Atrium (Admin Bldg)
4 PM - 5 PM

Presentation and Testimonial
from current law students who have
personal experience with wrongful
convictions

****food will be provided****

Wed., Oct. 26th

Law Alumni Room
4 PM - 6 PM

Panel Discussion feat.

- **Cynthia Orr, Aaron Diaz, and John Gilmore** from Goldstein & Orr, specializing in criminal defense and criminal appeals
- **Anna Vasquez**, Director of Outreach and Education for The Innocence Project of Texas and "San Antonio Four" Exonerée
- **Marci Simmons**, Tik-Tok Influencer showcasing prison conditions experienced as a TDCJ inmate
- **Arlette Dominick**, President and Founder of the Texas Prisons Community Advocates (TPCA), increasing awareness over inhumane prison conditions.

****food provided AND**

simulated prison cell demonstration to follow provided by TPCA**

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Justice

EMPATHIZE WITH THEM.

- The most common thing leading to false imprisonment is misidentification and government misconduct
- Prison conditions fail to meet human rights standards
- Texas ranks in the top 3 of states with the most exonerations and the U.S. leads with the largest prison population rate

BE THEIR ALLY.

Educate yourself on the importance of wrongful convictions and mass incarceration, as well as the conditions they endure. More importantly, use the knowledge you are gaining now as a student and as a future lawyer to help these men and women who are losing their lives everyday to a failed system.



Law students and families are invited to join us for a legacy of faith and law

70th Annual Red Mass

Thursday, Oct. 27
6 p.m.
San Fernando Cathedral

THE EVENT WILL ALSO BE LIVESTREAMED.
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT SAN FERNANDO HALL.

RED MASS - THE MOST SPLENDID PUBLIC EVENT OF THE LAW SCHOOL YEAR

Please join us on **Thursday, October 27**, as we celebrate the 70th Annual Red Mass, a legacy of faith and law. St. Mary's University and School of Law Dean Patricia E. Roberts, J.D., invites all law students, faculty, and staff from all faiths to join in the celebration of Red Mass, marking the beginning of the judicial and academic year. The Processional will begin at 5:45 p.m. and Mass at 6:00 p.m., San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205. Auxiliary Bishop Gary Janak of the Archdiocese of San Antonio will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Reception to follow at San Fernando Hall. Red Mass is a tradition coordinated annually by St. Mary's University School of Law, the Catholic Lawyers Guild of San Antonio and representatives from San Antonio's legal organizations, the judiciary and the Texas Legislature.

ANNOUNCING YOUR NEW PRO BONO PROGRAM TEAM

We are thrilled to welcome back to St. Mary's Law Stephanie Harlien, J.D. (L'18) as our new Director of Pro Bono Programs. Stephanie joins us from Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, where she served as a staff attorney in Corpus Christi, as well as a director for TRLA's Legal Aid for Survivors of Sexual Assault (LASSA) project. An accomplished attorney, counselor, and advocate, Stephanie brings with her a wealth of knowledge: not only of the practice of public interest law, but also of the San Antonio and Texas legal community.

Stephanie's time as a student at St. Mary's Law fully incorporated social justice into her legal education. As a former student attorney for the Civil Justice Clinic, student coordinator for the Pro Bono Program, and staff writer for *The Scholar*, Stephanie understands the impact that participation in social justice work can make not only on students' educations, but also on our communities. Stephanie is ready to provide counsel, guidance, and leadership to our School as we continue to grow the opportunities available to law students to engage in meaningful, justice-centered work.

We are also excited to share that Rory De Los Santos (C'20) has begun her work as the new Program Assistant for the Pro Bono Program and the Center for Legal and Social Justice. An alumna of St. Mary's University, Rory previously served as a City Year AmeriCorps team member in San Antonio's West Side. As an undergraduate, Rory served as a work-study employee with the Identification Recovery Program, working alongside staff and students to assist unhoused San Antonians at Haven for Hope. Rory will support students, staff, and faculty across the Pro Bono, Externship, and Clinical programs.

As many of you know, Greg Zlotnick will be staying at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. He will be serving as a supervising attorney for our expanded Housing Rights Project in the Consumer Protection Clinic, where he will also serve as a Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor. He is grateful to have had the chance to serve you as the supervisor for the Pro Bono Program for the past 8 years, and is excited to see the program continue to grow.

Stephanie and Rory will now be your points of contact for all matters pertaining to the Pro Bono Program, including the Public Service Graduation Requirement. Service hour tracking forms will now be sent to sharlien@stmarytx.edu, and at rdelossantos13@stmarytx.edu. Do not hesitate to contact them with any questions, ideas, thoughts, or goals you may have! We are certain that Stephanie and Rory will enrich our School of Law's already-deep commitment to the common good. We are grateful that they have chosen to continue their public interest careers in these roles in our community. Give them a warm welcome when you see them on campus in the coming days and weeks!

PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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CLINIC APPLICATION - SPRING 2023

The online application for all Spring 2023 Clinical courses is open!

Earn 6 hours of academic, experiential 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/academics/clinics/>. Application link: <https://tinyurl.com/ClinicSpring2023>.



Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission! Required Pre-Registration Session, **October 26, 12:15 - 1:00 p.m.** on Zoom (details on application).

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Pathways to the Profession: Energy & Environmental Law (includes Oil & Gas)**, Wednesday, October 26 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, October 27 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Halloween Open House**, Monday, October 31, at 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Pathways to the Profession: Civil Rights and Social Justice Law**, Wednesday, November 2 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Student-2-Student Panel: Public Interest Law**, Thursday, November 3 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, November 3 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy



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

Husch Blackwell Diversity Reception

Husch Blackwell cordially invites all law students to attend a cocktail reception to learn more about diversity in the legal profession. The reception will take place on Tuesday, November 15 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Husch Blackwell in Austin. Please see the Events section in CORE for more information. RSVP is required.

Judicial Clerkship Information Session

The "Judicial Clerkship Information Session" will be held on Thursday, November 10th, from 12:30 to 1:30 in the Atrium. The panel discussion, featuring the Honorable Marina Garcia Marmolejo (Law '96) and her current judicial clerks, will be a great way for 1Ls and 2Ls to learn more about post-grad clerkships, the application process, and the newly launched St. Mary's Law Judicial Clerkship Program led by Judge Garcia Marmolejo herself. Please see the Events section in CORE for more information and to RSVP.

EARLY AND ELECTION DAY VOTING AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's University will provide early voting and election day voting on site at the [AT&T Center for Information Technology](#), Room 108. Early voting for the joint general, special charter and bond election will start **Monday, October 24, through Friday, November 4.**

The St. Mary's voting site will be accessible to the campus community and the general public. Those who wish to vote at the Center should enter campus from Culebra Road on Rattler Drive and park in [Lot G](#).

For additional information, or to confirm your voter registration information and your election day precinct polling location, visit the [Bexar County Elections Department website](#)



MINI BOO BASH

Law Ministry and the SBA invite law students, faculty, staff and their families to the annual mini Boo Bash on Friday, **October 28**, Law Plaza, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

There will be games, arts and crafts, food, fun and lots of candy. Wear your favorite costume.

For more information, contact Sister Grace at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.



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Law Library Alumni Room



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Nov. 1, 2022 -- 12PM-7PM

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Coffee in the COURTYARD

Thursdays from 10:30AM -11:30AM in the
Courtyard outside of the Law Classrooms

FALL SEMESTER DATES:

September 8
September 22
October 6
October 20
November 3
November 17

Bring your questions about
Externships, Internships,
Clinic, Jobs, Professional
Development, and Pro
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Event Information

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Did you miss us last week? Don't worry, join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) and Office of Career Strategy (OCS) for Coffee in the Courtyard every other Thursday from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Enjoy some coffee and bring your questions about upcoming PB opportunities, Spring Clinic applications, Externship, professional development, and networking.

When?

Thu, Nov 3, 2022, 10:30 AM

Where?

Law Courtyard

TAKING THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM?

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022

12:00 - 12:50 PM

LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 103 & LIVE VIA ZOOM

@ <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Join us to discuss the exam, study planning, and other important reminders.



RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2023 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

If you are scheduled to sit for the February 2023 Bar Exam, you are encouraged to maximize your success on the exam by participating in the Raise the Bar program. Enrolled participants will receive benefits such as an assigned coach, informational sessions, simulated practice opportunities, individualized guidance, and exclusive resources. Enroll today for the Winter 2023 administration of the Raise the Bar program. The program will begin in December 2022. For more information visit, <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>, https://stmarys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ukMdjGeDw6p7rU or contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

If you are graduating in December, you may be planning to sit for the upcoming Bar Exam in February 2023. Our Raise the Bar team stands ready to walk with you as you prepare for the exam. We invite you to attend an informational session and learn more about the bar exam, study planning, and other important items to consider. If you plan to attend via Zoom, you may access the Zoom link at the following site: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

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Raise the Bar

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Program Begins in December 2022

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Free for law students!

- CONNECT WITH PRACTICING ATTORNEYS
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RSVP deadline: Oct. 21

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St. Mary's Law Judicial Clerkship Info Session

Featuring

U.S. District Judge Marina Garcia Marmolejo '96

Thursday, November 10

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Atrium

Registration is Required

Register in the Events Tab in CORE



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Nonprofits

- Texas Advocacy Project
- RAICES
- Trinity University
- Texas RioGrande Legal Services
- Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Texas Public Policy Foundation
- MALDEF

Spring Externships

In-House Counsel

- CentroMed
- CPS Energy
- Spurs Sports & Entertainment
- San Antonio Board of Realtors
- Easy Expunctions

Book Appointment
with Director Rivas

Government

- Bexar County DA
- Comal County DA
- Medina County DA
- Nueces County DA
- 81st Judicial DA
- Tx. Atty. General- Consumer Protection
- UTSA EOS/Title IX
- Texas State University Attorney for Students
- City of Austin Law Department

Most Deadlines
Oct. 13th

More details on CORE postings!

SPRING EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Find great postings that are eligible for our Spring Externship course on CORE!

Book an appointment with Director Rivas on CORE to discuss joining the spring or summer Externship course. You can also learn more about placement/supervisor eligibility and how to find a placement for Externship our website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/center-legal-social-justice/practice-credit-program/>



OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY

Attention 1Ls

Schedule your mandatory 1L advising
appointment today in CORE.

1L appointments are from October 3,
2022, through November 11, 2022.

LAW COMMUNICATIONS - STUDENT ASSISTANT JOB POSITION

The Associate Director of Law Communications is looking for a current 2 or 3L student to assist with promoting awareness about the School of Law primarily through various social media channels, including Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.



Duties include: creating social media content, shooting and editing video, reviewing analytics, providing real-time coverage of events, participating in trainings, and other duties as assigned.

The student assistant must be able to dedicate between 10 and 20 hours per week.

Interested applicants should submit a résumé and general cover letter by November 15 to Letty Romero at lromero6@stmarytx.edu.



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DIVERSITY STUDENT ADR SUMMIT: ROADMAP TO A CAREER IN ADR

November 12 and 13, 2022

The American Arbitration Association® (AAA) is the global leader in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and as such, is committed to the growth of diversity and inclusion within the ADR field. Since 2009, the AAA A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Fellows Program has provided training, networking, and mentorship for up-and-coming diverse ADR practitioners—many of whom have advanced to appointment to the AAA Roster and have been selected to serve in cases.

THE DIVERSITY STUDENT ADR SUMMIT. As part of our ongoing commitment, the AAA is launching a 1½-day ADR Summit for diverse law students to provide an in-depth understanding of what it really takes to become a successful arbitrator and/or mediator.

Presenters will include experienced ADR professionals and litigators from various backgrounds who will outline a successful career path as an arbitrator or mediator and discuss how to avoid potential pitfalls along the way. Attendees will learn the importance of focusing on a specific industry, networking, connecting with mentors, gaining relevant experience, and building a good reputation in the field.

The program is open to diverse students. Selected applicants will receive a \$1,200 stipend to cover travel and hotel expenses to New York.

When: Saturday, November 12 & Sunday, November 13

Where: American Arbitration Association
New York, NY

TO APPLY, please provide the following materials:

- Resume
- Statement of Interest
- One faculty or professional recommendation
- An essay on the future of ADR (300-500 words)

Application Deadline: October 14, 2022

Send Applications to: Maggie.L.Kowski@L3austin.com



2022 Diversity ADR Summit.pdf

Roadmap to a Career in ADR

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THE HON. LARRY E. KELLY BANKRUPTCY AMERICAN INN OF COURT

The members of The Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court are split into 6 pupillage teams, comprised of a mix of Masters, Barristers, Associates and Pupils from Austin and San Antonio. There are both consumer and commercial bankruptcy specialists and all the WDTX bankruptcy judges are active members. Each pupillage team is assigned one presentation per year. Our meetings are held in Austin, San Antonio and San Marcos (and sometimes virtually).

Dues are waived for law students. Because there are both an Austin and San Antonio Inn of Court, typically there are law students from both St. Mary's and UT law schools. You will find our meetings to be both educational and fun. There are six meetings (usually September, October, January, February, March and April) beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour (half hour actually), followed by an hour of CLE/educational programming. These meetings are generally interactive. Interested students may email Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com.

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Project Manager David Janise at
djanise@mail.stmarytx.edu

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- LEGAL EDUCATION
- THE NEXT GENERATION BAR EXAM
- VOTING RIGHTS OF PUERTO RICAN RESIDENTS AND OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES
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CONTACT ASSISTANT DEAN AFTON CAVANAUGH VIA EMAIL AT ACAVANAUGH1@STMARYTX.EDU TO INDICATE YOUR INTEREST ALONG WITH YOUR RESUME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

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Do you have an interest in research and writing? The Office of Law Success is hiring one Research Assistant (RA) who will assist with research and writing related to legal education, the bar exam, and other areas of law. This position will have a special emphasis on the voting rights of Puerto Rican residents and other United States territories as well as developments from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) regarding the upcoming changes to the bar exam.

If you are interested in this position, please send an email to Assistant Dean Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu with a copy of your resume at your earliest convenience.



GRADUATE LAW RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Graduate Law Office 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 Office and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the below job description for application instructions.



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LAWTINA NETWORK T-SHIRT SALE

After much anticipation, the Official StMu Lawtina Network T-Shirts are finally for sale with two different options. Place your order via Venmo by November 4th. For questions, please contact any board member or check us out on IG - [stmu_lawtinanetwork](https://www.instagram.com/stmu_lawtinanetwork).

A promotional graphic for the Lawtina Network T-shirt sale. The background is light purple with decorative elements like stars and swirls. At the top left, the text "Lawtina Network" is written in a large, elegant script. In the top center, there is a QR code with the text "Lawtina Network @lawtinanetwork" above it and "venmo" below it. To the right of the QR code, a large "\$25" is displayed in a stylized font. Below the QR code, two t-shirt options are shown: "Option A" is a black t-shirt with "LAWTINA NETWORK" and "St. Mary's University" printed on it; "Option B" is a black v-neck t-shirt with the same text. At the bottom left, the text "ORDER BY NOV. 4TH" is written in a bold, sans-serif font.

PARENTS IN LAW UNITED FOR SUPPORT T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Do you have nieces/nephews, siblings, grandkids or kids? Check out these adorable shirts from Parents in Law United for Support (PLUS)!

Don't know any kids to rep SML? No problem! We have adult shirts available too! Reach out with any questions to Monica Palma at mpalma@mail.stmarytx.edu

Sizes:
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Shirt #1 or #2 and size



PLUS ADULT SHIRTS

All profits benefit PLUS

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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

Brooks Kushman Patent Claims Drafting Competition. \$2,000.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:12e6a6cf-13a7-3671-9658-eaa6c7102d96>. Deadline to apply is 11/16/2022.

Insurance Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. \$4,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500.

<https://www.insurancelawsection.org/about/law-student-writing>; Deadline to apply is 12/16/2022.

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute, \$5,000 scholarship for a 3L student. [Click here for the application](#). Deadline to apply is 12/20/2022.

Brooks Kushman Intellectual Property Writing Competition. \$5,000.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:0aca61a9-c197-376f-a0d7-68597524a6c8>. Deadline to apply is 01/18/2023.

EXCITING SUMMER ABROAD OPPORTUNITY FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS

1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.



The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Thursday, November 10, 2022**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its COVID-19 guidance for quarantine and isolation. St. Mary's will continue to follow [CDC guidance](#) using these new updates for students and employees who are ill or exposed to COVID-19.



The primary change in the guidance is that after two negative COVID-19 tests after Day 5 of isolation, you may return to work/class while continuing to wear your mask through Day 10. employees and students should test twice after Day 5 and report those results before returning to work or classes.

Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should self-report to the [Student Health Center](#) and follow protocols for isolation and quarantine. The SHC will notify the law school Administration, who in turn will ask faculty to provide recordings for missed classes for the period of official COVID quarantine. Any class absences during official University-sanctioned quarantine will not count towards attendance policies.

- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University accommodation.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

White Bean Kale Salad with Tahini Dressing

<https://minimalistbaker.com/white-bean-kale-salad-with-tahini-dressing/>

This easy kale and bean salad can be made in advance and is packed with good for you ingredients.



SUPPORT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

With a variety of new mental health resources for students through Rattler Helpline, find support options that work best for you.

Call (210) 825-3622 or visit rattlerhelpline.com

Student Counseling Center

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/studentservices/counseling/>

Center for Life Directions

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

counseling@stmarytx.edu

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

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP Website information:

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

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

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



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success

Raba Building, Room 108

210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support

Raba Building, Room 108

vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergencies: 24/7/365

(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

accessibility@stmarytx.edu



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(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy

Adoration and Confession

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



ST. MARY'S
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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you
want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your
resume and
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by joining the nation's
largest association of
legal professionals.

Invest in Yourself. Join the ABA.

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.

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CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law

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Choose From Two Types of Membership

Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

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Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (Save up to \$500)	✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Bundle (\$30 Value)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 50% on West Academic Coursebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Concept Sheets, legal terminology lists, and online flashcard tool	✓	
\$10 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, seminars, and guides	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 1L courses (\$89.99 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	90 days	30 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aide Collection 7-Day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	
ABA Journal (\$75 Value)	PREM (Only)	PREM (Only)
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓

ABA Bar Prep Program Premium Members Only

Themis Bar Review

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages
- Multiple-choice question sets, key concepts sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam roadmaps, and the like.

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT 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 DOMINATES AT MACK KIDD MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Over this past weekend, the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team competed in the 25th Annual Mack Kidd Administrative Law State Moot Court Competition in Austin, Texas.

St. Mary's sent three teams to the moot court tournament: **Haley Harvey (3L), Kathryn Cantu (3L) and Matthew Kiehn (2L) and Caitlin Sullivan (2L) and Rylee Stanley (2L) and Leslie Espiricueta (2L), Joseph Henk (2L) and Samantha Martinez (2L)**. The tournament is sponsored by the Administrative and Public Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and is open to all ABA accredited law schools within the State of Texas. The Championship Round was judged by Chief Justice Byrne, and Associate Justices Baker and Smith of the Third Court of Appeals.

The teams of Harvey/Cantu and Sullivan/Stanley both broke to the Semi-Final Round, and both teams beat Baylor's top teams in the Semis to close out the Finals.

In the All St. Mary's Championship Round, Harvey and Cantu prevailed, taking First Place, while Sullivan and Stanley placed a close second. In addition to St. Mary's winning the competition, **Kathryn Cantu and Haley Harvey were named Co-Best Advocates in the Championship Round (the first time the tournament has ever named Co-Best Advocates), Matthew Kiehn was awarded the Best Brief, and Joseph Henk was named Best Advocate in the Preliminary Rounds.**

This is St. Mary's third Mack Kidd State Moot Court Championship in the last four years. Congratulations to all of these great advocates!

ANNOUNCING YOUR NEW PRO BONO PROGRAM TEAM

We are thrilled to welcome back to St. Mary's Law Stephanie Harlien, J.D. (L'18) as our new Director of Pro Bono Programs. Stephanie joins us from Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, where she served as a staff attorney in Corpus Christi, as well as a director for TRLA's Legal Aid for Survivors of Sexual Assault (LASSA) project. An accomplished attorney, counselor, and advocate, Stephanie brings with her a wealth of knowledge: not only of the practice of public interest law, but also of the San Antonio and Texas legal community.

Stephanie's time as a student at St. Mary's Law fully incorporated social justice into her legal education. As a former student attorney for the Civil Justice Clinic, student coordinator for the Pro Bono Program, and staff writer for *The Scholar*, Stephanie understands the impact that participation in social justice work can make not only on students' educations, but also on our communities. Stephanie is ready to provide counsel, guidance, and leadership to our School as we continue to grow the opportunities available to law students to engage in meaningful, justice-centered work.

We are also excited to share that Rory De Los Santos (C'20) has begun her work as the new Program Assistant for the Pro Bono Program and the Center for Legal and Social Justice. An alumna of St. Mary's University, Rory previously served as a City Year AmeriCorps team member in San Antonio's West Side. As an undergraduate, Rory served as a work-study employee with the Identification Recovery Program, working alongside staff and students to assist unhoused San Antonians at Haven for Hope. Rory will support students, staff, and faculty across the Pro Bono, Externship, and Clinical programs.

As many of you know, Greg Zlotnick will be staying at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. He will be serving as a supervising attorney for our expanded Housing Rights Project in the Consumer Protection Clinic, where he will also serve as a Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor. He is grateful to have had the chance to serve you as the supervisor for the Pro Bono Program for the past 8 years, and is excited to see the program continue to grow.

Stephanie and Rory will now be your points of contact for all matters pertaining to the Pro Bono Program, including the Public Service Graduation Requirement. Service hour tracking forms will now be sent to sharliem@stmarytx.edu, and at rdelossantos13@stmarytx.edu. Do not hesitate to contact them with any questions, ideas, thoughts, or goals you may have! We are certain that Stephanie and Rory will enrich our School of Law's already-deep commitment to the common good. We are grateful that they have chosen to continue their public interest careers in these roles in our community. Give them a warm welcome when you see them on campus in the coming days and weeks!

PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

[Download](#)
93.0 KB

CONGRATULATIONS TO SECTION O

Congratulations to **Section O** who brought in the most candy for the Section Competition. All the on campus Sections competed well and within a few pounds of candy between each group. However, Section O blew out the candy bucket and demonstrated their community spirit on line. Thanks to a Section O volunteer who did the shopping. We distributed a lot of candy to neighborhood kids who enjoyed the festival. Candy is distributed to Holy Rosary neighbor parish, Veteran's group, Children's Shelters and is available for our campus Housekeeping and Physical Plant to pick up. Remaining candy is also for students, faculty and staff to enjoy.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS: A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The St. Mary's community will gather for an All Saints Day Mass **Tuesday, November 1**, 11:20 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Reinbolt Hall, Assumption Chapel.



UNIVERSITY FLU SHOT DRIVE

Student Health and Wellness Programs is hosting a University Flu Shot Drive on **Wednesday, November 2**, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the University Center, Conference Room C. No appointment is necessary. However, proof of insurance is required. Most insurances are accepted.



OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Halloween Open House**, Monday, October 31, at 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Pathways to the Profession: Civil Rights and Social Justice Law**, Wednesday, November 2 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Student-2-Student Panel: Public Interest Law**, Thursday, November 3 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, November 3 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Hands-On Workshop: Cover Letters**, Tuesday, November 8 at 12:30 p.m. in LL217
- **Pathways to the Profession: Personal Injury Law**, Wednesday, November 9 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, November 10 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy





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

Husch Blackwell Diversity Reception

Husch Blackwell cordially invites all law students to attend a cocktail reception to learn more about diversity in the legal profession. The reception will take place on Tuesday, November 15 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Husch Blackwell in Austin. Please see the Events section in CORE for more information. RSVP is required.

Judicial Clerkship Information Session

The "Judicial Clerkship Information Session" will be held on Thursday, November 10th, from 12:30 to 1:30 in the Atrium. The panel discussion, featuring the Honorable Marina Garcia Marmolejo (Law '96) and her current judicial clerks, will be a great way for 1Ls and 2Ls to learn more about post-grad clerkships, the application process, and the newly launched St. Mary's Law Judicial Clerkship Program led by Judge Garcia Marmolejo herself. Please see the Events section in CORE for more information and to RSVP.





**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OF LAW
WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION
SILENT AUCTION**

BENEFITING TEENS IN FOSTER CARE

**Tuesday November 1, 2022
12PM - 7PM**

Join us in Person or Online

 **Law Library Alumni Room**

 **<https://www.32auctions.com/WLA2022>**

WLA SILENT AUCTION

The St. Mary's University School of Law Women's Law Association (WLA) cordially invites you to this year's Silent Auction. We are delighted to announce that this year's silent auction will be held on **Tuesday, November 1, 2022, from 12 PM to 7 PM** *online* at [StMU School of Law: WLA 2022 Silent Auction | 32auctions](#) and *in person* in the Law Library Alumni Room.

The proceeds are going to benefit teens permanently in foster care in our community! In addition to the Silent Auction bidding, there is also a sweepstakes contest. This year's Sweepstakes Prize is a weekend getaway in a Sunset Beach Bungalow on Lake LBJ in Kingsland, TX. Winners will be emailed at the end of the Silent Auction with important information, such as payment, shipping of item (if necessary), pickup times, and any other relevant information pertaining to the item won. A \$5 shipping charge will be added for items that need to be shipped.

WLA and our beneficiary, The Pearls Foundation thanks you for helping raise money for teens in foster care in Bexar County. These proceeds are providing therapeutic care, lifeskills training, and transformative support to teenagers in our community. To learn more about the Pearls and Eagles Court, please see [PEARLS & EAGLES Court | Bexar County, TX - Official Website](#).

Bidding Information: Minimum bid increment is \$5.00

To participate in bidding please see the following steps:

Step 1. To place bids you must create an account with 32auctions.
[Click here to create an account.](#)

Step 2. After creating an account, click view all items, and place your bid.

Sweepstakes Information: \$3 for One ticket or \$10 for Four Tickets

To participate in the Sweepstakes, please see the following steps:

Step 1. Pay for tickets.

[Click here to pay for tickets.](#)

Step 2. Receive your tickets. We will email tickets daily at 9:00 AM.



SCAN TO PAY

SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS

\$3 for One Ticket or \$10 for Four Tickets

1. Scan the QR to pay

2. Receive virtual ticket(s) at 9:00 AM daily.
If you need assistance please email Cyrilla Thompson
(cthompson17@mail.stmarytx.edu)

The Center for Legal and Social Justice with the Office
of Career Strategy present

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

WITH
THE

Clinical, Externship,
Pro Bono & Career
Strategy Departments

THURS., NOV. 3RD AT 10AM-11AM

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Event Information

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) and Office of Career Strategy (OCS) for Coffee in the Courtyard **Thursday, November 3** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy some iced coffee and bring your questions about upcoming PB opportunities, Spring Clinic applications, Externship, professional development, and networking.

*NOTE: Coffee in the Courtyard is now from 10:00-11:00am to provide better accommodations and make sure everyone has an opportunity to grab some coffee and chat with us!

When?

Thu, Nov 3, 2022, 10:00 AM

Where?

Law Courtyard

EARLY AND ELECTION DAY VOTING AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's University is hosting early voting through Friday, November 4 and on election day, Tuesday, November 8, on site. at the [AT&T Center for Information Technology](#), Room 108. The St. Mary's voting site will be accessible to the campus community and the general public. Those who wish to vote at the Center should enter campus from Culebra Road on Rattler Drive and park in [Lot G](#).



For additional information, or to confirm your voter registration information and your election day precinct polling location, visit the [Bexar County Elections Department website](#).

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

If you are graduating in December, you may be planning to sit for the upcoming Bar Exam in February 2023. Our Raise the Bar team stands ready to walk with you as you prepare for the exam. We invite you to attend an informational session and learn more about the bar exam, study planning, and other important items to consider. If you plan to attend via Zoom, you may access the Zoom link at the following site: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

**REACH FOR THE STARS AS YOU PREPARE FOR
THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM!**

**REGISTER FOR RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2022
TODAY!**

**EXCLUSIVE ACCESS
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STUDY SCHEDULE
& STRATEGY**

ONE-ON-ONE COACHING

**Raise
the Bar**

For additional information, contact Mr. Arturo Zapata,
Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.
Visit us at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

**Program
Begins in
December
2022**

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STATE BAR OF TEXAS
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TMCP Law Student Program

Thursday, November 3, 2022 | 3:00-6:30 p.m.
Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas

Free for law students!

- CONNECT WITH PRACTICING ATTORNEYS
- FIND A POTENTIAL MENTOR
- NETWORK WITH ALUMNI

For More Info & To RSVP:
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RSVP deadline: Oct. 21

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St. Mary's Law Judicial Clerkship Info Session

Featuring

U.S. District Judge Marina Garcia Marmolejo '96

Thursday, November 10

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Atrium

Registration is Required

Register in the Events Tab in CORE



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Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information.

The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Thursday, November 10, 2022**.

ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL of LAW

OFFICE OF CAREER STRATEGY

Attention 1Ls

Schedule your mandatory 1L advising appointment today in CORE.
1L appointments are from October 3, 2022, through November 11, 2022.

A blue graphic with a white central box containing text. The top left of the graphic has the St. Mary's University School of Law logo. The top right has the text "OFFICE OF CAREER STRATEGY". The central white box has a black header with "Attention 1Ls" in bold. Below the header, the text reads: "Schedule your mandatory 1L advising appointment today in CORE. 1L appointments are from October 3, 2022, through November 11, 2022." The graphic is decorated with yellow and white circular patterns.

LAW COMMUNICATIONS - STUDENT ASSISTANT JOB POSITION

The Associate Director of Law Communications is looking for a current 2 or 3L student to assist with promoting awareness about the School of Law primarily through various social media channels, including Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.



Duties include: creating social media content, shooting and editing video, reviewing analytics, providing real-time coverage of events, participating in trainings, and other duties as assigned.

The student assistant must be able to dedicate between 10 and 20 hours per week.

Interested applicants should submit a résumé and general cover letter by November 15 to Letty Romero at lromero6@stmarytx.edu.



**Now Accepting Applications for
DIVERSITY STUDENT ADR SUMMIT:
ROADMAP TO A CAREER IN ADR**

November 12 and 13, 2022

The American Arbitration Association® (AAA®) is the global leader in alternative dispute resolution (ADR), and as such, is committed to the growth of diversity and inclusion within the ADR field. Since 2009, the AAA's Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Fellows Program has provided training, networking, and mentorship for up-and-coming diverse ADR practitioners—many of whom have advanced to appointment to the AAA Roster and have been selected to serve on cases.

THE DIVERSITY STUDENT ADR SUMMIT: As part of our ongoing commitment, the AAA is launching a 1½-day ADR Summit for diverse law students to provide an in-depth understanding of what it really takes to become a successful arbitrator and/or mediator.

Presenters will include experienced ADR professionals and litigators from various backgrounds who will outline a successful career path as an arbitrator or mediator and discuss how to avoid potential pitfalls along the way. Attendees will learn the importance of focusing on a specific industry, networking, connecting with mentors, gaining relevant experience, and building a good reputation in the field.

The program is open to diverse students. Selected applicants will receive a \$1,200 stipend to cover travel and hotel expenses to New York.

When: Saturday, November 12 & Sunday, November 13

Where: American Arbitration Association
New York, NY

TO APPLY, please provide the following materials:

- Resume
- Statement of interest
- One faculty or professional recommendation
- An essay on the future of ADR (300-500 words)

Application Deadline: October 14, 2022

Send Applications to: Maggie Lalowski at LalowskiM@adr.org



2022 Diversity ADR Summit.pdf

Roadmap to a Career in ADR

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THE HON. LARRY E. KELLY BANKRUPTCY AMERICAN INN OF COURT

The members of The Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court are split into 6 pupillage teams, comprised of a mix of Masters, Barristers, Associates and Pupils from Austin and San Antonio. There are both consumer and commercial bankruptcy specialists and all the WDTX bankruptcy judges are active members. Each pupillage team is assigned one presentation per year. Our meetings are held in Austin, San Antonio and San Marcos (and sometimes virtually).

Dues are waived for law students. Because there are both an Austin and San Antonio Inn of Court, typically there are law students from both St. Mary's and UT law schools. You will find our meetings to be both educational and fun. There are six meetings (usually September, October, January, February, March and April) beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour (half hour actually), followed by an hour of CLE/educational programming. These meetings are generally interactive. Interested students may email Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com.

Want to improve your
legal research and writing
skills?



Become a Dean's Research Fellow!

The Dean's Research Fellows assist with a variety of legal research projects for the Dean, law faculty, and the University.

Rate of pay is
\$12.00 per hour.

All 2Ls are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow.



Must be available to work a
minimum of 10 and
maximum 20 hours a week.

Interested?



Submit your resume to Professor
Mike Martinez at
mmartinez17estmarytx.edu and
Project Manager David Janise at
djanise@mail.stmarytx.edu

FGP Study Hours



Sign Up for Study Hours! New Link!!
Scan our QR Code or click on the link:
<https://calendly.com/fgpstmu>

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Sign Up for FGP
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Rattlertracks just
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Sign Up



FGP is a student org that is dedicated to supporting First Gen Law students and students who grew up in working class/low-income communities. Non First Gen students are welcome to joining! Open to all students.



RESEARCH AND WRITING PROJECTS RELATED TO:

- LEGAL EDUCATION
- THE NEXT GENERATION BAR EXAM
- VOTING RIGHTS OF PUERTO RICAN RESIDENTS AND OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES
- OTHER AREAS OF LAW

CONTACT ASSISTANT DEAN AFTON CAVANAUGH VIA EMAIL AT [ACAVANAUGH1@STMARYTX.EDU](mailto:acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu) TO INDICATE YOUR INTEREST ALONG WITH YOUR RESUME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

**WE ARE
HIRING
NOW
APPLY TODAY!**

Do you have an interest in research and writing? The Office of Law Success is hiring one Research Assistant (RA) who will assist with research and writing related to legal education, the bar exam, and other areas of law. This position will have a special emphasis on the voting rights of Puerto Rican residents and other United States territories as well as developments from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) regarding the upcoming changes to the bar exam.

If you are interested in this position, please send an email to Assistant Dean Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu with a copy of your resume at your earliest convenience.



GRADUATE LAW RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Graduate Law Office 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 Office and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the below job description for application instructions.



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LAWTINA NETWORK T-SHIRT SALE

After much anticipation, the Official StMu Lawtina Network T-Shirts are finally for sale with two different options. Place your order via Venmo by November 4th. For questions, please contact any board member or check us out on IG - stmu_lawtinanetwork.

The advertisement features a purple and pink background with decorative elements like stars and swirls. At the top left, the text "Lawtina Network" is written in a large, elegant font. To the right, there is a QR code with the text "Lawtina Network @lawtinanetwork" above it and "venmo" below it. A large, stylized "\$25" is prominently displayed in the center-right. Below the QR code, two t-shirt options are shown: "Option A" is a black t-shirt with "LAWTINA NETWORK StMu Law" printed on it, and "Option B" is a black v-neck t-shirt with the same text. At the bottom left, the text "ORDER BY NOV. 4TH" is written.

PARENTS IN LAW UNITED FOR SUPPORT T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Do you have nieces/nephews, siblings, grandkids or kids? Check out these adorable shirts from Parents in Law United for Support (PLUS)!

Don't know any kids to rep SML? No problem! We have adult shirts available too! Reach out with any questions to Monica Palma at mpalma@mail.stmarytx.edu

Sizes:
Youth XS-XL
Toddler 2T-5T
Infant 3mo, 6mo, 12mo, 24mo



\$20.00 each

Zelle (203)506-6511 or Venmo
w/ Kid's shirt and size



All profits will benefit
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PLUS

Kid's Shirts



\$22.50 each

Heathered Royal Blue, Extra soft material
Sizes: XS-SXL



Zelle (203) 506-6511 or Venmo w/
Shirt #1 or #2 and size



PLUS ADULT SHIRTS

All profits benefit PLUS

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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

Brooks Kushman Patent Claims Drafting Competition. \$2,000.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:12e6a6cf-13a7-3671-9658-eea6c7102d96>. Deadline to apply is 11/16/2022.

American College of Consumer Financial Services. \$5,000, \$3,500, \$1,500.

<http://www.accfsi.org/writing-competition/>. Deadline to apply is 12/01/2022.

Insurance Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. \$4,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500.

<https://www.insurancelawsection.org/about/law-student-writing>. Deadline to apply is 12/16/2022.

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute, \$5,000 scholarship for a 3L student. [Click here for the application](#). Deadline to apply is 12/20/2022.

Brooks Kushman Intellectual Property Writing Competition. \$5,000.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:0aca61a9-c197-376f-a0d7-68597524a6c8>. Deadline to apply is 01/18/2023.

EXCITING SUMMER ABROAD OPPORTUNITY FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS

1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.



The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at

<https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

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

LAW STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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/administrationfinance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its COVID-19 guidance for quarantine and isolation. St. Mary's will continue to follow [CDC guidance](#) using these new updates for students and employees who are ill or exposed to COVID-19.



The primary change in the guidance is that after two negative COVID-19 tests after Day 5 of isolation, you may return to work/class while continuing to wear your mask through Day 10. Employees and students should test twice after Day 5 and report those results before returning to work or classes.

Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should self-report to the [Student Health Center](#) and follow protocols for isolation and quarantine. The SHC will notify the law school Administration, who in turn will ask faculty to provide recordings for missed classes for the period of official COVID quarantine. Any class absences during official University-sanctioned quarantine will not count towards attendance policies.

- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University accommodation.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Mediterranean Spinach and Bean Salad

<https://andreasrecipes.com/mediterranean-spinach-bean-salad/>

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andreasrecipes.com



SUPPORT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

With a variety of new mental health resources for students through Rattler Helpline, find support options that work best for you.

Call (210) 825-3622 or visit rattlerhelpline.com

Student Counseling Center

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

Center for Life Directions

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

counseling@stmarytx.edu

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

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP Website information:

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

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

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



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success

Raba Building, Room 108

210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support

Raba Building, Room 108

vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

gwalle@stmarytx.edu



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Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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

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



SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy

Adoration and Confession

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



ST. MARY'S
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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you
want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your
resume and
professional network
by joining the nation's
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legal professionals.

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BENEFITS	PREMIUM	FREE
After the Bar Digital Publication	✓	
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ABA Legal Ethics Bundle (\$10 Value)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 20% on West Academic Casebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Concept Sheets, legal terminology lists, and online flashcard tool	✓	
\$100 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-shots, seminars, and guides	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 1L courses (\$50.50 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Cave up to \$75)	90 days	30 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$75 Value)	Print & Digital	Print & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓

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ABA Bar Prep Program Premium Members Only

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BarReview

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages

Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam roadmaps, and the like.

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.



CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.

SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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





**Veterans Law Moot Court
Competition**



**ABA Regional
Tournament**



**National Civil Trial
Competition**



**National Trial League
Repeat**

BIG WEEK FOR THE NATIONAL TEAM

The National Team had teams competing across the country this past weekend and brought home a lot of hardware. It all got started with the Best Brief, a Quarter Final, two Semi-Finals and one Championship finish. Congratulations to all of the students and coaches who worked so hard for an amazing weekend. Here is what happened:

St. Mary's National Moot Court Team Finishes Top-8 at Veterans Law Moot Court Competition

Over the weekend, the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team traveled to Washington, DC to

compete in the National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition (NVL MCC) sponsored by George Washington University School of Law. The NVLMCC is the premiere moot court tournament on issues involving America's veterans, and this year included a record 30 teams from law schools across the country. Two teams composed of 2L students participating at their first external competition took part in the tournament on behalf of the National Moot Court Team: **Carson Wienecke** and **Erica Marrow** and **Berenis Lopez** and **Isaac Palacio**. Wienecke and Marrow reached the quarter-finals of the competition, just missing the semi-finals on a split ballot, while Carson Wienecke was further awarded the Best Respondent's Brief. This tournament is the fourth competition of the year for the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team, and the fourth consecutive tournament where St. Mary's students reached the elite eight or better of their respective moot court competitions. The efforts of these advocates means that the Moot Court Team has already this competition year garnered one championship, one finalist, one semi-finalist, two quarter-finalist and one octo-finalist finish. This is also the third "Best Brief" award for the team this year, to go along with two "Best Oralist" awards. The team will conclude its stellar Fall semester in two weeks at the Chicago Bar Association National Moot Court Competition. Please congratulate Carson, Erica, Berenis and Isaac for their strong advocacy performances this weekend.

National Trial Team Reaches Semis in the 2nd Most Prestigious Tournament in the County

For the National Trial Team, performances in the Spring decide which tournaments you go to in the fall. St. Mary's National Trial Team was invited to three of the four most important tournaments with the second most important, the National Civil Trial Competition taking place this past weekend. Of the sixteen schools participating, the lowest ranked team was in the high teens. 3L's **Mariela Encinas**, **Leigh Ann Greenberg** and **Ryan Vereen** along with newcomer, 2L **Griffin Farney**, represented St. Mary's. With a difficult draw or National Champion UCLA, followed by Georgetown, American and Campbell, St. Mary's advanced to the Semi-final round to face UCLA once again, where they lost to the eventual tournament champion. "I was super excited. They did so well against the best schools in the country" said Head Coach Jason Goss who was assisted by Adjunct Professor Maritza Stewart and Jackson Goss. Congratulations to all of the members of the team including our practice teams who stayed up late to get this team ready.

National Trial Team 2Ls Go the Distance

On November 5 and 6, 2022, the St. Mary's National Trial Team represented us at the American Bar Association' Arbitration Regional Tournament hosted by the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri. It was not an easy start of the weekend with a South Eastern Conference Home game scheduled against Kentucky, our team had to move two hours away to secure housing for the weekend. Not to be deterred, St. Mary's two teams of 2L advocates: **Jenna Croymans**, **Bianca Hernandez**, **David Stayer**, **Zeynep Peterson**, **Kenya Barrios**, **Marco Cervantes**, **Kenny Garcia**, **Taylor Gutierrez**, and **Roxanna Maiberger** accepted the challenge and were undefeated in the preliminary rounds, securing 1st and 2nd place into the semi-final round. Together they faced powerhouse dispute resolution schools SMU, Creighton, and Mercer. The team of Kenya Barrios, Marco Cervantes, Kenny Garcia, Taylor Gutierrez placed third in the tournament and earned a chance to win an at-large bid to the National Finals. The team of Jenna Croymans, Bianca Hernandez, David Stayer, and Zeynep Peterson defeated Creighton again in the finals earning a bid for the national Championship in Chicago slated for January 2023. The teams were coached by Adjunct Professors Misty Deatherage and Deb Juneck. Professor Deatherage coached the championship squad to her first ever championship and we are very proud of her. Good luck to the teams as they prepare for the national finals.

National Trial League Repeat

Over the course of the semester starting way back in August, The National Trial Team began to defend their National Championship in the National Trial League. This competition changes fact patterns every two weeks with seven rounds of competition that are criminal and civil. As the defending National Champions, everyone tried to play their best advocates against us. The tournament also allows multiple groupings of advocates to give more students an opportunity to

compete. We even crossed into organizational Moot Court and the Dispute Resolution teams to manage the season. With the last trial taking place Tuesday night, The National Trial Team prevailed and will be returning as a semi-finalist in January in Syracuse New York. The members who participated over the semester are 3L's **Maria Campos, Abby Efron, Vanessa Herrera, Maria Jaimés, Daniela Jimenez, Cody Kent, Christian Ramon, Vanessa Skillman, Caitlin Sullivan** and **Savina Tapia**, along with 2L's **Jenna Croymans** and **Bianca Hernandez**. A special thank you to Adjunct Professor Jess Juneke, Head Coach and to the many coaches who assisted along the way. We are very proud of this collection of students who came together to work towards one common goal. We wish you all the best at the National Finals in January.


1L WORKSHOP SERIES

IRAC for LIFE: Final Exams & Beyond

Now that you have experience with IRAC, learn how to apply it to your upcoming Final Exams and beyond. IRAC doesn't go away after LCAP. In fact, it will become ingrained in your daily work as a scholar and in the legal profession.

**Thursday, November 10, 2022
12:30 PM
LC105 (Overflow in LC106)**

This session is held in conjunction with the LCAP course.



1L WORKSHOP SERIES: IRAC FOR LIFE - FINAL EXAMS AND BEYOND

Want to get an early start on preparing for your final exams? Attend the 1L workshop this week! The Office of Law Success will present its final workshop of the semester this **Thursday, November 10**, 12:30 - 1:20 p.m. The workshop will be held live in-person in LC105 with overflow in LC106. This workshop is held in conjunction with the LCAP course. Please note, a separate virtual workshop session is planned for Section O on an alternate date.

St. Mary's Law Judicial Clerkship Info Session

**Featuring
U.S. District Judge Marina Garcia Marmolejo '96**

Thursday, November 10
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Atrium
Registration is Required





DEADLINE TO APPLY THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 10

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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>.



Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information.

The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Thursday, November 10, 2022.**

Attention 1Ls

Schedule your mandatory 1L advising appointment today in CORE.
1L appointments are from October 3, 2022, through November 11, 2022.



PLUS

Parents in Law United for Support (PLUS) is hosting their Fall Family Potluck on **Sunday, November 13**. Bring your family and a dish to share and recharge before finals! Students, Faculty, and Staff of

the Law School are invited to attend with their families.

Mandatory 1L Summer Job Search Sessions



ST. MARY'S
UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL of LAW
OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY



Section A
Monday, November 14



Section B
Tuesday, November 15



Section C
Thursday, November 17

Law Alumni Room
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
REGISTER IN CORE



The Center for
Legal and Social
Justice (CLSI) & The Office of
Career Strategy
(OCS)

present

Coffee in the **COURTYARD**

Thursdays from 10:00am -11:00am in the
Courtyard outside of the Law Classrooms

FALL SEMESTER DATES:

September 8
September 22
October 6
October 20
November 3
November 17

Bring your questions about
Externships, Internships,
Clinic, Jobs, Professional
Development, and Pro
Bono...

coffee is on us!



OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Hands-On Workshop: Cover Letters**, Tuesday, November 8 at 12:30 p.m. in LL217
- **Pathways to the Profession: Personal Injury Law**, Wednesday, November 9 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, November 10 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Pathways to the Profession: Health Law**, Wednesday, November 16 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, November 17 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy



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

Husch Blackwell Diversity Reception

Husch Blackwell cordially invites all law students to attend a cocktail reception to learn more about diversity in the legal profession. The reception will take place on Tuesday, November 15 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Husch Blackwell in Austin. Please see the Events section in CORE for more information. RSVP is required.

Judicial Clerkship Information Session

The "Judicial Clerkship Information Session" will be held on Thursday, November 10th, from 12:30 to 1:30 in the Atrium. The panel discussion, featuring the Honorable Marina Garcia Marmolejo (Law '96) and her current judicial clerks, will be a great way for 1Ls and 2Ls to learn more about post-grad clerkships, the application process, and the newly launched St. Mary's Law Judicial Clerkship Program led by Judge Garcia Marmolejo herself. Please see the Events section in CORE for more information and to RSVP.

Our System is Not Always **Just** and **Fair**: Stopping Melissa Lucio's Execution

Join MSJC's Death Penalty
Abolition/Restorative Justice
Team for a conversation with
St. Mary's University School of
Law student

Cody Huffman

Wednesday, November 30

5:00 PM PT | 6:00 PM MT | 7:00 PM CT | 8:00pm ET

Register at:

<https://www.givepulse.com/event/333366>

Marianist Social Justice Collaborative

A VOICE OF THE MARIANIST FAMILY ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

FALL 2022 - FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

Please see the below information regarding Fall 2022 final exams.

Important information regarding the upcoming Fall 2022 Exam Administration, November 29 - December 12, 2022, is listed below and on the attached materials. Please read all this information carefully to ensure you have the materials and information you need for Fall 2022 Exams, including the updated Exam Schedule with room assignments.

Instructions for each specific exam administration – In-person; Exemplify (remote); and Dropbox – will be sent by Ms. Olfers in a separate email. If you have specific questions about your exams, please contact your faculty members.

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. **Do not place your name on any exam materials – doing so is an Honor Code violation.**

Students 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 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) and provide the course name and professor, incorrect exam number used, and student ID#.

Using ExamSoft/Exemplify to Laptop Exam Answers

For in-person exams that will allow students to use a laptop for their answers, and for remote Exemplify exams, students **MUST have the latest version of Softest from ExamSoft/Exemplify** downloaded on the laptop the students will use for exams. It is critical that any student planning on using their laptop for exams **take SEVERAL PRACTICE TESTS** (password is mock123). This is particularly important for students taking exams remotely.

Questions about ExamSoft/Exemplify should be directed to the Law School's IT Department at lawtech@stmarytx.edu, 210-431-6721, or their offices in Room 101 of the Raba Law Faculty Building. Ms. Olfers will send you additional instructions about ExamSoft/Exemplify if you have an exam scheduled that requires this software.

If you are planning to check out a laptop from Law IT during an exam, email lawtech@stmarytx.edu for **a reservation** and for further instructions **at least one (1) full business day before your scheduled exam(s)**. Please note that there is no last-minute capacity to check out laptops – you must have a proper reservation scheduled at least one full business day in advance. All laptops are due back at the Law IT office at the end of each exam.

Posting Fall 2022 Grades

No grades are posted during the exam period (November 29 – December 12, 2022), or while the

University is closed for the Christmas Holidays (December 19, 2022 - January 2, 2023). If a faculty member submits grades prior to the holiday break, the Director of Student Records will process and post those grades on **Tuesday, December 13, shortly before 5:00 pm; this is the only day grades will be posted prior to the break.**

All remaining grades will be processed when the University reopens on Tuesday, January 3, 2023; the grading deadline for faculty to submit their grades is 5:00 pm on that date. As such, barring any unforeseen issues or late grade submissions, you will be able to see all grades by the end of the day on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. If you do not see one of your course grades by the end of the day on January 4, please reach out to your faculty member to inquire. Grades are reviewed to ensure they meet 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.

An exam review period will be opened for 30 days once all Fall 2022 grades are entered and processed. You will receive an email on Friday, January 6, 2023, announcing the exam review period dates. Dean's List and other academic honors will be announced by email on or before January 20, 2023.

Please carefully review the below exam policies, which will be in effect for Fall 2022.



2022 Fall Final Exam Policies.pdf

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Fall 2022 Exam ROOM Schedule - FINAL.pdf

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PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law



website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

[Download](#)

93.0 KB

FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

If you are graduating in December, you may be planning to sit for the upcoming Bar Exam in February 2023. Our Raise the Bar team stands ready to walk with you as you prepare for the exam. We invite you to attend an informational session and learn more about the bar exam, study planning, and other important items to consider. If you plan to attend via Zoom, you may access the Zoom link at the following site: <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

**REACH FOR THE STARS AS YOU PREPARE FOR
THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM!**

**REGISTER FOR RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2022
TODAY!**

**EXCLUSIVE ACCESS
TO ONLINE
RESOURCES**

**INFORMATIONAL
SESSIONS**

**SIMULATED
PRACTICE**

**GUIDANCE ON
STUDY SCHEDULE
& STRATEGY**

ONE-ON-ONE COACHING

**Raise
the Bar**

For additional information, contact Mr. Arturo Zapata,
Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.
Visit us at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

**Program
Begins in
December
2022**

REGISTER HERE



THE HON. LARRY E. KELLY BANKRUPTCY AMERICAN INN OF COURT

The members of The Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court are split into 6 pupillage teams, comprised of a mix of Masters, Barristers, Associates and Pupils from Austin and San Antonio. There are both consumer and commercial bankruptcy specialists and all the WDTX bankruptcy judges are active members. Each pupillage team is assigned one presentation per year. Our meetings are held in Austin, San Antonio and San Marcos (and sometimes virtually).

Dues are waived for law students. Because there are both an Austin and San Antonio Inn of Court, typically there are law students from both St. Mary's and UT law schools. You will find our meetings to be both educational and fun. There are six meetings (usually September, October, January, February, March and April) beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour (half hour actually), followed by an hour of CLE/educational programming. These meetings are generally interactive. Interested students may email Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com.

Want to improve your
legal research and writing
skills?



Become a Dean's Research Fellow!

The Dean's Research Fellows assist with a variety of legal research projects for the Dean, law faculty, and the University.

Rate of pay is
\$12.00 per hour.

All 2Ls are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow.



Must be available to work a
minimum of 10 and
maximum 20 hours a week.

Interested?



Submit your resume to Professor
Mike Martinez at
mmartinez17estmarytx.edu and
Project Manager David Janise at
djanise@mail.stmarytx.edu

FGP Study Hours



Sign Up for Study Hours! New Link!!
Scan our QR Code or click on the link:
<https://calendly.com/fgpstmu>

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St. Mary's
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Sign Up for FGP
through
Rattlertracks just
scan the QR Code

Sign Up



FGP is a student org that is dedicated to supporting First Gen Law students and students who grew up in working class/low-income communities. Non First Gen students are welcome to joining! Open to all students.



RESEARCH AND WRITING PROJECTS RELATED TO:

- LEGAL EDUCATION
- THE NEXT GENERATION BAR EXAM
- VOTING RIGHTS OF PUERTO RICAN RESIDENTS AND OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES
- OTHER AREAS OF LAW

CONTACT ASSISTANT DEAN AFTON
CAVANAUGH VIA EMAIL AT
ACAVANAUGH1@STMARYTX.EDU TO INDICATE
YOUR INTEREST ALONG WITH YOUR RESUME
AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

**WE ARE
HIRING
NOW**
APPLY TODAY!

Success is hiring one Research Assistant (RA) who will assist with research and writing related to legal education, the bar exam, and other areas of law. This position will have a special emphasis on the voting rights of Puerto Rican residents and other United States territories as well as developments from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) regarding the upcoming changes to the bar exam.

If you are interested in this position, please send an email to Assistant Dean Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu with a copy of your resume at your earliest convenience.



GRADUATE LAW RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Graduate Law Office 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 Office and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the below job description for application instructions.



Graduate Law RA Job Description-Intl Programs.pdf

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Graduate Law RA Job Description.pdf

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

Brooks Kushman Patent Claims Drafting Competition. \$2,000.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:12e6a6cf-13a7-3671-9658-aaa6c7102d96>. Deadline to apply is 11/16/2022.

American College of Consumer Financial Services. \$5,000, \$3,500, \$1,500.

<http://www.accfsi.org/writing-competition/>. Deadline to apply is 12/01/2022.

Insurance Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. \$4,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500.

<https://www.insurancelawsection.org/about/law-student-writing>. Deadline to apply is 12/16/2022.

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute, \$5,000 scholarship for a 3L student. [Click here for the application](#). Deadline to apply is 12/20/2022.

Brooks Kushman Intellectual Property Writing Competition. \$5,000.
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:0aca61a9-c197-376f-a0d7-68597524a6c8>. Deadline to apply is 01/18/2023.

EXCITING SUMMER ABROAD OPPORTUNITY FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS



1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.

The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Thursday, November 10, 2022**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its COVID-19 guidance for quarantine and isolation. St. Mary's will continue to follow [CDC guidance](#) using these new updates for students and employees who are ill or exposed to COVID-19.



The primary change in the guidance is that after two negative COVID-19 tests after Day 5 of isolation, you may return to work/class while continuing to wear your mask through Day 10. employees and students should test twice after Day 5 and report those results before returning to work or classes.

Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should self-report to the [Student Health Center](#) and follow protocols for isolation and quarantine. The SHC will notify the law school Administration, who in turn will ask faculty to provide recordings for missed classes for the period of official COVID quarantine. Any class absences during official University-sanctioned quarantine will not count towards attendance policies.

- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University accommodation.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Roasted Pumpkin Sage Soup

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

A must make this Fall season.

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AVAILABLE 24/7/365

Rattler Helpline — 24/7 Support Line
Mental health support available 24/7/365



Call (210) 825-3622 and the Wellness Hub for mental health and wellness articles, videos and self-help tools rattlerhelpline.com



Student Counseling Center

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

Center for Life Directions

(210) 436-3135 (for appointments)

Fax: (210) 431-6706

counseling@stmarytx.edu

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

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

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

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

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

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success

Raba Building, Room 108

210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support

Raba Building, Room 108

vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergencies: 24/7/365

(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line



(210) 436-3656—fax line
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

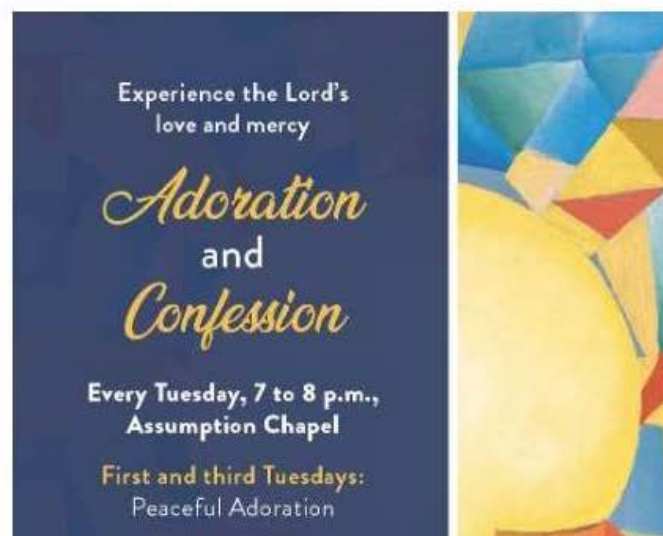
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel



Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual

For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.



Experience the Lord's
love and mercy

*Adoration
and
Confession*

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and Fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



The Catholic and
Marianist University



Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you
want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your
resume and
professional network
by joining the nation's
largest association of
legal professionals.

Invest in Yourself. Join the ABA.

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.

“The ABA has been
paramount in kick-starting
my legal career.”

CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law



See What Student Membership Means For You



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Choose From Two Types of Membership

Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

MEMBERSHIP	FREE/GO	PREMIUM	FREE
ABA the Bar Digital Publications		✓	
Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (over up to \$3000)		✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Briefs: (500 Values)		✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competitior Opportunities		✓	
Save 20% on West Academic Casebooks & Study Guides		✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Cases of Sheets, legal terminology BIC, and online featured tool		✓	
\$50 discount on law school, MBE, or bar exam online tutoring		✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses		✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Packages for additional support during bar exam prep		✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school		✓	
Access to live, MBE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MBE		✓	
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, outlines, and notes		✓	
Law School One-Sheets for all 16 courses (\$89.99 value)		✓	
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (50% off to \$25)	80 days		10 days

ABA Bar Prep Program

Premium Members Only

Themis
BarReview

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages

Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, first terminology lists, essay exam roadmaps, and the like.

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

JD ADVISING

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership
opportunities for law students:

- ABA Reg Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due
process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center, which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought

ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
Web Achiever: Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer Magazine & Blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$75 Value)	Free & Digital	Free & Digital
MEMBER DISCOUNTS & OFFERS	✓	✓

• \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
 • \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
 • Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
 • The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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Mandatory 1L Summer Job Search Sessions



ST. MARY'S
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OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY



Section A
Monday, November 14



Section B
Tuesday, November 15



Section C
Thursday, November 17

Law Alumni Room
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
REGISTER IN CORE



RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2023 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

If you are scheduled to sit for the February 2023 Bar Exam, you are encouraged to maximize your success on the exam by participating in the Raise the Bar program. Enrolled participants will receive benefits such as an assigned coach, informational sessions, simulated practice opportunities, individualized guidance, and exclusive resources. Enroll today for the Winter 2023 administration of the Raise the Bar program. The program will begin in December 2022. For more information visit, <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>, https://stmarys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ukMdjGeDw6p7rU or contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

**REACH FOR THE STARS AS YOU PREPARE FOR
THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM!**

**REGISTER FOR RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2022
TODAY!**

**EXCLUSIVE ACCESS
TO ONLINE
RESOURCES**

**INFORMATIONAL
SESSIONS**

**SIMULATED
PRACTICE**

**GUIDANCE ON
STUDY SCHEDULE
& STRATEGY**

ONE-ON-ONE COACHING

**Raise
the Bar**

For additional information, contact Mr. Arturo Zapata,
Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.
Visit us at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Program
Begins in
December
2022

REGISTER HERE



OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Pathways to the Profession: Health Law**, Wednesday, November 16 at 12:30 p.m., Atrium
 - **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, November 17 at 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- For more information, please see the Events page in CORE.



Husch Blackwell Diversity Reception

Husch Blackwell cordially invites all law students to attend a cocktail reception to learn more about diversity in the legal profession. The reception will take place on Tuesday, November 15 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Husch Blackwell in Austin. Please see the Events section in CORE for more information. RSVP is required.

LOTERIA STUDY BREAK

Join Lawtina Network on **Tuesday, November 15** at 12:00 noon for a fun Loteria Study Break in the Atrium. Cute prizes, raffles, and food will be provided. They will be joined by recent Lawtina graduates excited to talk about all things law school and post-graduation. You don't want to miss it!

Join Lawtina Network
FOR A FUN & WELL DESERVED

Loteria Study Break

WITH FUN PRIZES AND YUMMY SNACKS!

NOV. 15, 2022	12:00 PM
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RECENT LATINA LAW GRADS WILL BE JOINING US!

Dual Degree Information Session

ALL STUDENTS INVITED!



RSVP
here.

Come join FGP in welcoming Director Jeremy Grace from the Greehey School of Business on Wednesday, November 16th from 12:30pm - 1:30pm in LC 100. Director Grace will be providing lunch to students who RSVP to the event, provide information on all the Dual Degree programs available, and answer any questions you may have! Dean LeFall will also be on hand to answer any questions students may have regarding the law school side of the program.

Please contact Vanessa Ortega at vortega9@mail.stmarytx.edu with any questions.

THE CENTER FOR LEGAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE, OFFICE OF CAREER STRATEGY, and the MENTOR CIRCLES TEAM invite you to

COFFEE & CONCHAS

COFFEE & CONCHAS FROM PANADERIA JUHENEZ COFFEE

NOVEMBER 17

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CLINIC, EXTERNSHIP, PRO BONO PROGRAMS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND MENTOR CIRCLES OVER A CUP OF JOE!

LAW SCHOOL COURTYARD 10AM

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD & MENTOR CIRCLES

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ), Office of Career Strategy (OCS) and the Mentor Circles team for Coffee in the Courtyard **Thursday, November 17** from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy some hot coffee and conchas- bring your questions about upcoming PB opportunities, externship, professional development, and networking.

Attention 1Ls! Spring semester's Mentor Circles are just for you, don't miss out on information for this awesome opportunity.

Our System is Not
Always **Just** and **Fair**:
Stopping Melissa
Lucio's Execution

Join MSJC's Death Penalty
Abolition/Restorative Justice
Team for a conversation with
St. Mary's University School of
Law student

Cody Huffman

Wednesday, November 30

5:00 PM PT | 6:00 PM MT | 7:00 PM CT | 8:00pm ET



Register at:

<https://www.givepulse.com/event/333366>

Marianist Social Justice Collaborative

A VOICE OF THE MARIANIST FAMILY ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Welcome,
Kyle Mullen!**
Financial Aid
Counselor



Law School Office Location

Law Library, Rm. 108

Law School Office Hours

Tuesdays - 8:00 am - noon

Wednesdays - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Contact Kyle



(210) 436-3141



kmullen3@stmarytx.edu



[https://www.stmarytx.edu/
admission/financial-aid/](https://www.stmarytx.edu/admission/financial-aid/)

FALL 2022 - FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

Please see the below information regarding Fall 2022 final exams.

Important information regarding the upcoming Fall 2022 Exam Administration, November 29 - December 12, 2022, is listed below and on the attached materials. Please read all this information carefully to ensure you have the materials and information you need for Fall 2022 Exams, including the updated Exam Schedule with room assignments.

Instructions for each specific exam administration – In-person; Exemplify (remote); and Dropbox – will be sent by Ms. Offers in a separate email. If you have specific questions about your exams, please contact your faculty members.

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. **Do not place your name on any exam materials – doing so is an Honor Code violation.**

Students 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 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 Offers (yoffers@stmarytx.edu) and provide the course name and professor, incorrect exam number used, and student ID#.

Using ExamSoft/Exemplify to Laptop Exam Answers

For in-person exams that will allow students to use a laptop for their answers, and for remote Exemplify exams, students **MUST have the latest version of Softest from ExamSoft/Exemplify** downloaded on the laptop the students will use for exams. It is critical that any student planning on using their laptop for exams **take SEVERAL PRACTICE TESTS** (password is mock123). This is particularly important for students taking exams remotely.

Questions about ExamSoft/Exemplify should be directed to the Law School's IT Department at lawtech@stmarytx.edu, 210-431-6721, or their offices in Room 101 of the Raba Law Faculty Building. Ms. Offers will send you additional instructions about ExamSoft/Exemplify if you have an exam scheduled that requires this software.

If you are planning to check out a laptop from Law IT during an exam, email lawtech@stmarytx.edu for **a reservation** and for further instructions **at least one (1) full business day before your scheduled exam(s)**. Please note that there is no last-minute capacity to check out laptops – you must have a proper reservation scheduled at least one full business day in advance. All laptops are due back at the Law IT office at the end of each exam.

Posting Fall 2022 Grades

No grades are posted during the exam period (November 29 – December 12, 2022), or while the University is closed for the Christmas Holidays (December 19, 2022 - January 2, 2023). If a faculty member submits grades prior to the holiday break, the Director of Student Records will process and post those grades on **Tuesday, December 13, shortly before 5:00 pm; this is the only day grades will be posted prior to the break.**

All remaining grades will be processed when the University reopens on Tuesday, January 3, 2023; the grading deadline for faculty to submit their grades is 5:00 pm on that date. As such, barring any

the grading schedule for faculty to submit their grades to Core prior to that date. To ensure, during any unforeseen issues or late grade submissions, you will be able to see all grades by the end of the day on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. If you do not see one of your course grades by the end of the day on January 4, please reach out to your faculty member to inquire. Grades are reviewed to ensure they meet 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.

An exam review period will be opened for 30 days once all Fall 2022 grades are entered and processed. You will receive an email on Friday, January 6, 2023, announcing the exam review period dates. Dean's List and other academic honors will be announced by email on or before January 20, 2023.

Please carefully review the below exam policies, which will be in effect for Fall 2022.



2022 Fall Final Exam Policies.pdf

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Fall 2022 Exam ROOM Schedule - FINAL.pdf

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PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.





Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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THE HON. LARRY E. KELLY BANKRUPTCY AMERICAN INN OF COURT

The members of The Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court are split into 6 pupillage teams, comprised of a mix of Masters, Barristers, Associates and Pupils from Austin and San Antonio. There are both consumer and commercial bankruptcy specialists and all the WDTX bankruptcy judges are active members. Each pupillage team is assigned one presentation per year. Our meetings are held in Austin, San Antonio and San Marcos (and sometimes virtually).

Dues are waived for law students. Because there are both an Austin and San Antonio Inn of Court, typically there are law students from both St. Mary's and UT law schools. You will find our meetings to be both educational and fun. There are six meetings (usually September, October, January, February, March and April) beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour (half hour actually), followed by an hour of CLE/educational programming. These meetings are generally interactive. Interested students may email Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com.

*Want to improve your
legal research and writing
skills?*



Become a Dean's Research Fellow!

The Dean's Research Fellows assist with a variety of legal research projects for the Dean, law faculty, and the University.

*Rate of pay is
\$12.00 per hour.*

All 2Ls are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow.



*Must be available to work a
minimum of 10 and
maximum 20 hours a week.*

Interested?



Submit your resume to Professor Mike Martinez at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu and Project Manager David Janise at djanise@email.stmarytx.edu

St. Mary's

Sign Up for FGP
through

School of Law
First Generation
Professionals

through
Rattlertracks just
scan the QR Code

Sign Up



FGP is a student org that is dedicated to supporting First Gen Law students and students who grew up in working class/low-income communities. Non First Gen students are welcome to joining! Open to all students.

GRADUATE LAW RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

The Graduate Law Office 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 Office and would like to assist in our special projects, initiatives, and activities we encourage you to apply today. Please see the below job description for application instructions.



Graduate Law RA Job Description-Intl Programs.pdf

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Graduate Law RA Job Description.pdf

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>

student writing competition.

Brooks Kushman Patent Claims Drafting Competition. \$2,000.

[https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:12e6a6cf-13a7-3671-9658-
eaa6c7102d96](https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:12e6a6cf-13a7-3671-9658-
eaa6c7102d96). Deadline to apply is 11/16/2022.

American College of Consumer Financial Services. \$5,000, \$3,500, \$1,500.

<http://www.accfsl.org/writing-competition/>. Deadline to apply is 12/01/2022.

Insurance Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. \$4,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500.

<https://www.insurancelawsection.org/about/law-student-writing>. Deadline to apply is 12/16/2022.

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute, \$5,000 scholarship for a 3L student. [Click here for the application](#). Deadline to apply is 12/20/2022.

Brooks Kushman Intellectual Property Writing Competition. \$5,000.

[https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:0aca61a9-c197-376f-a0d7-
68597524a6c8](https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:0aca61a9-c197-376f-a0d7-
68597524a6c8). Deadline to apply is 01/18/2023.

EXCITING SUMMER ABROAD OPPORTUNITY FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS

1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.



The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

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

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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/administrationfinance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its COVID-19 guidance for quarantine and isolation. St. Mary's will continue to follow [CDC guidance](#) using these new updates for students and employees who are ill or exposed to COVID-19.



The primary change in the guidance is that after two negative COVID-19 tests after Day 5 of isolation, you may return to work/class while continuing to wear your mask through Day 10. employees and students should test twice after Day 5 and report those results before returning to work or classes.

Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should self-report to the [Student Health Center](#) and follow protocols for isolation and quarantine. The SHC will notify the law school Administration, who in turn will ask faculty to provide recordings for missed classes for the period of official COVID quarantine. Any class absences during official University-sanctioned quarantine will not count towards attendance policies.

- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University accommodation.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Turkey Pumpkin Chili

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/turkey-pumpkin-chili/>

A perfect Fall dish made with ground turkey, tomatoes, canned pumpkins, white beans and spinach.

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STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students



through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke
Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu



Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy


Adoration and Confession

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration


Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your resume and professional network by joining the nation's largest association of legal professionals.

Invest in Yourself. Join the ABA.

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.

ABA

See What Student Membership Means For You

"The ABA has been paramount in kick-starting my legal career."

CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law



AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION



Choose From Two Types of Membership

Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

MEMBERSHIP	PREMIUM	FREE
Allow the Bar Digital Publications	✓	
Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising Bar prep (Save up to \$500)	✓	
ABA Legal Ethics eClass® (\$56 Value)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 20% on West Academic Coursebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Concept Sheets, legal terminology flash cards, and online flashcard tool	✓	
\$10 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one sheets, seminars, and guides	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 1L courses (\$69.99 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	40 days	10 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Barbri Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$73 Value)	Free if 7-10/11	Free if 11/12/13
Member Accounts & Offices	✓	✓

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ABA Bar Prep Program Premium Members Only

Themis
BarReview

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages

Multiple choice questions sets, law concept sheets, legal terminology sets, essay exam outlines, and the like.

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.



CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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NATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM GOES THE DISTANCE

Congratulations to 3Ls **Dominic Alves** and **Bailey Wylie**, the newly-crowned **Regional Finalists** for the ABA Negotiation Competition. Dominic and Bailey, co-captains of the ADR Team, competed in the ABA Negotiation Competition along with their teammates, 2Ls **Max Massey** and **Analysa Casanova-Smith**. **Dominic** and **Bailey** excelled in their rounds and advanced to the finals of the competition, where they fought valiantly, resulting in the final round coming down to a single point differential.



These tremendous advocates showed their capability, flexibility, and negotiation acumen and represented St. Mary's with pride. The Competition, nearing its 40th year in existence, calls upon law students to simulate real-world legal negotiations, and hone skills they will utilize throughout their legal career. The rounds require advocates to think on their feet and adapt to fact patterns which they only receive hours before the round begins. We are so proud of these students and celebrate their success.

Congratulations Dominic and Bailey!



St. Mary's Moot Court Team

Kathryn Cantu (3L), Haley



Chicago Bar Association National Moot Court Champions

Harvey (3L), Emily Mann (2L) , and Nadine Cox (2L) compete at the 40th Annual Chicago Bar Association National Moot Court competition.

Kathryn Cantu and Haley Harvey bring home their second championship this semester. Congratulations!

ST. MARY'S MOOT COURT TEAM WINS CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The St. Mary's Moot Court Team continued its championship run this past weekend at the Chicago Bar Association's 40th Annual National Moot Court Competition. St. Mary's sent two groups of advocates to the tournament: **Kathryn Cantu (3L) and Haley Harvey (3L) and Emily Mann (2L) and Nadine Cox (2L) competed against nearly 30 moot court teams** from all over the country. Layne Mustian served as bailiff for the Reed / Cox team. **Mann and Cox reached the Top-8 teams at the competition, while Cantu and Harvey brought home their second championship of the Fall, besting a local Chicago team from DePaul University College of Law in the finals round.** Please congratulate all of these amazing advocates for their extraordinary accomplishment!



NATIONAL TRIAL TEAM ADVANCES TO SEMIFINALS AT THE WILLIAM DANIEL NATIONAL MOCK TRIAL TEAM COMPETITION

The National Trial Team competed in the William Daniel National Mock Trial Competition November 18 - 20 in Atlanta, Georgia at the Georgia State University School of Law. St. Mary's was represented by the all 2L team of **Majestie Barragan, Jayden Cool, Meagan Folmar, Jay Hickey, Bailie Ibarra and Catherine Land.** Fourteen teams from across the country battled for the title.

In order to advance to semifinals, the St. Mary's team faced Florida, University of Illinois Chicago, and McGeorge School of Law in the three preliminary rounds. The team faced off against the eventual Champions Emory in the semi-final round.

Our 2L class is proving to be pretty formidable having now reached the advanced rounds in every competition but one they faced this year. Special appreciation goes to St. Mary's alums and

coaches Leslie Rodriguez and Misty Deatherage for their exceptional work with this team.

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY

Last day of School of Law classes is Tuesday, November 22. The University will be closed Wednesday, November 23 -25 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday. University offices will reopen Monday, November 28.



RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2023 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

If you are scheduled to sit for the February 2023 Bar Exam, you are encouraged to maximize your success on the exam by participating in the Raise the Bar program. Enrolled participants will receive benefits such as an assigned coach, informational sessions, simulated practice opportunities, individualized guidance, and exclusive resources. Enroll today for the Winter 2023 administration of the Raise the Bar program. The program will begin in December 2022. For more information visit, <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>, https://stmarys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ukMdjGeDw6p7rU or contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

**REACH FOR THE STARS AS YOU PREPARE FOR
THE FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM!**

**REGISTER FOR RAISE THE BAR WINTER 2022
TODAY!**

**EXCLUSIVE ACCESS
TO ONLINE
RESOURCES**

**INFORMATIONAL
SESSIONS**

**SIMULATED
PRACTICE**

**GUIDANCE ON
STUDY SCHEDULE
& STRATEGY**

ONE-ON-ONE COACHING

**Raise
the Bar**

For additional information, contact Mr. Arturo Zapata,
Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.
Visit us at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

**Program
Begins in
December
2022**

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Abolition/Restorative Justice
Team for a conversation with
St. Mary's University School of
Law student
Cody Huffman
Wednesday, November 30
5:00 PM PT | 6:00 PM MT | 7:00 PM CT | 8:00pm ET

Register at:
<https://www.givepulse.com/event/333366>

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St. Mary's University Police Dept.

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ON 36TH
STREET**

TOY DRIVE

School of Law Elf Directions:

- Select an ornament from the tree in Raba, Law Commons, Law Classroom Foyer, or in the Law



TOY DRIVE HOSTED BY STMU POLICE DEPARTMENT

Law Ministry invites you to join with the StMU Police Department's Miracle on 36th Street and consider donating to help brighten a child's Christmas. For more information please contact Sister Grace, gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

FINLAYSON FELLOWSHIP

SAN ANTONIO
BAR FOUNDATION

The San Antonio Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the Dawn Bruner Finlayson Fellowship is accepting applications through **January 19, 2023**. Awards will be announced no later than **March 2023**.

FINLAYSON FELLOWSHIP

The Dawn Bruner Finlayson Fellowship recognizes talented students who want to be attorneys and legal professionals in San Antonio.

The San Antonio Bar Foundation will award \$35,000 annually in scholarships to **eight (8) students who demonstrate an interest in pursuing a legal career in San Antonio**.

Successful applicants:

- Are a first-generation college, court reporting, paralegal or law school student; and
- Demonstrate financial need; and
- Demonstrate a desire to pursue a career as an attorney or legal professional in San Antonio; and
- Commit to participating in a monthly Fellows cohort meeting during the Fall 2023 Semester.

The awards will be distributed as follows:

- Three \$5,000 scholarships to first-generation law students who participate in the Fall 2023 Finlayson Fellows cohort; and
- Three \$5,000 scholarships to first-generation undergraduate degree students who participate in the Fall 2023 Finlayson Fellows cohort;
- Two \$2,500 awards to a first-generation paralegal and a first-generation court reporter student who participate in the Fall 2023 Finlayson Fellows Cohort. These scholarships will be awarded through a paralegal program and The Project Steno program.

HOW TO APPLY

The students will need to submit **two letters of recommendation** and **transcripts**. The application is exclusively online and includes **one essay between 500-600 words**. Visit their website to view the online applications and meet the **inaugural cohort of 2023 Finlayson Fellows**. Applications are available [HERE](#).

QUESTIONS?

Please email fellows@sabar.org or call [210-227-8822](tel:210-227-8822) if you need an immediate answer.

**Welcome,
Kyle Mullen!**
Financial Aid
Counselor

Law School Office Location
Law Library, Rm. 108

Law School Office Hours
Tuesdays - 8:00 am - noon
Wednesdays - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Contact Kyle

(210) 436-3141 kmullen3@stmarytx.edu <https://www.stmarytx.edu/admission/financial-aid/>

FALL 2022 - FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

Please see the below information regarding Fall 2022 final exams.

Important information regarding the upcoming Fall 2022 Exam Administration, November 29 - December 12, 2022, is listed below and on the attached materials. Please read all this information carefully to ensure you have the materials and information you need for Fall 2022 Exams, including the updated Exam Schedule with room assignments.

Instructions for each specific exam administration – In-person; Exemplify (remote); and Dropbox – will be sent by Ms. Offers in a separate email. If you have specific questions about your exams, please contact your faculty members.

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. **Do not place your name on any exam materials – doing so is an Honor Code violation.**

Students 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 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

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) and provide the course name and professor, incorrect exam number used, and student ID#.

Using ExamSoft/Examplify to Laptop Exam Answers

For in-person exams that will allow students to use a laptop for their answers, and for remote Examplify exams, students **MUST have the latest version of Softest from ExamSoft/Examplify** downloaded on the laptop the students will use for exams. It is critical that any student planning on using their laptop for exams **take SEVERAL PRACTICE TESTS** (password is mock123). This is particularly important for students taking exams remotely.

Questions about ExamSoft/Examplify should be directed to the Law School's IT Department at lawtech@stmarytx.edu, 210-431-6721, or their offices in Room 101 of the Raba Law Faculty Building. Ms. Olfers will send you additional instructions about ExamSoft/Examplify if you have an exam scheduled that requires this software.

If you are planning to check out a laptop from Law IT during an exam, email lawtech@stmarytx.edu for **a reservation** and for further instructions **at least one (1) full business day before your scheduled exam(s)**. Please note that there is no last-minute capacity to check out laptops – you must have a proper reservation scheduled at least one full business day in advance. All laptops are due back at the Law IT office at the end of each exam.

Posting Fall 2022 Grades

No grades are posted during the exam period (November 29 – December 12, 2022), or while the University is closed for the Christmas Holidays (December 19, 2022 - January 2, 2023). If a faculty member submits grades prior to the holiday break, the Director of Student Records will process and post those grades on **Tuesday, December 13, shortly before 5:00 pm; this is the only day grades will be posted prior to the break.**

All remaining grades will be processed when the University reopens on Tuesday, January 3, 2023; the grading deadline for faculty to submit their grades is 5:00 pm on that date. As such, barring any unforeseen issues or late grade submissions, you will be able to see all grades by the end of the day on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. If you do not see one of your course grades by the end of the day on January 4, please reach out to your faculty member to inquire. Grades are reviewed to ensure they meet 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.

An exam review period will be opened for 30 days once all Fall 2022 grades are entered and processed. You will receive an email on Friday, January 6, 2023, announcing the exam review period dates. Dean's List and other academic honors will be announced by email on or before January 20, 2023.

Please carefully review the below exam policies, which will be in effect for Fall 2022.



2022 Fall Final Exam Policies.pdf

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Fall 2022 Exam ROOM Schedule - FINAL.pdf

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PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

[Download](#)

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THE HON. LARRY E. KELLY BANKRUPTCY AMERICAN INN OF COURT


The members of The Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court are split into 6 pupillage teams, comprised of a mix of Masters, Barristers, Associates and Pupils from Austin and San Antonio. There are both consumer and commercial bankruptcy specialists and all the WDTX bankruptcy judges are active members. Each pupillage team is assigned one presentation per year. Our meetings are held in Austin, San Antonio and San Marcos (and sometimes virtually).

Dues are waived for law students. Because there are both an Austin and San Antonio Inn of Court, typically there are law students from both St. Mary's and UT law schools. You will find our meetings to be both educational and fun. There are six meetings (usually September, October, January, February, March and April) beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour (half hour actually), followed by an hour of CLE/educational programming. These meetings are generally interactive. Interested students may email Debbie Langehennig at trustee@ch13austin.com.

St. Mary's
School of Law
First Generation
Professionals



Sign Up



**Sign Up for FGP
through
Rattlertracks just
scan the QR Code**

FGP is a student org that is dedicated to supporting First Gen Law students and students who grew up in working class/low-income communities. Non First Gen students are welcome to joining! Open to all students.

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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

American College of Consumer Financial Services. \$5,000, \$3,500, \$1,500.

<http://www.acfsl.org/writing-competition/>. Deadline to apply is 12/01/2022.

Insurance Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. \$4,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500.

<https://www.insurancelawsection.org/about/law-student-writing-> Deadline to apply is 12/16/2022.

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute, \$5,000 scholarship for a 3L student. [Click here for the application](#). Deadline to apply is 12/20/2022.

Brooks Kushman Intellectual Property Writing Competition. \$5,000.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:0aca61a9-c197-376f-a0d7-68597524a6c8>. Deadline to apply is 01/18/2023.

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. <https://thesovereigntysymposium.com/writing-competition/>. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.

EXCITING SUMMER ABROAD OPPORTUNITY FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS



1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.

The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the

Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS? WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its COVID-19 guidance for quarantine and isolation. St. Mary's will continue to follow [CDC guidance](#) using these new updates for students and employees who are ill or exposed to COVID-19.



The primary change in the guidance is that after two negative COVID-19 tests after Day 5 of

isolation, you may return to work/class while continuing to wear your mask through Day 10. employees and students should test twice after Day 5 and report those results before returning to work or classes.

Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should self-report to the [Student Health Center](#) and follow protocols for isolation and quarantine. The SHC will notify the law school Administration, who in turn will ask faculty to provide recordings for missed classes for the period of official COVID quarantine. Any class absences during official University-sanctioned quarantine will not count towards attendance policies.

- This is an automatic process and all your faculty is alerted – but students are welcome to reach out to their individual faculty directly if there are questions or concerns. It is not necessary to alert the law school administration – as they will receive a notice from the SHC directly, and that is what will trigger faculty notice on the Administrative end.
- Please note that faculty are not required to record their classes outside an official University accommodation.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Autumn Crunch Pasta Salad

<https://www.chelseasmessyapron.com/autumn-crunch-pasta-salad/>

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STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.

Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of



reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

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

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

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

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success

Raba Building, Room 108

210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support

Raba Building, Room 108

vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergencies: 24/7/365

(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center



Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

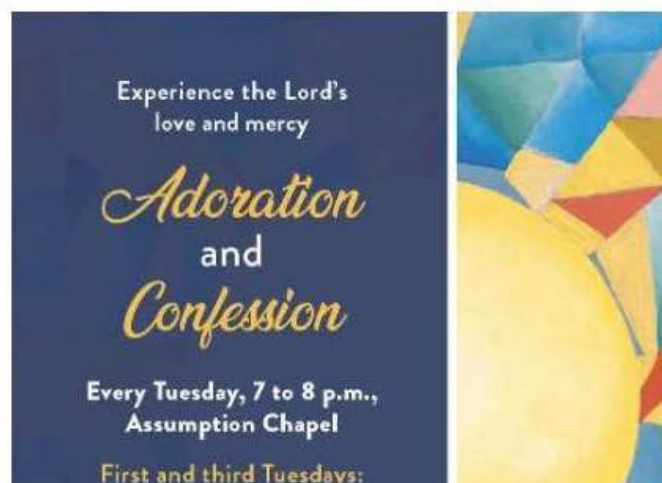
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.



Experience the Lord's
love and mercy

*Adoration
and
Confession*

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:

Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



The Catholic and
Marionist University



**Prepare for your
legal career**

As a member of the ABA, you get
access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you
want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your
resume and
professional network
by joining the nation's
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Join the ABA.**

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my legal career."**

CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law



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- 1L mandatory re-orientation sessions (by section) will be held January 10-12.



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

MANDATORY 1L RE-ORIENTATION SESSIONS

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OPTIONAL WORKSHOP

1L MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM

TIPS AND ADVICE FOR MOCK INTERVIEW SUCCESS

Sections A, B, and C
JANUARY 11, 12, OR 13, 2023
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Zoom Link in the Events tab in CORE

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The awards will be distributed as follows:

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- Three \$5,000 scholarships to first-generation undergraduate degree students who participate in the Fall 2023 Finlayson Fellows cohort;

· Two \$2,500 awards to a first-generation paralegal and a first-generation court reporter student who participate in the Fall 2023 Finlayson Fellows Cohort. These scholarships will be awarded through a paralegal program and The Project Steno program.

HOW TO APPLY

The students will need to submit **two letters of recommendation** and **transcripts**. The application is exclusively online and includes **one essay between 500-600 words**. Visit their website to view the online applications and meet the **inaugural cohort of 2023 Finlayson Fellows**. Applications are available [HERE](#).

QUESTIONS?

Please email fellows@sabar.org or call [210-227-8822](tel:210-227-8822) if you need an immediate answer.

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For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Admission at graduate@stmarytx.edu.



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PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team.



Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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**Welcome,
Kyle Mullen!**
Financial Aid
Counselor

Law School Office Location
Law Library, Rm. 108

Law School Office Hours
Tuesdays - 8:00 am - noon
Wednesdays - 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm

Contact Kyle

(210) 436-3141 kmullen3@stmarytx.edu <https://www.stmarytx.edu/admission/financial-aid/>

ABA BUSINESS LAW SECTION OPPORTUNITIES

Apply for the [2023 Diversity Clerkship Program](#).

The Diversity Clerkship Program is a summer program that provides business law clerkship placements for qualified, diverse second-year law students. Participating clerks receive support and mentoring in the business law field and exposure to business practices. Roles and responsibilities of selected Diversity Clerkship participants include but are not limited to the following:

1. Researching cases
2. Drafting memoranda and opinions
3. Observing trials
4. Networking with local attorneys and judges

In addition to a placement in a business court clerkship, Diversity Clerkship participants will also receive a stipend of \$3,000 to cover living expenses for the duration of the 8-week clerkship. If the COVID-19 pandemic prevents an individual from being able to complete the clerkship in person (due to mandates, health concerns, etc.) we will work to provide a virtual experience. Applicants also must be ABA and Business Law Section Members. All application materials are due **January 16, 2023**. For full details and to apply, [click here](#).



Submit your outstanding business law papers to the [2023 Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest](#). All submission materials are due **January 20, 2023**.

The winner of the first-place paper will receive a \$1,000 cash prize. Outstanding first-place papers may also be included in [The Business Lawyer](#), a quarterly publication that is the premier business law journal in the country. Second and third-place papers are eligible for publication in [Business Law Today](#), the digital platform of curated, peer-reviewed content for the ABA Business Law Section.

All entries must be submitted electronically, on or before midnight CST **January 20, 2023**. To view complete contest rules and more information [click here](#). The ABA Business Law Section looks forward to receiving your submission.

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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

Brooks Kushman Intellectual Property Writing Competition. \$5,000.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:0aca61a9-c197-376f-a0d7-68597524a6c8>. Deadline to apply is 01/18/2023.

State Bar of Texas - Bar Exam Prep Scholarship. Deadline to apply is 02/03/2023.

https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Consider_a_State_Bar_Committee&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=58435

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. <https://thesovereigntysymposium.com/writing-competition/>. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.

EXCITING SUMMER ABROAD OPPORTUNITY FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS

1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.



The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS? WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All invited dignitaries to campus (DD) must be invited by the Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs.

All law school registered student organizations (RSU) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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/administrationfinance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incident Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, that means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or I can help.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Kale Cranberry Quinoa Salad

<https://madaboutfood.co/kale-cranberry-quinoa-salad/>

This is a great side salad or for a meal, add your favorite protein.



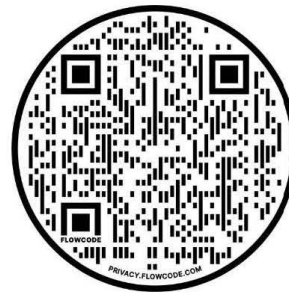
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STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke
Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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

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



SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel



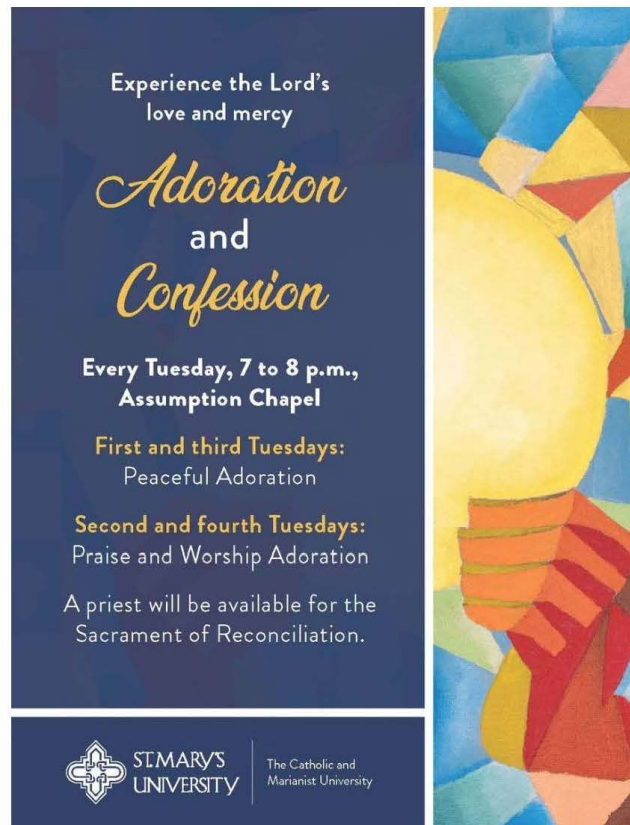
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Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel



Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual

For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.



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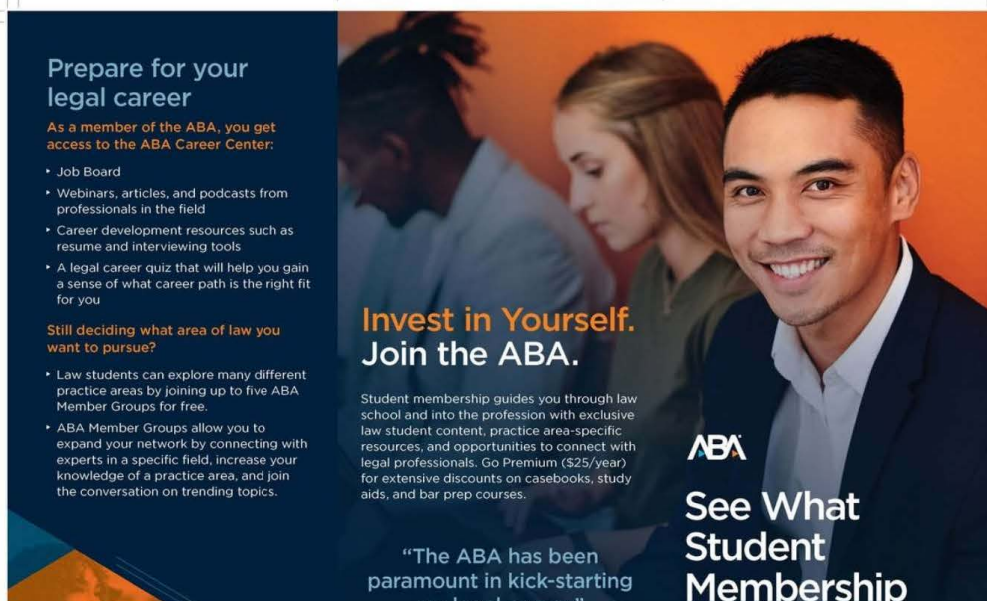
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First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
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- Job Board
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- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you
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- **OCS Workshop: Email Management**, Thursday, February 23, 12:15 – 1:15 p.m., LC100

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LCAP LAB SCHEDULE

17 JAN	PERSUASIVE STRATEGIES	26 JAN	RULE STRUCTURE AND APPLICATIONS
31 JAN	RULE DRAFTING AND THE DECISION TREE - HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU HAVE ALL THE RULES?	07 FEB	PIVOTING FROM FEEDBACK AND SELF-ASSESSMENTS



Spring 2023 LCAP Labs

Current LCAP II students will attend three (3) LCAP labs over the course of the semester. Since room capacity is limited to 120, you will need to RSVP in CORE for the labs you elect to attend. You are not limited to three labs, and we hope you will attend each one you find interesting or useful.

To receive credit for this activity, you will need to RSVP for three labs, arrive on time, stay for the duration of the lab, and submit any lab activity or assignment immediately after the lab in the appropriate Canvas drop box.

For questions or more information please contact Arturo Zapata at azapata2@stmarytx.edu

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- Demonstrate financial need; and
- Demonstrate a desire to pursue a career as an attorney or legal professional in San Antonio; and
- Commit to participating in a monthly Fellows cohort meeting during the Fall 2023 Semester.

The awards will be distributed as follows:

- Three \$5,000 scholarships to first-generation law students who participate in the Fall 2023 Finlayson Fellows cohort; and
- Three \$5,000 scholarships to first-generation undergraduate degree students who participate in the Fall 2023 Finlayson Fellows cohort;
- Two \$2,500 awards to a first-generation paralegal and a first-generation court reporter student who participate in the Fall 2023 Finlayson Fellows Cohort. These scholarships will be awarded through a paralegal program and The Project Steno program.

HOW TO APPLY

The students will need to submit **two letters of recommendation** and **transcripts**. The application is exclusively online and includes **one essay between 500-600 words**. Visit their website to view the online applications and meet the inaugural cohort of 2023 Finlayson Fellows. Applications are

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QUESTIONS?

Please email fellows@sabar.org or call [210-227-8822](tel:210-227-8822) if you need an immediate answer.

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- ▶ TIME: 12PM - 1 PM
- ▶ LOCATION: LAW LIBRARY COMMONS

**MEET THE DRF TEAM AND FIND OUT
HOW TO APPLY!**

Innsbruck Study Abroad Program Informational Meeting

Thursday, February 9th at 12pm in LC 105



Prof. **Flint Fest**





All are invited to...

Join Professor Flint for his home-brewed beer* and barbecue at this family friendly event.

All proceeds from Flint Fest benefit Flint Fund Scholarship award recipients.
*BYO-Wine



Friday, February 17, 2023 | 6:30pm | \$10 Donation
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Learn about the Institute on World Legal Problems in
Dunbarck and:
- Speak with students who attended
- Find out about Travel
- Get Financial Aid/Scholarship Information
- Learn about H&A with Professor Flint
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ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

February 24th, 2023

at The DoSeum | San Antonio, TX

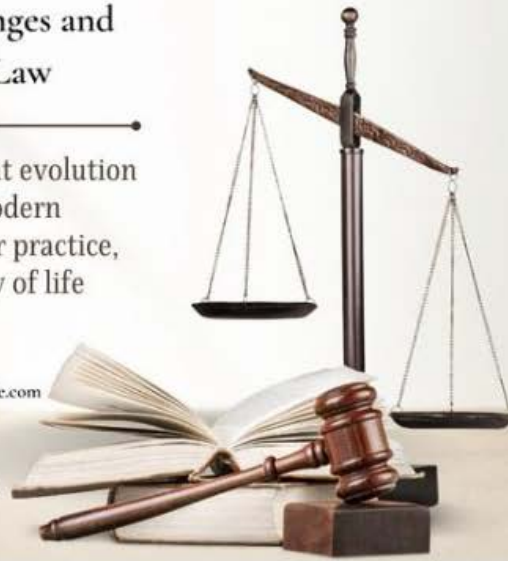
THEN AND NOW:

Constitutional Changes and
Navigating the Law

Understanding the recent evolution
of law and how modern
applications affect your practice,
community, and way of life

<https://stmarythescholarsymposium.eventbrite.com>

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The Scholar Annual Symposium

"The Scholar's Annual Symposium is a CLE credit-approved event held annually to bring awareness to new advancements or issues arising in a particular practice area.

In 2023, the Annual Symposium's theme is "Then and Now: Constitutional Changes and Navigating the Law." The presentations will focus on the modern adaptations to constitutional law based on recent Supreme Court decisions, a reflection on the



advancement or regression of the law in particular practice areas, and the effects the law's changing landscape has on certain communities. Esteemed lawyers, professors, scholars, and advocates will present on a wide range of topics including Health care, Environmental Law, Criminal Prosecution and Defense, Immigration Law, Title IX, First Amendment Rights, and Conflicts of Law.

Use the link or scan the QR code to learn more and register for this exciting event!"

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For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Admission at graduate@stmarytx.edu.



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The Catholic and Marianist University

PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.





Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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**Welcome,
Kyle Mullen!**
Financial Aid
Counselor

Law School Office Location
Law Library, Rm. 108

Law School Office Hours
Tuesdays - 8:00 am - noon
Wednesdays - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Contact Kyle

(210) 436-3141 kmullen3@stmarytx.edu <https://www.stmarytx.edu/admission/financial-aid/>

ABA BUSINESS LAW SECTION OPPORTUNITIES

Apply for the [2023 Diversity Clerkship Program](#).

The Diversity Clerkship Program is a summer program that provides business law clerkship placements for qualified, diverse second-year law students. Participating clerks receive support and mentoring in the business law field and exposure to business practices. Roles and responsibilities of selected Diversity Clerkship participants include but are not limited to the following:

1. Researching cases
2. Drafting memoranda and opinions
3. Observing trials
4. Networking with local attorneys and judges

In addition to a placement in a business court clerkship, Diversity Clerkship participants will also receive a stipend of \$3,000 to cover living expenses for the duration of the 8-week clerkship. If the COVID-19 pandemic prevents an individual from being able to complete the clerkship in person (due to mandates, health concerns, etc.) we will work to provide a virtual experience. Applicants also must be ABA and Business Law Section Members. All application materials are due **January 11, 2023**. For more information, visit [www.abanet.org/business-law-section](#).



16, 2023. For full details and to apply, [click here](#).

Submit your outstanding business law papers to the [2023 Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest](#). All submission materials are due **January 20, 2023**.

The winner of the first-place paper will receive a \$1,000 cash prize. Outstanding first-place papers may also be included in [The Business Lawyer](#), a quarterly publication that is the premier business law journal in the country. Second and third-place papers are eligible for publication in [Business Law Today](#), the digital platform of curated, peer-reviewed content for the ABA Business Law Section.

All entries must be submitted electronically, on or before midnight CST **January 20, 2023**. To view complete contest rules and more information [click here](#). The ABA Business Law Section looks forward to receiving your submission.

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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

Brooks Kushman Intellectual Property Writing Competition. \$5,000.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:0aca61a9-c197-376f-a0d7-68597524a6c8>. Deadline to apply is 01/18/2023.

State Bar of Texas - Bar Exam Prep Scholarship. Deadline to apply is 02/03/2023.

[https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?](https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Consider_a_State_Bar_Committee&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=58435)

[Section=Consider_a_State_Bar_Committee&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=58435](https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Consider_a_State_Bar_Committee&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=58435)

Bowman and Brooke. \$5,000 for 1Ls. Deadline to apply is 02/28/2023.

<http://pull.xmr3.com/p/652-050C/56057049/7b685091-9bd7-4fee-a68d-0f096b6dc6be.html>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. <https://thesovereigntysymposium.com/writing-competition/>. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.



Don't miss your chance to win

\$5,000

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ACCESSLEX INSTITUTE IS awarding **two \$5,000 scholarships per class** this winter.

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EXCITING SUMMER ABROAD OPPORTUNITY FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS



1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.

The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> . She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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, Office of Law Student Affairs, 210.436.3539.

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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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

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- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment - <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix>
- Students with Disability - <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, that means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or I can help.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Power Lunch

<https://www.goodfood.com.au/recipes/power-lunch-20111121-29u80>

Boost your well-being with this protein packed lunch.



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STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub



The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

- <https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
- <https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
- <https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke
Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105



gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy

Adoration and Confession

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you
want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your
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professional network
by joining the nation's
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BENEFIT	PREMIUM	FREE
Allow the Bar Digital Publication	✓	
Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (save up to \$500)	✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Bundle (\$30 Value)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 20% on West Academic Coursebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Cases pt. Sheets, legal terminology lists, and online flashcard tool	✓	
\$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for a additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, seminars, and guides	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 1L courses (\$29.99 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	30 days	30 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (\$ Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$75 Value)	Print & Digital	Print & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓

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ABA Bar Prep Program Premium Members Only

Themis Bar Review

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
 - Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages
- Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam roadmaps, and the like.

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses



Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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THIS WEEK (see below for details)

- Coffee in the Courtyard, Tuesday 1/24, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- LCAP Lab, Thursday, 1/26, 12:00 p.m., LC105
- Health & Wellness Expo, Saturday, 1/28, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the AACC. Free health screening and many other resources available. Open to everyone.





Back-to-Back National Champions

The St. Mary's National Trial Team won the National Trial League (NTL) on January 22, 2022. Since August, the National Trial Team embarked on a journey to defend their NTL title by competing in a series of seven preliminary rounds of competition via Zoom. After a 5-2 season record and two Silver Advocate winners (more than any other school), our team advanced to the live semi-finals rounds in Syracuse, New York.

Three rounds on Saturday determined which teams advanced to the final round on Sunday. 3Ls Daniela Jimenez and Maria Jaimes along with 2Ls Shanell Henry and Catherine Land represented us in the final round against powerhouse Maryland. In a lopsided 3-0 decision and the biggest spread in the tournament, St Mary's repeated as National Trial League Champions and Daniela was awarded the Best Advocate Award in the final round.

Of course, none of this was possible without an entire team effort. Thank you to all members and coaches of the National Trial Team that helped make this Championship possible: Cody Kent, Vanessa Skillman, Christian Ramon, Abby Efron, Isabella Campos, Bianca Hernandez, Jenna Croymans, Vanessa Herrera, Caitlin Hennessy, Savina Tapia, Maria Jaimes, Daniela Jimenez, Catherine Land, Shanell Henry, Megan Folmer, Griffin Farney, and Genesis Salinas. With a special thank you to all the coaches and professors that assisted; NTL Head Coach Jess Juneke, Coaches Juishree Samant, Meagan Ledesma, Deb Juneke, Brad Simon and our newest volunteer coach Ethan Hinds, M.D. who was brought on to help the team better understand how we communicate and how others hear us. Welcome aboard Dr. Hinds. Please join in congratulating all of these advocates on a job well done!

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date



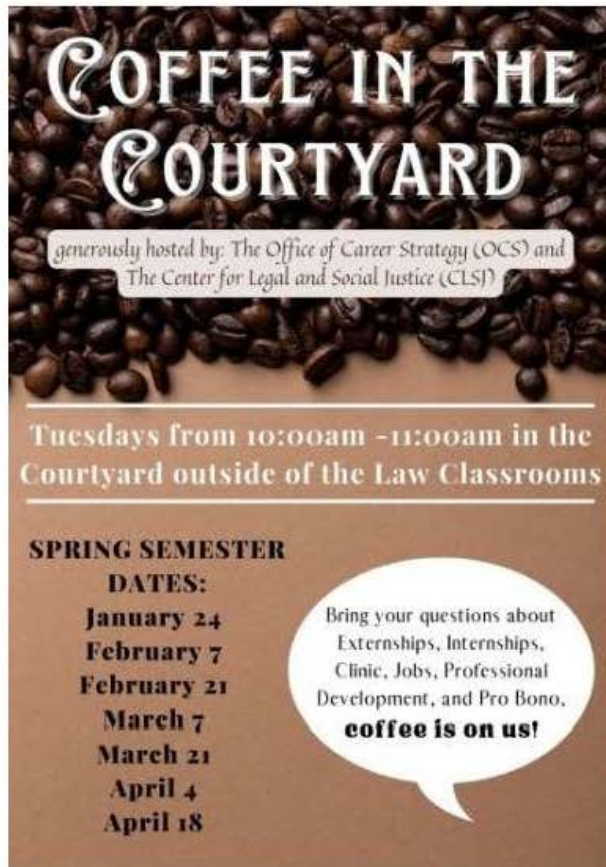
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, January 26, 12:30, Office of Career Strategy
- **Penney's, Pics, and Pizza**, Wednesday, February 1, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., University Center
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, February 2, 12:30, Office of Career Strategy
- **OCS Workshop: Email Management**, Thursday, February 23, 12:15 – 1:15 p.m., LC100

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

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- *TIME: 12PM - 1 PM*
- *LOCATION: LAW LIBRARY COMMONS*

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COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

generously hosted by: The Office of Career Strategy (OCS) and The Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ)

Tuesdays from 10:00am -11:00am in the Courtyard outside of the Law Classrooms

SPRING SEMESTER

DATES:

- January 24
- February 7
- February 21
- March 7
- March 21
- April 4
- April 18

Bring your questions about Externships, Internships, Clinic, Jobs, Professional Development, and Pro Bono, **coffee is on us!**

Coffee in the Courtyard

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) and Office of Career Strategy (OCS) for Coffee in the Courtyard every other Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy some hot coffee and bring your questions about upcoming Pro Bono opportunities, Fall Clinic applications, Externships, Professional Development, and Networking.



LCAP LAB SCHEDULE

17 JAN PERSUASIVE STRATEGIES

26 JAN RULE STRUCTURE AND APPLICATIONS

31 JAN RULE DRAFTING AND

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ROLL PLAYING AND THE DECISION TREE - HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU HAVE ALL THE RULES?

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ALL LABS ARE HELD IN LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 105 AT 12:00 PM

YOU MUST RSVP IN CORE FOR EACH LAB YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

Spring 2023 LCAP Labs

Current LCAP II students will attend three (3) LCAP labs over the course of the semester. Since room capacity is limited to 120, you will need to RSVP in CORE for the labs you elect to attend. You are not limited to three labs, and we hope you will attend each one you find interesting or useful.

To receive credit for this activity, you will need to RSVP for three labs, arrive on time, stay for the duration of the lab, and submit any lab activity or assignment immediately after the lab in the appropriate Canvas drop box.

For questions or more information please contact Arturo Zapata at azapata2@stmarytx.edu

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SATURDAY JAN 28, 2023
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ALUMNI ATHLETICS & CONVOCATION CENTER
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- Health Screenings
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For more information, contact Elise Garza, Wellness Coordinator
egarza2@stmarytx.edu

**STREET LAW INFORMATION SESSION - MONDAY,
JANUARY 30 AT NOON IN THE ATRIUM**

STREET LAW INC.

If you are interested in **Street Law**, please attend a meeting at **Noon** on **Monday, January 30th** in the **Atrium**. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. We plan to be at Marshall Law and Medical Services Magnet School, Young Women's Leadership Academy, Holmes High School and Holy Cross High School during the spring semester. We are happy to have people observe this semester and teach in the fall of 2023. We welcome those who would like the opportunity to work directly with high school students. Community Service credit is available for those who actively participate in the program. You can go here to learn more about Street Law. <https://streetlaw.org/>

Innsbruck Study Abroad Program Informational Meeting Thursday, February 9th at 12pm in LC 105



Learn all about the Study Abroad Program at Innsbruck

All students and faculty are welcome to attend this general meeting to learn about the study abroad program at Innsbruck on **Thursday, February 9, 12:00 p.m.** in LC105. Cathie Mery, Director of Law Enrollment will discuss registration. Information on scholarships and financial aid will also be available. Lunch will be provided.

Prof. Flint Fest



All are invited to...

Join Professor Flint for his home-brewed beer* and barbecue at this family friendly event.

All proceeds from Flint Fest benefit Flint Fund Scholarship award recipients.

*BYO-Wine



Friday, February 17, 2022 | 6:30pm | 8:00 Donation

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Learn about the Institute on World Legal Problems in
Dordrecht, and:

- Speak with students who attended
- Find out about Travel
- Get Financial Aid/Scholarship Information
- Learn about Flint with Professor Flint

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February 24th, 2023

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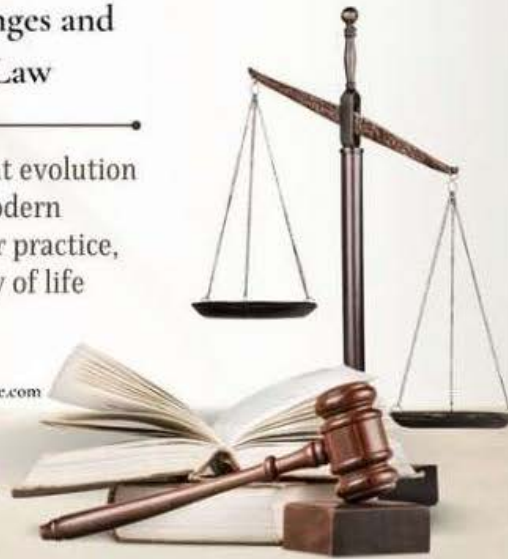
THEN AND NOW:

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Understanding the recent evolution
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<https://stmarythescholarsymposium.eventbrite.com>

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The Scholar Annual Symposium

"The Scholar's Annual Symposium is a CLE credit-approved event held annually to bring awareness to new advancements or issues arising in a particular practice area.

In 2023, the Annual Symposium's theme is "Then and Now: Constitutional Changes and Navigating the Law." The presentations will focus on the modern adaptations to constitutional law based on recent Supreme Court decisions, a reflection on the advancement or regression of the law in particular practice areas, and the effects the law's changing landscape has on certain communities. Esteemed lawyers, professors, scholars, and advocates will present on a wide range of topics including Health care, Environmental Law, Criminal Prosecution and Defense, Immigration Law, Title IX, First Amendment Rights, and Conflicts of Law.

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For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Admission at graduate@stmarytx.edu.



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PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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93.0 KB

**Welcome,
Kyle Mullen!**
Financial Aid
Counselor



Law School Office Location
Law Library, Rm. 108

Law School Office Hours
Tuesdays - 8:00 am - noon
Wednesdays - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Contact Kyle

(210) 436-3141 kmullen3@stmarytx.edu <https://www.stmarytx.edu/admission/financial-aid/>

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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

State Bar of Texas - Bar Exam Prep Scholarship. Deadline to apply is 02/03/2023.

[https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?](https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Consider_a_State_Bar_Committee&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=58435)

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Bowman and Brooke. \$5,000 for 1Ls. Deadline to apply is 02/28/2023.

<http://pull.xmr3.com/p/652-050C/56057049/7b685091-9bd7-4fee-a68d-0f096b6dc6be.html>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. <https://thesovereigntysymposium.com/writing-competition/>. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.



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HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The 2023 HSF Scholar Program Application is now open and closes on **February 15, 2023, 5:00 PM PT.**



- Every year, HSF selects 10,000 outstanding students as HSF Scholars from a broad and talented pool of applicants
- HSF Scholars are a part of an unrivaled group of 25,000+ Scholars from 50 states, and more than 1,200 institutions, who make up the current HSF Scholar network
- HSF Scholars have access to a network of over 65,000 HSF Alumni. HSF Alumni are leaders in their professions, communities, and the nation; many now serve as HSF mentors, career coaches, and volunteers
- HSF Scholars have access to a full range of Scholar Support Services, including career services, mentorship, leadership development, knowledge building, and wellness training
- Career services include access to internships and job opportunities with HSF corporate partners
- HSF Scholars are eligible to apply for all Scholar Conferences including, the STEM Summit, Finance Conference, Media & Entertainment Summit, Entrepreneurship Summit, Healthcare Summit, and Alumni Symposium
- Exclusive access to the HSF Insider which shares invaluable information and select career opportunities with HSF corporate partners
- Finally, and importantly, HSF awards more than \$30 million in scholarships annually and, depending upon available funds, HSF Scholars may also be eligible to receive a scholarship, which ranges from \$500-\$5,000 and awarded directly to students

Deadline: **February 15, 2023, 5:00 PM PT**

Eligibility:

- Must be of Hispanic heritage
- U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, or DACA
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for high school students; minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for college and graduate students
- Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, public or not-for-profit, four-year university, or graduate school, in the U.S., for the 2023-2024 academic year
- Submit the FAFSA or state-based financial aid forms (if applicable)

Apply Now at

<http://echo3.bluehornet.com/ct/61403205:s_hEkoDCN:m:1:2570682094:A649C44F1C19623B3C483CA3B41A6FC1:r

EXCITING SUMMER ABROAD OPPORTUNITY FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS



1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.

The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> . She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

JD students who are not native English speakers *may* be granted additional testing time. For requests and approval, schedule a meeting with Assistant Dean Alyssa Leffall at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> no later than ten (10) business days prior to an assessment.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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

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- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment - <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix>
- Students with Disability - <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/accessibility/>
- 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/administrationfinance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, that means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or I can help.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Hearty Chickpea & Spinach Stew

<https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/270568/hearty-chickpea-spinach-stew/> Try this recipe for a healthy and warm comforting stew.



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STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub



The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

- <https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
- <https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
- <https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke
Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105



gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy

Adoration and Confession

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
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- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you
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- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
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professional network
by joining the nation's
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my legal career."

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ABA Legal Ethics Blawie (\$30 Value)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competitions Opportunities	✓	
Save 20% on West Academic Cookbooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Concept Sheets, Legal Terminology BLS, and Writing Factored List	✓	
\$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to law, MPRE, study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, seminars, and guides	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 1L courses (\$10.00 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Post Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	80 days	10 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection: 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Themis (\$30 Value)	Free & Digital	Free & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓

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ABA Bar Prep Program Premium Members Only

Themis
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- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
 - Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages
- Multiple-choice question sets, key concepts sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam cheatmaps, and the like.

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- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

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- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
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Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center, which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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THIS WEEK

- Street Law Information Session, Monday, 1/30, 12:00 p.m. in the Atrium
- Build A Bag, Wellness Series, Monday, 1/30, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Center for Life Directions Building
- Pray with the Marianists, Wednesday, 2/01, 4:30 - 5:15 pm, Assumption Chapel
- Custom Tailoring, Thursday, 2/02, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in LF106
- Business Law Society presentation, Thursday, 2/02, 12:15 - 1:15 pm, Alumni Room



See announcements below for details.





ORGANIZATIONAL MOOT COURT SHINES

This past week the Organizational Moot Court Team of 3L's Sommer Hazel, Raven Pena, Kimberly Reese and 2L Erica Marrow participated in the Southwestern Black Law Students Association Regional Moot Court Competition in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The week began with canceled flights, change of plans and last minute changes, but none of this would deter our team. After the preliminary Rounds, Sommer and Kim were the number one seed, while Raven and Erica advanced to quarter finals. This team coached by Nadeen Abou-Hossa received the praise of multiple judges during the tournament. "I am incredibly impressed with the work ethic of these four members of the National Team" said Assistant Dean A.J. Bellido de Luna who traveled with them. Congratulations to the team!

NATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM ADVANCES

We are thrilled to announce that the Dispute Resolution (DR) members of National Team had tremendous success this weekend as they competed in two Negotiations competitions.

Sarah Bourland (3L) and **Carson Badger** (3L) emerged victorious at the Southwestern Negotiation Tournament. They won *every* ballot in *every* round, and advanced to the Finals of the competition, which will take place in mid-February in Los Angeles, California. They competed against some of the best law schools in the country—and won—demonstrating superior negotiation skills and talent. 2Ls **Elizabeth Harlos** and **Jacklyn Dhaemers** also competed in the competition and represented St. Mary's excellence in advocacy.

Another team, consisting of **Kyle Batson** (3L) and **Jordan Guzman** (2L), competed in the first ever Hall of Fame Negotiation Competition this weekend. Kyle and Jordan represented St. Mary's with pride, and were *undefeated* in the preliminary rounds. They ultimately advanced to the Quarter-Finals of the Hall of Fame Competition.

The hard work, dedication, and excellent negotiation skills of these advocates have paid off and brought great honor to the St. Mary's National Team. We are extremely proud of their achievements, and believe these wins will inspire future generations of St. Mary's students to aim for excellence. Coach Marion Reilly said it best when she stated "We are thankful to **Asst. Dean Bellido de Luna**, for his steadfast commitment to St. Mary's advocacy, which shines bright under his leadership. I've said it before, and I'll say it again, the advocacy program is the success it is today because of him. We are grateful to **Dean Roberts** and her administration for providing these wonderful opportunities for our students to excel."

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

STREET LAW INFORMATION SESSION TODAY

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OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date



- **Penney's, Pics, and Pizza**, Wednesday, February 1, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., University Center
- **Popcorn Thursday**, The popcorn machine is on the fritz! Stay tuned! In the meantime, come by OCS for snacks! Thursday, February 2, 12:30, Office of Career Strategy
- **OCS Workshop: Email Management**, Thursday, February 23, 12:15 – 1:15 p.m., LC100

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



2Ls: Friendly Reminder

SCHEDULE YOUR MANDATORY
2L ADVISING APPOINTMENT
WITH OCS BY MARCH 10, 2023



PRAYING WITH THE MARIANISTS

Feb. 1, March 21 and April 26



4:30 to 5:15 p.m. | Assumption Chapel

The Office of the Rector invites the St. Mary's University community to join for Vespers — a service of evening prayer — with the Marianists.

All are welcome to attend.

For information, contact the Rev. Brandon Paluch, S.M., at bpaluch@stmarytx.edu or at 210-436-3538.

HERITAGE HOUSE PRESENTS
CUSTOM TAILORING

Thursday, Feb. 2

9 a.m to 4 p.m.

Raba Building, Room LF106



Make an appointment:
info@hhcustomtailor.com

Walk-ins welcome

Free consultation



Percentage of proceeds is donated to Law Ministry

Custom Tailoring at the Law School

Custom Tailoring at the law school on **Thursday, February 2**, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in RABA, room 106. Do you have an upcoming interview? Graduation? Internship? Heritage House has been serving StMU law faculty and students for 22 years. A percentage of the proceeds benefit Law Ministry. Please note, law ministry is not involved in the tailoring process.

BUSINESS LAW SOCIETY - DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND U.S. DATA PROTECTION

Business Law Society (BLS) in partnership with Professor Jennifer Stevenson, Assistant Dean for International Programs and Service Professor of Law, announces:

Differences Between European and U.S. Data Protection with Veronica Mocanu, J.D.




Join the BLS on **Thursday, February 2**, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room. This presentation introduces U.S. law students to European data protection regulations and the differences between European and U.S. data protection approaches, giving an overview of GDPR principles, rights and duties.

Mocanu is an Associate Professor and Researcher at Moldova State University and Technical University of Moldova. She is a founder of the Public Law and E-Governance Master Program at

Moldova State and teaches a research laboratory in Comparative Public Law and E-Government. Her main areas of expertise and research are IT law, data protection, cyber law, AI regulation, information, security, access to information, digital rights and big data.

Pizza will be provided!

St. Mary's Federalist Society



FEDSOC
PRESENTS

**An In Depth
Look at the
Texas Criminal
Justice System**

February 6, 2023
12:30pm
Law Alumni Room
Free Chick-fil-A

**THE HONORABLE
JUDGE KEVIN
YEARY**
TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

JUDGE YEARY OF THE TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Please join the Federalist Society as they host Judge Kevin Yeary of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals for a discussion on the Texas criminal justice system. **Monday, February 6**, Law Alumni Room, 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. Free Chick-fil-A.

SPRING BREAK-AWAY FOR SERVICE INFORMATION SESSION

A great opportunity to complete law school approved pro bono hours over Spring Break (March 13 -17) and add it to your resume.

Event Details:

- **Tuesday, February, 7, 2023** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Law Alumni Room (Law Library)
- Lunch will be provided

The presentation will be given by Director Harlien and the Pro Bono Team along with Sr. Grace and Law Ministry



- In-person sites and some potential virtual options
- Various sites available throughout Texas
- One site in Denver, Colorado

StMU Law Alumni Board has graciously donated limited funds for student travel. Further information will be available in the application process.

For questions or more information, please contact Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

LCAP LAB SCHEDULE

17 JAN	PERSUASIVE STRATEGIES	26 JAN	RULE STRUCTURE AND APPLICATIONS
31 JAN	RULE DRAFTING AND THE DECISION TREE - HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU HAVE ALL THE RULES?	07 FEB	PIVOTING FROM FEEDBACK AND SELF-ASSESSMENTS
16 FEB	OTHER PARTS OF THE MOTION - THE PERSUASIVE FOOTNOTE (EXPLANATORY PARENTHETICALS & STRING CITES)	02 MAR	GOOD BETTER, BEST

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL of LAW OFFICE OF LAW SUCCESS

ALL LABS ARE HELD IN LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 105 AT 12:00 PM

YOU MUST RSVP IN CORE FOR EACH LAB YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

Spring 2023 LCAP Labs

Current LCAP II students will attend three (3) LCAP labs over the course of the semester. Since room capacity is limited to 120, you will need to RSVP in CORE for the labs you elect to attend. You are not limited to three labs, and we hope you will attend each one you find interesting or useful.

To receive credit for this activity, you will need to RSVP for three labs, arrive on time, stay for the duration of the lab, and submit any lab activity or assignment immediately after the lab in the appropriate Canvas drop box.

For questions or more information please contact Arturo Zapata at azapata2@stmarytx.edu

Innsbruck Study Abroad Program Informational Meeting

International Meeting Thursday, February 9th at 12pm in LC 105



Learn all about the Study Abroad Program at Innsbruck

All students and faculty are welcome to attend this general meeting to learn about the study abroad program at Innsbruck on **Thursday, February 9, 12:00 p.m.** in LC105. Cathie Mery, Director of Law Enrollment will discuss registration. Information on scholarships and financial aid will also be available. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

Prof. Flint Fest



All are invited to...

Join Professor Flint for his home-brewed beer* and barbecue at this family friendly event.

All proceeds from Flint Fest benefit Flint Fund Scholarship award recipients.
*BYO-Wine



Friday, February 27, 2014 | 6:30pm | \$10 Donation
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
213 E. Summit Av. San Antonio, TX 78214
Learn about the Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck and:
Speak with students who attended
Find out about Travel
Get Financial Aid/Scholarship Information
Learn about H&G with Professor Flint
Sponsored by Law Ministry Office | gmoff@stmarys.edu

CALLING ALL ENTREPRENEURS & BUSINESS LEADERS

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS AWARD
\$15,000 AWARD

The Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation's mission is to celebrate and champion the business leaders of Texas, both present and future. Each year, the Hall of Fame awards a select number of students to receive prestigious awards for professional and entrepreneurial excellence.

SCHOLAR AWARDS



Graduate student (or undergraduate student advanced in their degree) pursuing an entrepreneurial career in Texas with demonstrated track record of entrepreneurial excellence and community leadership.

CORPORATE



MBA student who is a member of a historically underrepresented group and shows record and promise in making impressive contributions in an executive leadership role in established organization.

EMPATHY & INNOVATION



A Texas entrepreneur who is building a company focused on solutions for those with physical and/or developmental disabilities.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit:
texasbusiness.org/about-the-awards
Applications due February 15th

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

February 24th, 2023
at The DoSeum | San Antonio, TX

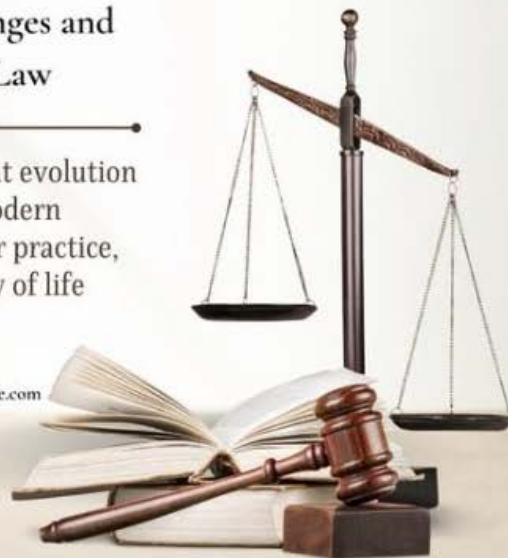
THEN AND NOW:

Constitutional Changes and
Navigating the Law

Understanding the recent evolution
of law and how modern
applications affect your practice,
community, and way of life

<https://stmarythescholarsymposium.eventbrite.com>

SCHOLAR
BY MARY'S LAW REVIEW ON RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



The Scholar Annual Symposium

"The Scholar's Annual Symposium is a CLE credit-approved event held annually to bring awareness to new advancements or issues arising in a particular practice area



working in a particular practice area.

In 2023, the Annual Symposium's theme is "Then and Now: Constitutional Changes and Navigating the Law." The presentations will focus on the modern adaptations to constitutional law based on recent Supreme Court decisions, a reflection on the advancement or regression of the law in particular practice areas, and the effects the law's changing landscape has on certain communities. Esteemed lawyers, professors, scholars, and advocates will present on a wide range of topics including Health care, Environmental Law, Criminal Prosecution and Defense, Immigration Law, Title IX, First Amendment Rights, and Conflicts of Law.

Use the link or scan the QR code to learn more and register for this exciting event!"

<https://stmarythescholarsymposium.eventbrite.com>



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St. Mary's University offers joint programs of studies leading to degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from the School of Law and master's programs. Explore joint degree programs at law.stmarytx.edu/joint-degree-programs.

For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Admission at graduate@stmarytx.edu.



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The Catholic and Marianist University

PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law



Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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93.0 KB

**Welcome,
Kyle Mullen!**
Financial Aid
Counselor

Law School Office Location
Law Library, Rm. 108

Law School Office Hours
Tuesdays - 8:00 am - noon
Wednesdays - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Contact Kyle

(210) 436-3141 kmullen3@stmarytx.edu <https://www.stmarytx.edu/admission/financial-aid/>

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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

State Bar of Texas - Bar Exam Prep Scholarship. Deadline to apply is 02/03/2023.

https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Consider_a_State_Bar_Committee&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=58435

Edward C. Mendrzycki Award. \$5,000 cash award. Deadline to apply is 02/15/2023.

<http://AmBar.Org/LPLEssayContest>

Bowman and Brooke. \$5,000 for 1Ls. Deadline to apply is 02/28/2023.

<http://pull.xmr3.com/p/652-050C/56057049/7b685091-9bd7-4fee-a68d-0f096b6dc6be.html>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. <https://thesovereigntysymposium.com/writing-competition/>. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.



Don't miss your chance to win

\$5,000

toward your 2022-2023 tuition!



AccessLex Institute is awarding **two \$5,000 scholarships per class** this winter.

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HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The 2023 HSF Scholar Program Application is now open and closes on **February 15, 2023, 5:00 PM PT.**



- Every year, HSF selects 10,000 outstanding students as HSF Scholars from a broad and talented pool of applicants
- HSF Scholars are a part of an unrivaled group of 25,000+ Scholars from 50 states, and more than 1,200 institutions, who make up the current HSF Scholar network
- HSF Scholars have access to a network of over 65,000 HSF Alumni. HSF Alumni are leaders in their professions, communities, and the nation; many now serve as HSF mentors, career coaches, and volunteers
- HSF Scholars have access to a full range of Scholar Support Services, including career

- services, mentorship, leadership development, knowledge building, and wellness training
- Career services include access to internships and job opportunities with HSF corporate partners
 - HSF Scholars are eligible to apply for all Scholar Conferences including, the STEM Summit, Finance Conference, Media & Entertainment Summit, Entrepreneurship Summit, Healthcare Summit, and Alumni Symposium
 - Exclusive access to the HSF Insider which shares invaluable information and select career opportunities with HSF corporate partners
 - Finally, and importantly, HSF awards more than \$30 million in scholarships annually and, depending upon available funds, HSF Scholars may also be eligible to receive a scholarship, which ranges from \$500-\$5,000 and awarded directly to students

Deadline: **February 15, 2023, 5:00 PM PT**

Eligibility:

- Must be of Hispanic heritage
- U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, or DACA
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for high school students; minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for college and graduate students
- Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, public or not-for-profit, four-year university, or graduate school, in the U.S., for the 2023-2024 academic year
- Submit the FAFSA or state-based financial aid forms (if applicable)

Apply Now at

<http://echo3.bluehornet.com/ct/61403205:s_hEkoDCN:m:1:2570682094:A649C44F1C19623B3C483CA3B41A6FC1:r

EXCITING SUMMER ABROAD OPPORTUNITY FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS



1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.

The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall,



Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> . She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

JD students who are not native English speakers *may* be granted additional testing time. For requests and approval, schedule a meeting with Assistant Dean Alyssa Leffall at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> no later than ten (10) business days prior to an assessment.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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/administrationfinance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, that means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises **after** exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or Dean Niesel may assist.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

BUILD A BAG

Build A Bag is part of the St. Mary's University Wellness Programs. Today, **Monday, 1/30**, stop by the Center for Life Directions building, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. to learn about self care and create your own "Build A Bag" kit to take with you to use when life gets stressful.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

One-pot Healthy Chicken Pasta

<https://www.taste.com.au/recipes/healthy-pasta-one-pot-chicken-zucchini-parmesan-recipe/1qmecnls>

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<https://www.taste.com.au/our-team/chrissy-freer/rJAoyRGY>
[Taste.com.au](https://www.taste.com.au)



STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1 800 242 8527

1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke
Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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) 421-8326 or (800) 246-9171



(214) 407-6828 or (800) 210-5121
clientservices@safefoodbank.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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel



Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual

For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy


*Adoration
and
Confession*

**Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel**

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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legal career

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- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your resume and professional network by joining the nation's largest association of legal professionals.

Invest in Yourself. Join the ABA.

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.

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CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law



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Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (save up to \$500)	✓	✓	✓
ABA Legal Ethics Bundle (\$70 Value)	✓	✓	✓
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	✓	✓
Save 20% on West Academic Casebooks & Study Guides	✓	✓	✓
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Cases of Sheets, legal terminology lists, and online flashcard tool	✓	✓	✓
\$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	✓	✓
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	✓	✓
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	✓	✓
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, seminars, and guides	✓	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all JL courses (\$59.99 Value)	✓	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	30 days	30 days	30 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-Day Free Trial	✓	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$75 Value)	Print & Digital	Print & Digital	Print & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓	✓

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ABA Bar Prep Program

Premium Members Only

Themis BarReview

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
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Multiple-choice question sets, key concepts sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam roadmaps, and the like.

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
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- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
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JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with



professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.

SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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THIS WEEK

- Coffee in the Courtyard, Tue., 2/7, 10:00 a.m.
- Judge Kevin Yeary, Federalist Society Meeting, Mon., 2/6, 12:30 p.m., Alumni Room
- Spring Break-Away Service Information Session, Tue., 2/7, 12:00 p.m., Alumni Room
- LCAP Lab, Tue., 2/07, 12:00 p.m., LC105
- Innsbruck Study Abroad Information Session, Thu., 2/9, 12:00 p.m., LC105
- Networking 101, Thu., 2/9, 12:30 p.m., LL217
- Check out all new scholarship opportunities posted this week.



See announcements below for details.





ST. MARY'S NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM CLOSES OUT FINALS ROUND, WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND BEST BRIEF

This weekend the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team traveled to New York City to compete in the 18th Annual National Immigration Law Competition sponsored by New York University School of Law. This national moot court competition involves cutting edge issues in the field of immigration law and draws teams from across the country, including this year's twenty-eight (28) teams from such law schools as Chicago-Kent, Columbia, Emory, Northwestern, Seton Hall, Temple, California, Miami, Virginia and UNLV. This was the first year that St. Mary's competed in this prestigious tournament.

The St. Mary's National Moot Court Team fielded two teams: **Haley Harvey (3L), Emily Mann (2L) and Kathryn Cantu (3L) and Carson Wienecke (2L) and Berenis Lopez (2L)**. **BOTH TEAMS reached the Final Round of the competition, arguing an ALL ST. MARY'S CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND** before judges from the Ninth and Eleventh Circuits, as well as the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. **The team of Harvey, Mann and Cantu was declared National Champions with Wienecke and Lopez recognized as this year's Second Place Team. Cantu was further recognized as having the Best Competition Brief at the tournament. Harvey and Mann argued all seven rounds for their team, as did Wienecke and Lopez.**

This tournament win marks **the third moot court championship this year for Cantu and Harvey, and the first national championship for Emily Mann.**

Please congratulate all of these amazing student advocates for their incredible achievements on behalf of St. Mary's University School of Law and the National Moot Court Team.

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **OCS Workshop: Networking 101 – Part 1**, Thursday, Feb. 9, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m., LL217
- **Popcorn Thursday**, The popcorn machine is on the fritz, but in the meantime, come to OCS for some snacks!, Thursday, Feb. 9, 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **OCS Workshop: Networking 101 – Part 2**, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m., LL217
- **Popcorn Thursday**, The popcorn machine is on the fritz, but in the meantime, come to OCS for some snacks!, Thursday, Feb. 16, 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy



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



COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

generously hosted by: The Office of Career Strategy (OCS) and The Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ)

Tuesdays from 10:00am -11:00am in the Courtyard outside of the Law Classrooms

SPRING SEMESTER DATES:


- January 24
- February 7
- February 21
- March 7
- March 21
- April 4
- April 18

Bring your questions about Externships, Internships, Clinic, Jobs, Professional Development, and Pro Bono, **coffee is on us!**

Coffee in the Courtyard

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) and Office of Career Strategy (OCS) for Coffee in the Courtyard every other Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy some hot coffee and bring your questions about upcoming Pro Bono opportunities, Fall Clinic applications, Externship, Professional Development, and Networking.

St. Mary's Federalist Society



FEDSOC PRESENTS

An In Depth Look at the Texas Criminal Justice System

February 6, 2023
12:30pm
Law Alumni Room
Free Chick-fil-A

THE HONORABLE JUDGE KEVIN YEARY

JUDGE YEARY OF THE TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Please join the Federalist Society as they host Judge Kevin Yearly of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals for a discussion on the Texas criminal justice system. **Monday, February 6**, Law Alumni Room, 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. Free Chick-fil-A.

SPRING BREAK-AWAY FOR SERVICE INFORMATION SESSION

A great opportunity to complete law school approved pro bono hours over Spring Break (March 13 -17) and add it to your resume.



Event Details:

- **Tuesday, February, 7, 2023** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Law Alumni Room (Law Library)
- Lunch will be provided

The presentation will be given by Director Harlien and the Pro Bono Team along with Sr. Grace and Law Ministry

- In-person sites and some potential virtual options
- Various sites available throughout Texas
- One site in Denver, Colorado

StMU Law Alumni Board has graciously donated limited funds for student travel. Further information will be available in the application process.

For questions or more information, please contact Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.



LCAP LAB SCHEDULE

17 JAN	PERSUASIVE STRATEGIES	26 JAN	RULE STRUCTURE AND APPLICATIONS
31 JAN	RULE DRAFTING AND THE DECISION TREE - HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU HAVE ALL THE RULES?	07 FEB	PIVOTING FROM FEEDBACK AND SELF-ASSESSMENTS
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STMARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL of LAW

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ALL LABS ARE HELD IN LAW CLASSROOM
BUILDING 105 AT 12:00 PM

YOU MUST RSVP IN CORE FOR
EACH LAB YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

Spring 2023 LCAP Labs

Current LCAP II students will attend three (3) LCAP labs over the course of the semester. Since room capacity is limited to 120, you will need to RSVP in CORE for the labs you elect to attend. You are not limited to three labs, and we hope you will attend each one you find interesting or useful.

To receive credit for this activity, you will need to RSVP for three labs, arrive on time, stay for the duration of the lab, and submit any lab activity or assignment immediately after the lab in the appropriate Canvas drop box.

For questions or more information please contact Arturo Zapata at azapata2@stmarytx.edu

Innsbruck Study Abroad Program Informational Meeting

Thursday, February 9th at 12pm in LC 105



Learn all about the Study Abroad Program at Innsbruck

All students and faculty are welcome to attend this general meeting to learn about the study abroad program at Innsbruck on **Thursday, February 9**, 12:00 p.m. in LC105. Cathie Mery, Director of Law Enrollment will discuss registration. Information on scholarships and financial aid will also be available. Pizza and beverages will be provided.



Join us for a 2-Part Series
on How to Network



Part 1: Thurs., Feb. 9
"How to Find My People"

Part 2: Tues., Feb. 14
"I Found My People,
Now What?"

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
in LL 217
Space is Limited and
Registration is Required
Details in CORE



OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY

TBHF

CALLING ALL ENTREPRENEURS
& BUSINESS LEADERS

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS AWARD

\$15,000 AWARD

The Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation's mission is to celebrate and champion the business leaders of Texas, both present and future. Each year, the Hall of Fame awards a select number of students to receive prestigious awards for professional and entrepreneurial excellence.

SCHOLAR AWARDS



Graduate student (or undergraduate student advanced in their degree) pursuing an entrepreneurial career in Texas with demonstrated track record of entrepreneurial excellence and community leadership.

CORPORATE



MBA student who is a member of a historically underrepresented group and shows record and promise in making impressive contributions in an executive leadership role in established organization.

EMPATHY & INNOVATION



A Texas entrepreneur who is building a company focused on solutions for those with physical and/or developmental disabilities.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit:
texasbusiness.org/about-the-awards
Applications due February 15th

Prof. **Flint Fest**





All are invited to...

Join Professor Flint for his home-brewed beer* and barbecue at this family friendly event.

All proceeds from Flint Fest benefit Flint Fund Scholarship award recipients.
* BYO-Wine



Friday, February 27, 2023 | 6:00pm | 8:00 Duration

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
323 E. Eastland Av. San Antonio, TX 78214

Learn about the Institute on World Legal Problems in
Intellectual Law

Speak with students who attended
Find out about Flint
Get Financial Aid/Scholarship Information
Learn about H&As with Professor Flint

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OCS Drop-in Sessions

PATENT BAR EXAM INFORMATION

with Mark Dighton, PLI's Director of Law School Relations and
Administrative Director of their Patent Office Exam Course

Thurs. Feb. 23, 2023
12:15 pm to 1:30 pm
OCS Suite, Law Library 216

Register in CORE



Email Management Workshop

with Nick Guinn,
Gunn Lee & Cave, P.C.



**How to Manage Email and
Other Correspondence**

Thurs., Feb. 23
Registration is Required on CORE

12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
LC 100



ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

February 24th, 2023
at The DoSeum | San Antonio, TX

THEN AND NOW:

Constitutional Changes and
Navigating the Law

Understanding the recent evolution
of law and how modern
applications affect your practice,
community, and way of life

<https://stmarythescholarsymposium.eventbrite.com>

SCHOLAR

By MARY KAY BROWN, DE RACK AND BRUCE JEFFERSON



The Scholar Annual Symposium

"The Scholar's Annual Symposium is a CLE credit-approved event held annually to bring awareness to new advancements or issues arising in a particular practice area.

In 2023, the Annual Symposium's theme is "Then and Now: Constitutional Changes and Navigating the Law." The presentations will focus on the modern adaptations to constitutional law based on recent Supreme Court decisions, a reflection on the advancement or regression of the law in particular practice areas, and the effects the law's changing landscape has on certain communities. Esteemed lawyers, professors, scholars, and advocates will present on a wide range of topics including Health care, Environmental Law, Criminal Prosecution and Defense, Immigration Law, Title IX, First Amendment Rights, and Conflicts of Law.



Use the link or scan the QR code to learn more and register for this exciting event!"



2Ls: Friendly Reminder

SCHEDULE YOUR MANDATORY
2L ADVISING APPOINTMENT
WITH OCS BY MARCH 10, 2023



ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

EARN A J.D. AND MASTER'S DEGREE **SIMULTANEOUSLY**

WITH JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS
AT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

St. Mary's University offers joint programs of studies leading to degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from the School of Law and master's programs. Explore joint degree programs at law.stmarytx.edu/joint-degree-programs.

For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Admission at graduate@stmarytx.edu.



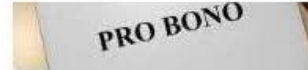
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Marianist University

PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service



Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

Edward C. Mendrzycki Award. \$5,000 cash award. Deadline to apply is 02/15/2023.

<http://AmBar.Org/LPLEssayContest>

Bowman and Brooke. \$5,000 for 1Ls. Deadline to apply is 02/28/2023.

<http://pull.xmr3.com/p/652-050C/56057049/7b685091-9bd7-4fee-a68d-0f096b6dc6be.html>

Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Section. Graduating 3L \$1,500 scholarship. Deadline to apply is 05/15/2023. <https://www.fedbar.org/criminal-law-section/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/2023/01/FBA-Criminal-Law-Section-Scholarship-2023.pdf>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.

<https://www.sovereignsymposium.com/submitting-essays/>

<https://thesovereignsymposium.com/writing-competition/>.

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. \$15,000; \$7,500; \$5,000; \$2,5000. Deadline to apply is 05/31/2023. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>

Women and the Law - State Bar of Texas Writing Competition

The State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section invites students to participate in its 2023 Texas Law Student Writing Competition. First place will receive \$1,000 and second place is \$500. Deadline to apply is **March 15, 2023**. For detailed rules, see below.



2023 Women and the Law - State Bar of Texas Writing Competition.pdf

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Human Rights Essay Contest

International Law Section of The State Bar of Texas announces their Thomas H. Wilson Human Rights Scholarship Award. This is open to law students including LL.M. programs. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2023. For complete guidelines, see below.



Human Rights Essay Contest.pdf

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HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The 2023 HSF Scholar Program Application is now open and closes on **February 15, 2023, 5:00 PM PT.**



A DIPLOMA IS FOREVER™

- Every year, HSF selects 10,000 outstanding students as HSF Scholars from a broad and talented pool of applicants
- HSF Scholars are a part of an unrivaled group of 25,000+ Scholars from 50 states, and more than 1,200 institutions, who make up the current HSF Scholar network
- HSF Scholars have access to a network of over 65,000 HSF Alumni. HSF Alumni are leaders in their professions, communities, and the nation; many now serve as HSF mentors, career coaches, and volunteers
- HSF Scholars have access to a full range of Scholar Support Services, including career services, mentorship, leadership development, knowledge building, and wellness training
- Career services include access to internships and job opportunities with HSF corporate partners
- HSF Scholars are eligible to apply for all Scholar Conferences including, the STEM Summit, Finance Conference, Media & Entertainment Summit, Entrepreneurship Summit, Healthcare Summit, and Alumni Symposium
- Exclusive access to the HSF Insider which shares invaluable information and select career

opportunities with HSF corporate partners

- Finally, and importantly, HSF awards more than \$30 million in scholarships annually and, depending upon available funds, HSF Scholars may also be eligible to receive a scholarship, which ranges from \$500-\$5,000 and awarded directly to students

Deadline: **February 15, 2023, 5:00 PM PT**

Eligibility:

- Must be of Hispanic heritage
- U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, or DACA
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for high school students; minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for college and graduate students
- Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, public or not-for-profit, four-year university, or graduate school, in the U.S., for the 2023-2024 academic year
- Submit the FAFSA or state-based financial aid forms (if applicable)

Apply Now at

<http://echo3.bluehornet.com/ct/61403205:s_hEkoDCN:m:1:2570682094:A649C44F1C19623B3C483CA3B41A6FC1:r



Don't miss your chance to win

\$5,000

toward your 2022-2023 tuition!

AccessLex Institute is awarding **two \$5,000 scholarships per class** this winter.

- ☑ Next scholarship drawing: **February 1**
- ☑ The more MAX activities you complete, the better your chances of winning.

Get started today at:
AskEDNA.AccessLex.org

Pranita Dhungana, '23
Penn State Dickinson Law
— 6 November 2022, 4:00pm —

MAX is the **free** personal finance program developed exclusively for law students — brought to you by your law school and nonprofit AccessLex Institute.



EXCITING SUMMER ABROAD OPPORTUNITY FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS

1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.



The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

JD students who are not native English speakers *may* be granted additional testing time. For requests and approval, schedule a meeting with Assistant Dean Alyssa Leffall at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> no later than ten (10) business days prior to an assessment.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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/administrationfinance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, that means **three** things:



1. Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or Dean Niesel may assist.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

GUAC IT LIKE IT'S HOT: RELATIONSHIPS VS SITUATIONSHIPS

Learn how to distinguish qualities in a partner/date and how to navigate communication. Wednesday, February 8, University Center B, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Guacamole, chips and salsa will be provided.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Spicy Hearts of Palm Noodle Stir Fry with Chicken
<https://www.skinnytaste.com/spicy-hearts-of-palm-noodle-stir-fry-with-chicken/>

Source: [Skinny Taste.com](https://www.skinnytaste.com)



STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke
Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)



(behind the RADA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergencies: 24/7/365

(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.



love and mercy

Adoration and Confession

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
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- Job Board
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Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓		
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓	
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Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, seminars, and classes	✓	✓	
Law School One-Sheets for all 1L courses (\$29.99 value)	✓	✓	
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (save up to \$75)	80 days	30 days	
ABA Career Center	✓		
ABA Mentor Groups (5 Free)	✓		
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓		
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓		
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Member Discounts & Offers	✓		✓

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
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- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
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- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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THIS WEEK

See announcements below for details.

- Innsbruck application now live.
- Networking 101, Tuesday, 2/14, 12:30 p.m., LL217
- LCAP Lab, Thursday, 2/16, 12:00 p.m., LC105
- Flint Fest, Friday, 2/17, 6:30 p.m., Our Lady of Grace Church
- Check out new scholarship opportunities.





NATIONAL TEAM STREAK CONTINUES

For the fourth straight week, the National team has something to celebrate. At the first qualifier for the Tournament of Champions, the National Trial Team sent two teams to Baton Rouge consisting of 3L's **Mariela Encinas** and **Ryan Vereen** along with 2L's **Jayden Cool** and **Jay Hickey**. Also traveling with the team were witnesses for the tournament 2L's **Victoria Garza**, **Taylor Gutierrez**, **Ryan Hard** and **Roxanna Maiberger**. After the preliminary rounds, the teams stayed with the high seeds for two power match rounds against some of the toughest and most decorated teams in the country. The team of Jayden and Jay then broke into the semi-final round where they lost to the eventual champion, Houston. "There were a lot of obstacles thrown at you and I loved how you kept your cool and maintained your composure and ethics during this competition" said Assistant Coach Maritza Stewart addressing the team after the competition. A one point difference kept one team from the semifinal round and the other from the championship round. "We are proud of the way you conducted yourselves", said Jason Goss, alum and Head Coach of the Trial Team. Congratulations to the entire team!

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **OCS Workshop: Networking 101 – Part 2**, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m., LL217
- **Popcorn Thursday**, It's back!, Thursday, Feb. 16, 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **OCS Workshop: Email Management**, Thursday, Feb. 23, 12:15 – 1:00 p.m., LC100
- **OCS Drop-In Sessions – Patent Bar Exam Information**, Thursday, Feb. 23, 12:15 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Popcorn Thursday**, It's back!, Thursday, Feb. 23, 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy



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

INNSBRUCK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW LIVE

The scholarship application for students interested in attending Innsbruck is now live. The information about studying abroad at Innsbruck and each scholarship is listed here:

<https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/austria/>

The application link is here:

<https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/m1x2k4jx1ika0jp/>



NET 101

Join us for a 2-Part Series
on How to Network



Part 1: Thurs., Feb. 9
"How to Find My People"

Part 2: Tues., Feb. 14
"I Found My People,
Now What?"

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
in LL 217
Space is Limited and
Registration is Required
Details in CORE



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CALLING ALL ENTREPRENEURS
& BUSINESS LEADERS

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS AWARD

\$15,000 AWARD

The Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation's mission is to celebrate and champion the business leaders of Texas, both present and future. Each year, the Hall of Fame awards a select number of students to receive prestigious awards for professional and entrepreneurial excellence.

SCHOLAR AWARDS



Graduate student (or undergraduate student advanced in their degree) pursuing an entrepreneurial career in Texas with demonstrated track record of entrepreneurial excellence and community leadership.

CORPORATE



MBA student who is a member of a historically underrepresented group and shows record and promise in making impressive contributions in an executive leadership role in established organization.

EMPATHY & INNOVATION



A Texas entrepreneur who is building a company focused on solutions for those with physical and/or developmental disabilities.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit:
texasbusiness.org/about-the-awards
Applications due February 15th



SCHEDULE

17 JAN	PERSUASIVE STRATEGIES	26 JAN	RULE STRUCTURE AND APPLICATIONS
31 JAN	RULE DRAFTING AND THE DECISION TREE - HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU HAVE ALL THE RULES?	07 FEB	PIVOTING FROM FEEDBACK AND SELF-ASSESSMENTS
16 FEB	OTHER PARTS OF THE MOTION - THE PERSUASIVE FOOTNOTE (EXPLANATORY PARENTHESES & STRING CITES)	02 MAR	GOOD, BETTER, BEST

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OFFICE OF LAW SUCCESS

ALL LABS ARE HELD IN LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING 105 AT 12:00 PM

YOU MUST RSVP IN CORE FOR EACH LAB YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

Spring 2023 LCAP Labs

Current LCAP II students will attend three (3) LCAP labs over the course of the semester. Since room capacity is limited to 120, you will need to RSVP in CORE for the labs you elect to attend. You are not limited to three labs, and we hope you will attend each one you find interesting or useful.

To receive credit for this activity, you will need to RSVP for three labs, arrive on time, stay for the duration of the lab, and submit any lab activity or assignment immediately after the lab in the appropriate Canvas drop box. **Next lab: February 16**

For questions or more information please contact Arturo Zapata at azapata2@stmarytx.edu

POPCORN THURSDAYS

WITH SHERACK AND NICK!



12:30 PM at the OCS Office

Prof. Flint Fest



All are invited to...

Join Professor Flint for his home-brewed beer* and barbecue at this family friendly event.

All proceeds from Flint Fest benefit Flint Fund Scholarship award recipients.

*BYO-Wine



Friday, February 27, 2020 | 6:30pm | \$10 Donation
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
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Get Financial Aid/Scholarship Information
Learn about Flint with Professor Flint
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The Laudato Si' Action Planning Committee invites all members of the St. Mary's community to a



For more information, email laudatosi@stmarytx.edu.

Laudato Si' Information Gathering Session

Tuesday, Feb. 21
3:30 to 5 p.m.

Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Law Alumni Room

Join us for a *Laudato Si'* Information Gathering Session to share your perspectives, questions and ideas about how to put the University's *Laudato Si'* commitment into action.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Scan the QR code to learn more about *Laudato Si'* and St. Mary's commitment.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Law Ministry invites the St. Mary's Law Community to Ash Wednesday mass and Ash Distribution on Wednesday, February 22 at 12:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room. A light Lenten lunch will follow.



OCS Drop-in Sessions

PATENT BAR EXAM INFORMATION

with Mark Dighton, PLI's Director of Law School Relations and Administrative Director of their Patent Office Exam Course

Thurs. Feb. 23, 2023
12:15 pm to 1:30 pm
OCS Suite, Law Library 216

Register in CORE



Email Management Workshop

with Nick Guinn,
Gunn Lee & Cave, P.C.



How to Manage Email and Other Correspondence

Thurs., Feb. 23
Registration is Required on CORE

12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m
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ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

February 24th, 2023

at The DoSeum | San Antonio, TX

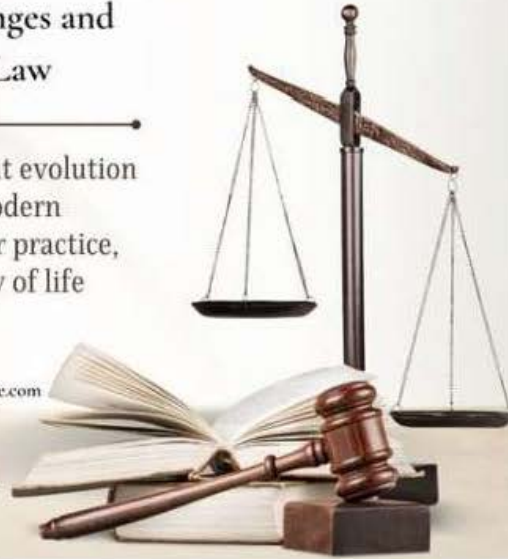
THEN AND NOW:

Constitutional Changes and Navigating the Law

Understanding the recent evolution
of law and how modern
applications affect your practice,
community, and way of life

<https://stmarythescholarsymposium.eventbrite.com>

SCHOLAR
No Matter Your Law Review or Book and Social Justice



The Scholar Annual Symposium

"The Scholar's Annual Symposium is a CLE credit-approved event held annually to bring awareness to new advancements or issues arising in a particular practice area.

In 2023, the Annual Symposium's theme is "Then and Now: Constitutional Changes and Navigating the Law." The presentations will focus on the modern adaptations to constitutional law based on recent Supreme Court decisions, a reflection on the advancement or regression of the law in particular practice areas, and the effects the law's changing landscape has on certain communities. Esteemed lawyers, professors, scholars, and advocates will present on a wide range of topics including Health care, Environmental Law, Criminal Prosecution and Defense, Immigration Law, Title IX, First Amendment Rights, and Conflicts of Law.



Use the link or scan the QR code to learn more and register for this exciting event!"

<https://stmarythescholarsymposium.eventbrite.com>



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Application Period

February 27, 2023 -
March 31, 2023

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2L ADVISING APPOINTMENT
WITH OCS BY MARCH 10, 2023



WOMEN IN LAW LEADERSHIP AWARDS

NOW accepting nominations!



The Women in Law Leadership Awards are presented annually to St. Mary's School of Law "women" law students in recognition of their outstanding dedication, creativity, initiative, achievement and contribution to the community, and pro bono activities.

All students nominated will receive a certificate and be recognized on **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**, at 4:30 p.m. Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a law student no later than Friday, March 3, 2023 at 5 p.m. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. **NO SELF NOMINATIONS PLEASE.**

The nomination form may be found here:

<https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/m1qu3dgo08r2by1/>



Roadways to the Bench: Who Me? A Bankruptcy or Magistrate Judge?

April 3, 2023 | 3-6 p.m.
United States Courthouse
501 W 5th Street, Austin, Texas 78701
Jury Assembly Room (First Floor)

- Interested lawyers and law students are invited to observe a national keynote address or panel discussion and participate in local roundtables with bankruptcy, magistrate, district, and appellate judges about pathways to the federal bench.
- Registration is limited to 115 participants.

To Register, Please Visit:

<https://forms.gle/x2sxUbr2cBaW3kW96>

For more information, please contact:

roadwaysatx2023@gmail.com

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For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Admission at graduate@stmarytx.edu.



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PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

American Arbitration Association. Diversity Scholarship Grants.

<https://www.aaacdrfoundation.org/diversity-scholarship>

Edward C. Mendrzycki Award. \$5,000 cash award. Deadline to apply is 02/15/2023.

<http://AmBar.Org/LPLEssayContest>

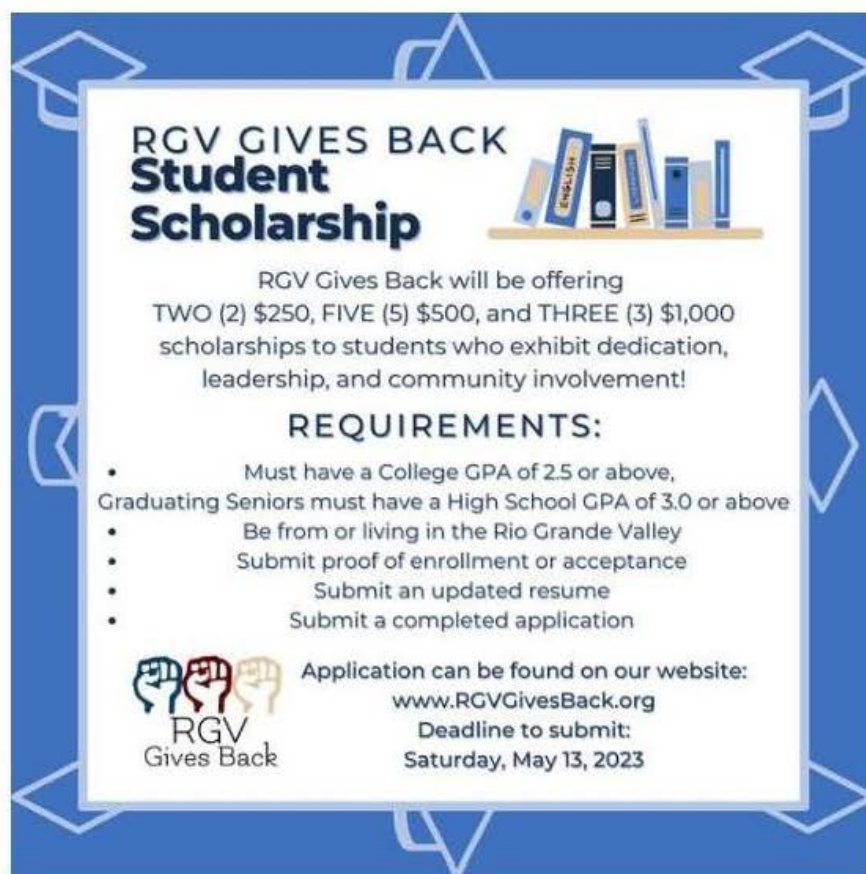
Bowman and Brooke. \$5,000 for 1Ls. Deadline to apply is 02/28/2023.

<http://pull.xmr3.com/p/652-050C/56057049/7b685091-9bd7-4fee-a68d-0f096b6dc6be.html>

Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Section. Graduating 3L \$1,500 scholarship. Deadline to apply is 05/15/2023. <https://www.fedbar.org/criminal-law-section/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/2023/01/FBA-Criminal-Law-Section-Scholarship-2023.pdf>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023. <https://thesovereignsymposium.com/writing-competition/>.

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. \$15,000; \$7,500; \$5,000; \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 05/31/2023. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>


A blue-bordered poster with a white center. The top left says "RGV GIVES BACK Student Scholarship" in bold black text. To the right is an illustration of books on a shelf. Below that, it says "RGV Gives Back will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 scholarships to students who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement!". Underneath is the heading "REQUIREMENTS:" followed by a bulleted list: "• Must have a College GPA of 2.5 or above, Graduating Seniors must have a High School GPA of 3.0 or above", "• Be from or living in the Rio Grande Valley", "• Submit proof of enrollment or acceptance", "• Submit an updated resume", and "• Submit a completed application". At the bottom left is the RGV Gives Back logo (three hands) and at the bottom right, it says "Application can be found on our website: www.RGVGivesBack.org" and "Deadline to submit: Saturday, May 13, 2023".

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 Application can be found on our website:
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RGV GIVES BACK STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

RGV Gives Back is excited to announce that we will be offering TEN Student Scholarships this year! We will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 student scholarships.

The application(s) will be available to all graduating seniors, current college/university students, graduate students, AND professional school students from the RGV who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement.

Please visit <http://www.RGVGivesBack.org> for the application and all instructions!

State Bar of Texas

The Diversity in the Profession Committee has extended the deadline for their Bar Exam Prep Scholarship until **February 21, 2023**. Please see the below PDF for details.



**State Bar of Texas - Bar Exam Scholarship Deadline Extended.
pdf**

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Women and the Law - State Bar of Texas Writing Competition

The State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section invites students to participate in its 2023 Texas Law Student Writing Competition. First place will receive \$1,000 and second place is \$500. Deadline to apply is **March 15, 2023**. For detailed rules, see below.



**2023 Women and the Law - State Bar of Texas Writing Competi
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Human Rights Essay Contest

International Law Section of The State Bar of Texas announces their Thomas H. Wilson Human Rights Scholarship Award. This is open to law students including LL.M. programs. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2023**. For complete guidelines, see below.



Human Rights Essay Contest.pdf

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HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The 2023 HSF Scholar Program Application is now open and closes on **February 15, 2023, 5:00 PM PT.**



- Every year, HSF selects 10,000 outstanding students as HSF Scholars from a broad and talented pool of applicants
- HSF Scholars are a part of an unrivaled group of 25,000+ Scholars from 50 states, and more than 1,200 institutions, who make up the current HSF Scholar network
- HSF Scholars have access to a network of over 65,000 HSF Alumni. HSF Alumni are leaders in their professions, communities, and the nation; many now serve as HSF mentors, career coaches, and volunteers
- HSF Scholars have access to a full range of Scholar Support Services, including career services, mentorship, leadership development, knowledge building, and wellness training
- Career services include access to internships and job opportunities with HSF corporate

partners

- HSF Scholars are eligible to apply for all Scholar Conferences including, the STEM Summit, Finance Conference, Media & Entertainment Summit, Entrepreneurship Summit, Healthcare Summit, and Alumni Symposium
- Exclusive access to the HSF Insider which shares invaluable information and select career opportunities with HSF corporate partners
- Finally, and importantly, HSF awards more than \$30 million in scholarships annually and, depending upon available funds, HSF Scholars may also be eligible to receive a scholarship, which ranges from \$500-\$5,000 and awarded directly to students

Deadline: **February 15, 2023, 5:00 PM PT**

Eligibility:

- Must be of Hispanic heritage
- U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, or DACA
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for high school students; minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for college and graduate students
- Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, public or not-for-profit, four-year university, or graduate school, in the U.S., for the 2023-2024 academic year
- Submit the FAFSA or state-based financial aid forms (if applicable)

Apply Now at

<http://echo3.bluehornet.com/ct/61403205:s_hEkoDCN:m:1:2570682094:A649C44F1C19623B3C483CA3B41A6FC1:r>



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EXCITING SUMMER ABROAD OPPORTUNITY FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS

1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.



The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

JD students who are not native English speakers *may* be granted additional testing time. For requests and approval, schedule a meeting with Assistant Dean Alyssa Leffall at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> no later than ten (10) business days prior to an assessment.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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/administrationfinance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, that means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or Dean Niesel may assist.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

PRONOUNS AND INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE PANEL

Gather to learn and engage with community partners to understand how to navigate and advocate for yourself and others. Thursday, February 16, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the University Center, Alumni Conference Room.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Healthy Lunch Wraps

<https://www.loveandlemons.com/healthy-wraps/#wprm-recipe-container-59560>

Source: Jeanine and Jack with [loveandlemons.com](https://www.loveandlemons.com)



STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University

students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

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

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

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

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke
Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365



(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy

Adoration




Adoration and Confession

**Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel**

**First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration**


**Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration**

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your resume and professional network by joining the nation's largest association of legal professionals.



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Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

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Exclusive discounts on Themis, Statista, Statista, and 20 Activista bar prep (save up to \$300)		✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Handbook (2016-2018)		✓	

ABA Bar Prep Program

Premium Members Only

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BarReview

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages

Multiple-choice question sets, key concepts sheets, legal form/narrative aids, essay model roadmaps, and the flow.



Leadership and Competition Opportunities

ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 20% on West Academic Coursebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Theris Law School Excellence Package: Key Cases of Study, Legal Research, Blogs, and online featured text	✓	
\$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Texas Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Theris Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, webinars, and guides	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 1L courses (\$55.00 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	80 days	10 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Journals (\$75 Value)	Free & Digital	Free & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓



• \$700 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
• \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review



• \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
• \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course



• \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
• \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
• Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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THIS WEEK

- Federal Court Judicial Internship applications now available.
- Coffee in the Courtyard, Tue., 2/21, 10:00 a.m.
- Laudata Si' Information Meeting, Tue., 2/21, 3:30 p.m., Alumni Room
- Mardi Gras, Tue., 2/21, 4:00 p.m., in the Courtyard
- Ash Wednesday Mass, 2/22, 12:00 p.m., Alumni Room
- BLSA, Black History Month Panel, 12:00 p.m., Alumni Room
- Preparing for a Supreme Court Argument, Thu., 2/23, 12:00 p.m., LC105
- Externship Office Hours, Thu., 2/23, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. or 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- The Scholar Annual Symposium, Fri., 2/24, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., The DoSeum



See announcements below for details.





ST. MARY'S NATINAL CHAMPION MOOT COURT TEAM WINS THIRD CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Over the weekend, two teams comprised of members of the **St. Mary's National Moot Court Team** traveled to Williamsburg, Virginia for the 52nd Annual William B. Spong Jr. National Moot Court Competition.

The competition took place at William & Mary Law School. The **all 2L teams** of **Rylee Stanley and Layne Mustian** *and* **Caitlin Sullivan and Isaac Palacio** competed against 42 other teams from some of the best advocacy schools across the United States, with Stanley and Mustian advancing to the Championship Round. With questions coming from a panel of nine (9) "Supreme Court" justices, including actual judges and justices from federal district courts, the Virginia Supreme Court, and magistrate judges, **Stanley and Mustian** bested a talented team from Washington University School of Law to claim the **National Championship**.

This is the **FIRST TIME** in the 20+ year history of the National Moot Court Team that an all 2L team has won a national championship. It is the National Moot Court Team's **34th Championship** and the **third consecutive national championship for the moot court team this year**. With this championship, **St. Mary's Moot Court has more national championships this year than any other moot court advocacy program in the country.**

Congratulations to all four of these amazing advocates!





SOUTHWESTERN NATIONAL FINALIST

This weekend, the National Dispute Resolution Team consisting of 3Ls Sarah Bourland and Carson Badger competed in the final rounds of the Southwestern National Negotiation Tournament.

After winning the regional rounds last month, Sarah and Carson traveled to Los Angeles and went against U.C. Davis and Stetson in the final rounds in the California-based competition where they placed as the #1 team in two of the three judges' ballots and were named the runner-up team.

Congratulations to Sarah, Carson, their teammates who helped prepare them and their coaches, Allen Craddock and Marion Reilly. We are very proud of their accomplishments.

ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL COMMENTS SELECTED FOR PUBLICATION AND CREDIT WITH HONORS

Volume 54 of the *St. Mary's Law Journal* is proud to announce the following comments selected for publication and credit with honors. Thank you to all of our Staff Writers for the tremendous amount of time, energy, and hard work put into your submissions. We appreciate each of you!



PUBLICATION:

- Christopher "Auggie" Alvarado, *The Mosaic Theory in Fourth Amendment Jurisprudence: The Last Bastion of Privacy in a Camera-Surveilled World*, 55 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2024).
- Parker Benton, *Cracking Down on Egg Law: Legal Discrepancies Impacting Sales of Ungraded Eggs in Texas*, 55 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2024).
- Alyssa Boggs, *Era of Confusion: The State of Patent Eligibility Jurisprudence and the Need for Intervention*, 55 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2024).
- Maximiliano Elizondo, *The Impact of the Monetary Value of a Case has on Effort and Productivity Within the Field of Personal Injury*, 14 ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL ON LEGAL MALPRACTICE & ETHICS (forthcoming 2024).
- Meagan Folmar, *Cyber Security: A Lawyer's Ethical Duty*, 14 ST. MARY'S JOURNAL ON LEGAL MALPRACTICE & ETHICS (forthcoming 2024).
- Elizabeth Kreager, *The Right to Procreate by Nontraditional Methods*, 55 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2024).
- George Coates Roberts, *Restore Texas Land: A Proposal to Utilize Emission Reduction Credits to Fund the Railroad Commission of Texas's Well Plugging Initiative*, 55 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2024).
- Cason Shipp, *How Close is Close Enough: A Step-by-Step Analysis to Resolve the Circuit Split*

Created by Misunderstanding the Spokeo Ruling, 55 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2024).

- Rylee Stanley, *The Poor Man's Problem in Bankruptcy*, 55 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2024).
- James Toye, *The Americans with Disabilities Act: Website Accessibility and a Foreign Solution to a Domestic Problem*, 55 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2024).

CREDIT WITH HONORS:

- Falak Momin, *Notice and Comprehension: An Evaluation of U.C.C.'s Revised Definition of Conspicuousness* (credit with honors).
- Layne Mustian, *Hogwash—California's Proposition 12 Chops Away at Dormant Commerce Clause* (credit with honors).
- Courtney Schroeder, *The Future of Federal Abortion Laws and State Sovereignty After the Dobbs Decision* (credit with honors).



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FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS IN SAN ANTONIO

Semesters: Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024

Deadline: Noon Wednesday, March 1, 2023



Applications are now being accepted for roughly fifteen pre-graduation judicial internships with federal judges who have chambers in San Antonio. Check your law school email account for a message containing: (1) the Pre-graduation Judicial Internship brochure; (2) an application form; and (3) application announcement. Copies of these same materials are available from the receptionist's desk on the second floor of the Raba Law Building.

The United States District Court

At the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, internships will be available with the Honorable David A. Ezra, the Honorable Xavier Rodriguez, and the Honorable Jason K. Pulliam. Interns will assist the judges with a variety of tasks, which may include rulings on motions, preparation of jury charges, and research and writing related to trial court litigation. Interns at the U.S. District Court will have the opportunity to observe courtroom proceedings.

United States District Court interns are normally required to work 120 hours during the semester at the federal courthouse in downtown San Antonio and may earn two pass/fail credits, for which tuition must be paid. (See the *Pre-Graduation Judicial Internships* brochure for details.) *Successful internship candidates typically have a very strong academic record.*

Judge Pulliam offers not-for-credit internships that have different time requirements. He has emphasized that the application process for internships with his court is open to all law students.

The United States Magistrate Court

At the United States Magistrate Court, one internship may be available each semester with the

Honorable Henry Bemporad. In the internship with Judge Bemporad, a student is required to work *240 hours in exchange for four graded credits*. The Bemporad internship is designed to be especially demanding and to provide for intensive supervision of the intern's research and writing. This internship can be a valuable credential and steppingstone to a post-graduation judicial clerkship. Magistrate judges handle motions and other matters at the request of the United States District Court and may preside over trials with the consent of the parties. *Successful candidates typically have a very strong academic record and must submit a writing sample.*

The United States Bankruptcy Court

At the United States Bankruptcy Court, one or more internships may be available during the summer semester with the Honorable Craig Gargotta. Interns are required to work 120 hours during the semester at the Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse in downtown San Antonio near the Alamo. Interns assist the judge with matters related to bankruptcy proceedings. *Successful candidates typically have a very strong academic record.* Prior completion of a course on Bankruptcy Law is useful but not required.

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **OCS Drop-In Sessions – Patent Bar Exam Information**, Thursday, Feb. 23, 12:15 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, Feb. 23, 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Family Law Panel for Family Law Class**, Monday, Feb. 27, 9:00 – 10:15 a.m., LC105
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, March 2, 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy



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

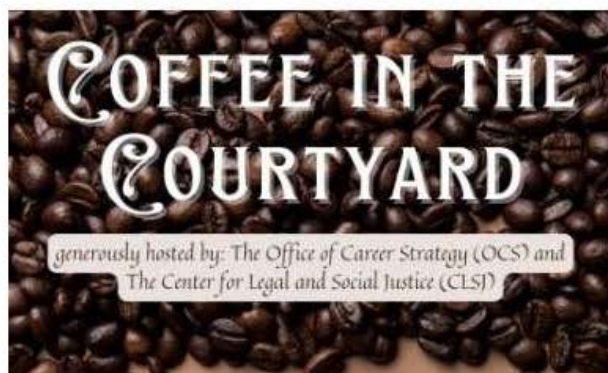
INNSBRUCK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW LIVE

The scholarship application for students interested in attending Innsbruck is now live. The information about studying abroad at Innsbruck and each scholarship is listed here:

<https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/austria/>

The application link is here:

<https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/m1x2k4jx1ika0jp/>



Tuesdays from 10:00am -11:00am in the
Courtyard outside of the Law Classrooms

SPRING SEMESTER

DATES:

January 24

February 7

February 21

March 7

March 21

April 4

April 18

Bring your questions about
Externships, Internships,
Clinic, Jobs, Professional
Development, and Pro Bono,
coffee is on us!

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) and Office of Career Strategy (OCS) for Coffee in the Courtyard on **Tuesday, February 21**, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy some iced coffee and bring your questions about upcoming Pro Bono opportunities, Fall Clinic applications, Externship Opportunities, Professional Development, and Networking.

The Laudato Si' Action Planning Committee invites all members of the St. Mary's community to a



Laudato Si'
Information Gathering Session

Tuesday, Feb. 21

3:30 to 5 p.m.

Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Law Alumni Room

Join us for a *Laudato Si'* Information Gathering Session to share your perspectives, questions and ideas about how to put the University's *Laudato Si'* commitment into action.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Scan the QR code to learn more about *Laudato Si'* and St. Mary's commitment.



For more information, email laudatosi@stmarytx.edu.





GRAS!


FEBRUARY 21ST FROM 4-6
LAW COURTYARD

FREE FOOD & ADULT
BEVERAGES

A KING AND QUEEN
WILL BE CROWNED

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS WILL TAKE
PLACE AT THE LAW ALUMNI ROOM
FEB. 22ND AT 12PM


LAW MINISTRY
INVITES LAW
STUDENTS TO



*Ash
Wednesday
Mass*

February 22, 2023
12pm in
Law Alumni Room

Light lenten lunch will
follow mass



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SCHOOL OF LAW

BLSA
BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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FEBRUARY 23, 2023 **BLACK History MONTH** 12 - 1:15
LAW ALUMNI ROOM

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HONORABLE JASON PULLIAM
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS



JUDGE KIMBERLY BURLEY
DALLAS COUNTY CHILDREN'S COURT JUDGE

PROFESSOR ANDRE HAMPTON
PAST VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

JUDGE STEPHANIE BOYD
JUDGE FOR THE 18TH CHICAGO DISTRICT COURT

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OFFICE OF LAW SUCCESS

Preparing for Oral Arguments - Our Experience in Preparing for *Garcetti v. Ceballos*

Hear from Scott Caron and Jin Choi on their experience in preparing a Supreme Court argument and learn how their strategies can assist you in preparing for your own argument.

<p>FEATURED SPEAKER</p> <p>Scott Caron Law Success Instructor St. Mary's University School of Law</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 23, 2023 12 PM - 1 PM LC105</p> <p>Students MUST register on CORE to attend. 1L Students will receive credit towards their LCAP II lab requirement for attendance.</p>	<p>FEATURED SPEAKER</p> <p>Jin Choi Shareholder Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi, PC</p>
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POPCORN THURSDAYS

WITH
SHERACK AND NICK!

12:30 PM at the OCS Office



OCS Drop-in Sessions

PATENT BAR EXAM INFORMATION

with Mark Dighton, PLI's Director of Law School Relations and Administrative Director of their Patent Office Exam Course

Thurs. Feb. 23, 2023
12:15 pm to 1:30 pm
OCS Suite, Law Library 216

Register in CORE



PREPARING FOR ORAL ARGUMENTS - OUR EXPERIENCE IN REPARING FOR GARCETTI V. CEBALLOS

Hear from Professor Scott Caron, of St. Mary's University School of Law, and Mr. Jin Choi, of Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi, PC, on their experience in preparing a Supreme Court argument. Learn how their strategies can assist you in preparing for your own argument. The presentation will be held **Thursday, February 23**, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in LC105.

Registration on CORE is required to attend. If you are enrolled in LCAP II, you must check-in at the event in order to receive credit towards your LCAP II Lab requirement.

LCAP Section O students may attend via the following link:

<https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/96214194754>



Do you have questions about externship?

JOIN DIRECTOR RIVAS FOR EXTERNSHIP OFFICE HOURS!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD
1PM-2PM

6PM-7PM

ZOOM MEETING ID:
948 9222 4126



EXTERNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Still looking for a summer internship? Already have an internship, but wondering IF you should earn credit for it? What qualifies for Externship? What does the course entail? Can I get paid, too? (YES!) All questions will be answered.

Join us for office hours on **Thursday, February 23**, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. or 6:00 -7:00 p.m. to chat with Director Rivas about the externship process and answer any questions you might have.

Zoom Meeting ID: 948 9222 4126

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
February 24th, 2023
at The DoSeum | San Antonio, TX

THEN AND NOW:
Constitutional Changes and
Navigating the Law

Understanding the recent evolution
of law and how modern
applications affect your practice,
community, and way of life

<https://stmarythescholarsymposium.eventbrite.com>

SCHOLAR
St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice

A photograph of a wooden gavel resting on a stack of books. In the background, a pair of metal scales of justice is visible. The scene is set against a light, neutral background.

The Scholar Annual Symposium

"The Scholar's Annual Symposium is a CLE credit-approved event held annually to bring awareness to new advancements or issues arising in a particular practice area.

In 2023, the Annual Symposium's theme is "Then and Now: Constitutional Changes and Navigating the Law." The presentations



will focus on the modern adaptations to constitutional law based on recent Supreme Court decisions, a reflection on the advancement or regression of the law in particular practice areas, and the effects the law's changing landscape has on certain communities. Esteemed lawyers, professors, scholars, and advocates will present on a wide range of topics including Health care, Environmental Law, Criminal Prosecution and Defense, Immigration Law, Title IX, First Amendment Rights, and Conflicts of Law.

Use the link or scan the QR code to learn more and register for this exciting event!"
<https://stmarythescholarsymposium.eventbrite.com>

ALL STUDENTS ARE INVITED

FAMILY LAW PANEL

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27
9 A.M. TO 10:15 A.M.
LC 105

REGISTRATION ON CORE IS REQUIRED

Attorney Panelists:

- Lauren Effiom '20
- Tess House '14
- Danica R. McKinney '19



OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY



SUMMER PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

Application Period

February 27, 2023 -
March 31, 2023

Stay tuned for more information

NETWORKING SOCIAL FOR GRADUATE AND LAW STUDENTS

The Career and Professional Development Center is hosting a networking social for Graduate and Law Students to meet alumnus, Mr. John Sporing, on **Tuesday, February 28**, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Pub. Mr. Sporing is a St. Mary's alum having graduated in 1990 with a MA in Economics and International Relations. Mr. Sporing's business career has included working across government and private sectors as an Economist and Entrepreneur. To learn more about his experience, please view his LinkedIn profile [here](#).



Email Management Workshop

with Nick Guinn,
Gunn Lee & Cave, P.C.



How to Manage Email and Other Correspondence

Thursday, March 9, 2023
Registration is Required on CORE

12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
LL 217





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SCHEDULE YOUR MANDATORY
2L ADVISING APPOINTMENT
WITH OCS BY MARCH 10, 2023



Co-Sponsored by the Women's Law Association and Law Ministry

♥ WOMEN IN LAW LEADERSHIP AWARDS ♥

MARCH 28, 2023

Do you know a 2L or 3L who demonstrates exemplary leadership skills?

NOMINATE HER!!

Nominations Due March 3rd at 5:00pm

Award Recipients and Nominees will be recognized Tuesday March 28 at 4:30pm

Nominations now open for:

- Chief Justice, The Honorable Alma L. Lopez (ret.) "Women in Law" Award
- Chief Justice, The Honorable Catherine M. Stone (ret.) "Rock of Justice" Award
- Chief Justice, The Honorable Sandee Bryan Marion (ret.) "Excellence in Mentoring" Award



Scan QR Code access application



WOMEN IN LAW LEADERSHIP AWARDS

NOW accepting nominations!

The Women in Law Leadership Awards are presented annually to St. Mary's School of Law "women" law students in recognition of their outstanding dedication, creativity, initiative, achievement and contribution to the community, and pro bono activities.

All students nominated will receive a certificate and be recognized on **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**, at 4:30 p.m. Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a law student no later than Friday, March 3, 2023 at 5 p.m. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. **NO SELF NOMINATIONS PLEASE.**

The nomination form may be found here:

<https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/m1qu3dgo08r2by1/>



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

To further the goal of casting a wide net to attract the broadest possible pool of qualified applicants to serve as federal judges, the Judicial Conference Committees on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System and Magistrate Judges System present their national diversity event:

Roadways to the Bench: Who Me? A Bankruptcy or Magistrate Judge?

April 3, 2023 | 3-6 p.m.
United States Courthouse
501 W 5th Street, Austin, Texas 78701
Jury Assembly Room (First Floor)

- Interested lawyers and law students are invited to observe a national keynote address or panel discussion and participate in local roundtables with bankruptcy, magistrate, district, and appellate judges about pathways to the federal bench.
- Registration is limited to 115 participants.

To Register, Please Visit:

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J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

American Arbitration Association. Diversity Scholarship Grants.

<https://www.aaacdrfoundation.org/diversity-scholarship>

Bowman and Brooke. \$5,000 for 1Ls. Deadline to apply is 02/28/2023.

<http://pull.xmr3.com/p/652-050C/56057049/7b685091-9bd7-4fee-a68d-0f096b6dc6be.html>

Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Section. Graduating 3L \$1,500 scholarship. Deadline to apply is 05/15/2023. <https://www.fedbar.org/criminal-law-section/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/2023/01/FBA-Criminal-Law-Section-Scholarship-2023.pdf>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023. <https://thesovereigntysymposium.com/writing-competition/>.

Federal Bar Association, Honorable Constance Baker Motley Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Essay Competition. \$1,000, \$500, \$250. Deadline to apply is 05/12/2023. <https://www.fedbar.org/the-hon-constance-baker-motley-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-young-member-essay-writing-competition/>

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. \$15,000; \$7,500; \$5,000; \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 05/31/2023. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>

A blue-bordered poster with a white center. At the top left, it says "RGV GIVES BACK Student Scholarship" in bold black text. To the right is an illustration of a bookshelf with books. Below this, it states: "RGV Gives Back will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 scholarships to students who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement!". Underneath is the heading "REQUIREMENTS:" followed by a bulleted list: "• Must have a College GPA of 2.5 or above, Graduating Seniors must have a High School GPA of 3.0 or above", "• Be from or living in the Rio Grande Valley", "• Submit proof of enrollment or acceptance", "• Submit an updated resume", and "• Submit a completed application". At the bottom left is the RGV Gives Back logo, which consists of three stylized hands in red, orange, and yellow. To the right of the logo, it says "Application can be found on our website: www.RGVGivesBack.org" and "Deadline to submit: Saturday, May 13, 2023".

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RGV Gives Back is excited to announce that we will be offering TEN Student Scholarships this year! We will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 student scholarships.

The application(s) will be available to all graduating seniors, current college/university students, graduate students, AND professional school students from the RGV who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement.

Please visit <http://www.RGVGivesBack.org> for the application and all instructions!

State Bar of Texas

The Diversity in the Profession Committee has extended the deadline for their Bar Exam Prep Scholarship until **February 21, 2023**. Please see the below PDF for details.



**State Bar of Texas - Bar Exam Scholarship Deadline Extended.
pdf**

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Women and the Law - State Bar of Texas Writing Competition

The State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section invites students to participate in its 2023 Texas Law Student Writing Competition. First place will receive \$1,000 and second place is \$500. Deadline to apply is **March 15, 2023**. For detailed rules, see below.



**2023 Women and the Law - State Bar of Texas Writing Competi
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Human Rights Essay Contest

International Law Section of The State Bar of Texas announces their Thomas H. Wilson Human Rights Scholarship Award. This is open to law students including LL.M. programs. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2023**. For complete guidelines, see below.



Human Rights Essay Contest.pdf

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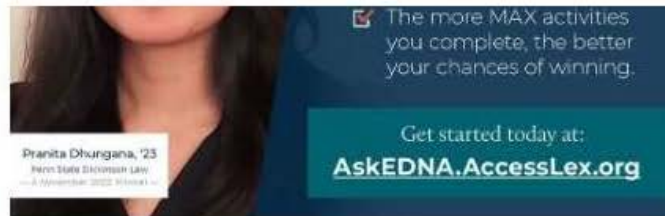


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1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.



The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

JD students who are not native English speakers *may* be granted additional testing time. For requests and approval, schedule a meeting with Assistant Dean Alyssa Leffall at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> no later than ten (10) business days prior to an assessment.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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/administrationfinance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, this means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or Dean Niesel may assist.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Szechuan Chicken Lettuce Wraps

<https://www.aheadofthyme.com/szechuan-chicken-lettuce-wraps-with-spicy-mayo-cactus-club-copycat/>

Source: Sam and Dan at www.aheadofthyme.com



STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and



counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke
Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu



The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

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Adoration and Confession

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
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First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
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- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you
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- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
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Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	✓
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, seminars, and guides	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 5L courses (\$89.99 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	80 days	30 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Mentor Groups (\$5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Alumni (\$75 value)	Part 6 Threats	Part 6 Threats
Mentor Discounts & Offers	✓	✓

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Themis BarReview

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
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- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
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- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$80 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center, which promotes and protects human rights worldwide – mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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This Week

- Networking Social for Graduate and Law Students, 2/28, 4:30 p.m., The Pub
- Federal Court Judicial Internship applications now available.
- LCAP Lab - Good, Better, Best - 3/2, 12:00 p.m., LC105
- Thomas J. Henry Luncheon, 3/2, 12:00 p.m., Alumni Room
- Sue and Leonard Bentch Endowed Clinical Law Scholarship applications close 3/05.
- Innsbruck Scholarship Applications now live.



See announcements below for details.





Jessup International Moot Court Team Brings Home Some Hardware

Congratulations to our Jessup Moot Court Team, consisting of **Caitlin Hennessy** (3L) and 2L's **Jayden Cool, Koy Kunkel, and Stephen Nicholson** for becoming the newest **semi-finalists** in the Philip C. Jessup U.S. Rocky Mountain Super-Regional this weekend. These students nearly swept every round before the semi's, when they ultimately lost to the competition champion.

Along the way, the team garnered an impressive array of awards. **Caitlin Hennessy** was named the **#1 Best Advocate in the Rocky-Mountain Super-Regional** while **Koy Kunkel** was named the **#3 Best Advocate**. **Koy** and **Stephen Nicholson**, assisted by the team, received the **Top 3 Best Brief Award**.

"This is a remarkable achievement, and I am thrilled to hear that their hard work and dedication have paid off. The students' commitment to excellence and their ability to navigate the complexities of international law undoubtedly impressed both their judges and their peers. Their success in Jessup is a testament to the outstanding talent and expertise that they will one day bring to the legal profession" said their head Coach and Adjunct Professor Marion Reilly.

Please join us in congratulating these students!



St. Mary's National Moot Court Team Reaches ABA NAAC Regional Semi-Finals and Finals, Receives Individual Awards As Well

Over the weekend, the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team participated in the American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The ABA NAAC is the largest national moot court tournament in the United States, with approximately 200 law schools competing in six regions for the opportunity to reach the National Finals.

Two St. Mary's teams: **Kathryn Cantu (3L), Haley Harvey (3L) and Carson Wienecke (2L) and Emily Mann (2L) and Nadine Cox (2L)** participated in the **Oklahoma City Regional** against some of the top advocacy programs in the country, with 24 teams competing against St. Mary's and vying for a chance to win a national title. **The team of Mann and Cox reached the semi-finals of the competition, while the team of Harvey / Cantu / Wienecke reached the tournament finals.** St. Mary's mooters were further recognized for their exemplary individual talents, with **Kathryn Cantu and Emily Mann ranking as Top-10 oralists.**

Congratulations to all of these students for another successful moot court weekend representing

the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team.

Networking Social for Graduate and Law Students

The Career and Professional Development Center is hosting a networking social for Graduate and Law Students to meet alumnus,



Mr. John Sporing, on **Tuesday, February 28**, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Pub. Mr. Sporing is a St. Mary's alum having graduated in 1990 with a MA in Economics and International Relations. Mr. Sporing's business career has included working across government and private sectors as an Economist and Entrepreneur. To learn more about his experience, please view his LinkedIn profile [here](#).

Federal Court Judicial Internships in San Antonio

Semesters: Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024

Deadline: Noon Wednesday, March 1, 2023



Applications are now being accepted for roughly fifteen pre-graduation judicial internships with federal judges who have chambers in San Antonio. Check your law school email account for a message containing: (1) the Pre-graduation Judicial Internship brochure; (2) an application form; and (3) application announcement. Copies of these same materials are available from the receptionist's desk on the second floor of the Raba Law Building.

The United States District Court

At the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, internships will be available with the Honorable David A. Ezra, the Honorable Xavier Rodriguez, and the Honorable Jason K. Pulliam. Interns will assist the judges with a variety of tasks, which may include rulings on motions, preparation of jury charges, and research and writing related to trial court litigation. Interns at the U.S. District Court will have the opportunity to observe courtroom proceedings.

United States District Court interns are normally required to work 120 hours during the semester at the federal courthouse in downtown San Antonio and may earn two pass/fail credits, for which tuition must be paid. (See the *Pre-Graduation Judicial Internships* brochure for details.) *Successful internship candidates typically have a very strong academic record.*

Judge Pulliam offers not-for-credit internships that have different time requirements. He has emphasized that the application process for internships with his court is open to all law students.

The United States Magistrate Court

At the United States Magistrate Court, one internship may be available each semester with the Honorable Henry Bemporad. In the internship with Judge Bemporad, a student is required to work *240 hours in exchange for four graded credits*. The Bemporad internship is designed to be especially demanding and to provide for intensive supervision of the intern's research and writing. This internship can be a valuable credential and steppingstone to a post-graduation judicial clerkship. Magistrate judges handle motions and other matters at the request of the United States District Court and may preside over trials with the consent of the parties. *Successful candidates typically have a very strong academic record and must submit a writing sample.*

The United States Bankruptcy Court

At the United States Bankruptcy Court, one or more internships may be available during the summer semester with the Honorable Craig Gargotta. Interns are required to work 120 hours during the semester at the Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse in downtown San Antonio near the Alamo. Interns assist the judge with matters related to bankruptcy proceedings. *Successful candidates typically have a very strong academic record.* Prior completion of a course on Bankruptcy Law is useful but not required.



Alcohol 101

Join **IT'S ON US** and learn how to determine a standard drink, calculate blood alcohol concentration, and try out the drunk goggles hosted by UPD. **Wednesday, March 1, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** in the University Center North Courtyard.





Thomas J. Henry Q&A Luncheon

Personal Injury Law Association will host a Q&A Luncheon with attorneys from Thomas J. Henry on **Thursday, March 2**, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room.. Lunch provided by Thomas J. Henry.



Thursday, March 2 - Spring 2023 LCAP Lab

Current LCAP II students will attend three (3) LCAP labs over the course of the semester. Since room capacity is limited to 120, you will need to RSVP in CORE for the labs you elect to attend. You are not limited to three labs, and we hope you will attend each one you find interesting or useful.

To receive credit for this activity, you will need to RSVP for three labs, arrive on time, stay for the duration of the lab, and submit your lab activity assignment immediately after the lab in the

duration of the lab, and submit any lab activity or assignment immediately after the lab in the appropriate Canvas drop box. **Next lab: March 2.**

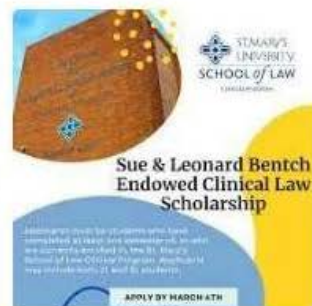
For questions or more information please contact Arturo Zapata at azapata2@stmarytx.edu

Beyond a Hangover

Ever wonder what happens to your body during and after a hangover? Know any quick remedies? Hear from Professional to learn the impacts alcohol plays on your metabolic, physical, mental and overall health. **Friday, March 3, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**, University Center, Alumni conference Room.

Sue and Leonard Bentch Endowed Clinical Law Scholarship

One applicant will be selected to receive the **Sue and Leonard Bentch Endowed Clinical Law Scholarship** (which will be applied against tuition and fees paid for the Spring 2023 semester). The anticipated award amount is approximately **\$1,900**. Online application is open and is due by 11:59 p.m., **March 5**. Applicants must be students who have completed at least one semester of, or who are currently enrolled in, a St. Mary's School of Law Clinical Program course. Both 2Ls and 3Ls are eligible.



Access the application at the following link: tinyurl.com/bentch

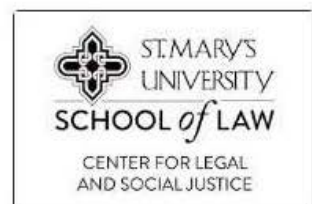
Clinical Course Application - FALL 2023

On **Monday, March 6**: the application will open for all of the Fall 2023 Clinical courses!

Earn 6 hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients (in Consumer/Housing; Real Estate; Family Law/Wills & Estates; Criminal Defense; or Immigration cases). Learn more about each of these five Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website:

<https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/clinics/>

The required online Clinic application will be found on that page, too, when it opens on **March 6**. **Apply early** – spaces limited with rolling admission!



OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, March 2, 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **Summer Public Service Fellowship Info Session**, Tuesday, March 7, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. || 217



March 7, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., LL217

- **3Ls, Still Looking for a Post-Grad Job?**, Wednesday, March 8, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m., LL217
- **OCS Workshop: Email Management**, Thursday, March 9, 12:15 – 1:00 p.m., LL217
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, March 9, 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy

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

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER '23

American Gateways
Atascosa Area Regional Public Defender's Office
Bexar County District Attorney's Office
City of Brownsville, Office of the City Attorney
Collin County District Attorney's Office
Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance
Harris County District Attorney's Office
Medina County District Attorney's Office
Nueces County District Attorney's Office
San Antonio Board of Realtors
Texas Advocacy Project
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Texas Public Policy Foundation (Austin, TX)
Texas State University
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA)
Texas Work Force Commission
United States Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps
United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, Office of Immigration Litigation (Washington, DC)
United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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Bayou City Waterkeeper
CentroMed
Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance
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Medina County District Attorney's Office
Nueces County District Attorney's Office
Office of the Attorney General of Texas, Consumer Protection Division
San Antonio Board of Realtors
Spurs Sports and Entertainment
Texas Advocacy Project
The University of Texas at San Antonio
United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Externship Opportunities for Summer and Fall '23

Don't miss out on a summer or fall externship. Deadlines are coming up SOON. Find any of the above opportunities on CORE and apply today!

Questions? Email Director Rivas at arivas@stmarytx.edu for more information!



Turkey-Syria Earthquake Donation Drive

Middle Eastern Students Association (MESA) is collecting donations for those affected by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Bins will be available in the Law Classrooms Building for donations from Tuesday, February 28 to Thursday, March 9.

Any student who donates 2 items will be eligible to receive 1 community service pro bono hour upon submitting a pro bono form.

Innsbruck Scholarship Application Now Live

The scholarship application for students interested in attending Innsbruck is now live. The information about studying abroad at Innsbruck and each scholarship is listed here:

<https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/austria/>



The application link is here:

<https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/m1x2k4jx1ika0jp/>



Summer Public Service Fellowship Info Session

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

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3LS:

POST-GRAD JOB SEARCH

WE'VE GOT SOME TIPS
FOR YOU! RSVP FOR THIS
WORKSHOP IN CORE.



WED. ,MAR. 8, 2023

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
LL 217



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Email Management Workshop

with Nick Guinn,
Gunn Lee & Cave, P.C.



How to Manage Email and Other Correspondence

Thursday, March 9, 2023
Registration is Required on CORE

12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
LL 217



2Ls: Friendly Reminder

SCHEDULE YOUR MANDATORY
2L ADVISING APPOINTMENT
WITH OCS BY MARCH 10, 2023

Co-Sponsored by the Women's Law Association and Law Ministry

♥ **WOMEN IN LAW** ♥
LEADERSHIP AWARDS
MARCH 28, 2023

Do you know a 2L or 3L who demonstrates exemplary leadership skills?
NOMINATE HER!!
Nominations Due March 3rd at 5:00pm

Award Recipients and Nominees will be recognized Tuesday March 28 at 4:30pm

Nominations now open for:

- Chief Justice, The Honorable Alma L. Lopez (ret.) "Women in Law" Award
- Chief Justice, The Honorable Catherine M. Stone (ret.) "Rock of Justice" Award
- Chief Justice, The Honorable Sandee Bryan Marion (ret.) "Excellence in Mentoring" Award

Scan QR Code access application



Women in Law Leadership Awards

NOW accepting nominations!

The Women in Law Leadership Awards are presented annually to St. Mary's School of Law "women" law students in recognition of their outstanding dedication, creativity, initiative, achievement and contribution to the community, and pro bono activities.

All students nominated will receive a certificate and be recognized on **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**, at 4:30 p.m. Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a law student no later than Friday, March 3, 2023 at 5 p.m. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. **NO SELF NOMINATIONS PLEASE.**

The nomination form may be found here:

<https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/m1qu3dgo08r2by1/>

A promotional poster for 'Popcorn Thursdays'. The background is a vibrant red. On the left, there is a stylized illustration of a popcorn bucket with red and white vertical stripes and a large mound of yellow popcorn overflowing from the top. The text 'POPCORN THURSDAYS' is written in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below this, it says 'WITH SHERACK AND NICK!' in white. At the bottom, a black rounded rectangle contains the text '12:30 PM at the OCS Office' in yellow. There are also some decorative wavy lines at the bottom right.

**POPCORN
THURSDAYS**

**WITH
SHERACK AND
NICK!**

12:30 PM at the OCS Office

A promotional poster for the 'Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowship'. The background is a light blue and white gradient with a diagonal blue stripe. On the left, there is a golden statue of Lady Justice holding scales. The text 'SUMMER 2023 PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP' is written in blue. To the right, it says 'THE APPLICATION PERIOD IS OPEN!' in black, followed by 'DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2023 12 P.M.' in black. At the bottom left, there is the St. Mary's University School of Law logo and the text 'OFFICE OF CAREER STRATEGY'.

**SUMMER 2023
PUBLIC SERVICE
FELLOWSHIP**

**THE APPLICATION
PERIOD IS OPEN!**

**DEADLINE:
MARCH 31, 2023
12 P.M.**

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Summer Public Service Fellowships

The St. Mary's Summer Public Service Fellowship provides financial assistance to first- and second-year law students who (1) have secured a position for the summer with a legal services provider serving low-income clients or a governmental agency (NOT including the judiciary), and (2)

will work at least 240 hours this summer.

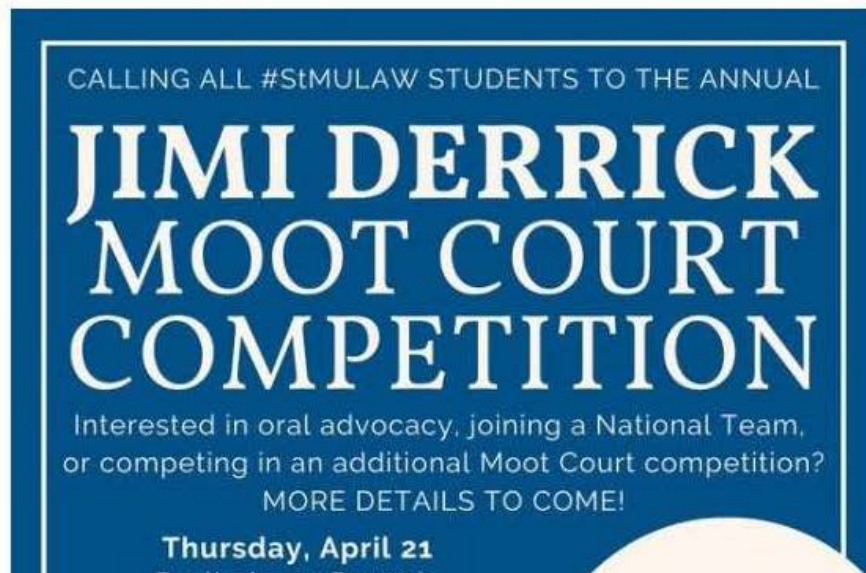
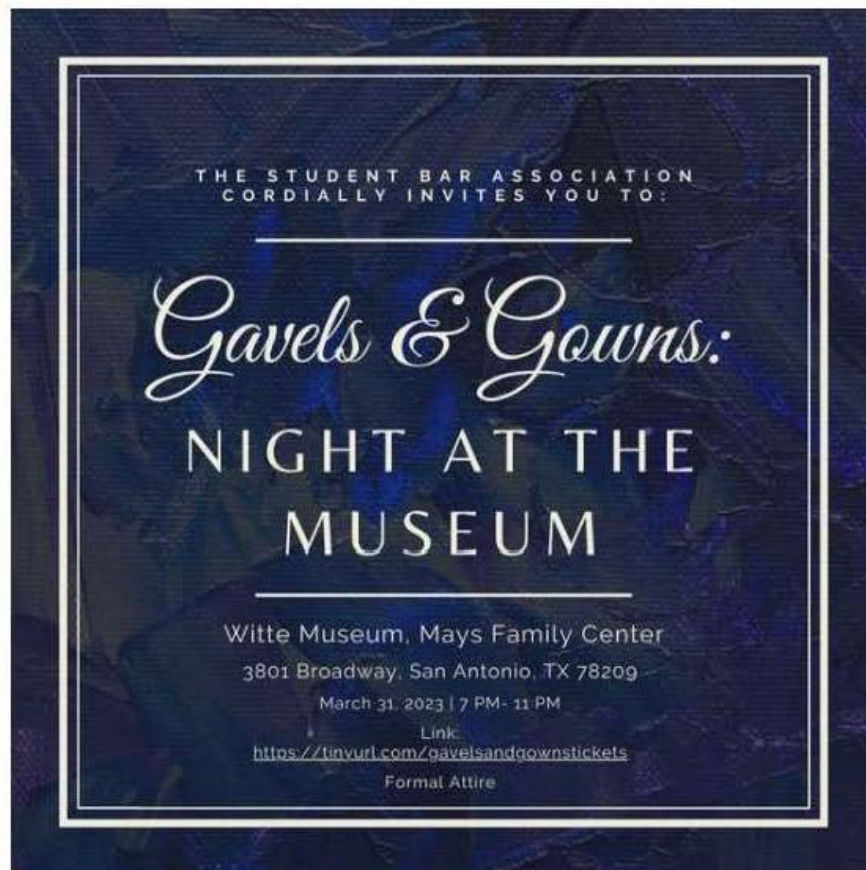
Please note that, unlike some fellowship opportunities, you must have already accepted a position with a non-profit legal services provider or governmental agency in order to be eligible.

[Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowship - Application](#)

[Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowship - Agency Agreement](#)

The deadline to complete the 2023 Public Service Fellowship Application and Agency Agreement is **Friday, March 31, 2023**, at noon.

For additional information, please contact [Veronica Elizalde, Assistant Director for Career Strategy](#).



Preliminary Rounds
Quarter Final
Friday, April 22
Semi-final Round
Final

*CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO
HIGHEST-SCORING ADVOCATES*



Jimi Derrick Constitutional Moot Court Competition

Calling ALL St. Mary's University School of Law students!

Are you interested oral advocacy or are you interested in joining a National Team? Consider signing up for the annual Jimi Derrick Constitutional Moot Court Competition. This competition is sponsored in part by the Derrick Family and was established to honor the life and legacy of Jimi Derrick, a former student at St. Mary's University School of Law and the inspiration for this competition because of his love and enthusiasm for constitutional law. More details will be forthcoming.

Click on the link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAEA72AA2FEC16-20232>



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

To further the goal of casting a wide net to attract the broadest possible pool of qualified applicants to serve as federal judges, the Judicial Conference Committees on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System and Magistrate Judges System present their national diversity event:

Roadways to the Bench: Who Me? A Bankruptcy or Magistrate Judge?

April 3, 2023 | 3-6 p.m.
United States Courthouse
501 W 5th Street, Austin, Texas 78701
Jury Assembly Room (First Floor)

- Interested lawyers and law students are invited to observe a national keynote address or panel discussion and participate in local roundtables with bankruptcy, magistrate, district, and appellate judges about pathways to the federal bench.
- Registration is limited to 115 participants.

To Register, Please Visit:
<https://forms.gle/x2sxUbr2cBaW3kW96>

For more information, please contact:
roadwaysatx2023@gmail.com

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St. Mary's University offers joint programs of studies leading to degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from the School of Law and master's programs. Explore joint degree programs at law.stmarytx.edu/joint-degree-programs.

For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Admission at graduate@stmarytx.edu.



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PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

[Download](#)

93.0 KB

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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

American Arbitration Association. Diversity Scholarship Grants.

<https://www.aaacdrfoundation.org/diversity-scholarship>

Bowman and Brooke. \$5,000 for 1Ls. Deadline to apply is 02/28/2023.

<http://pull.xmr3.com/p/652-050C/56057049/7b685091-9bd7-4fee-a68d-0f096b6dc6be.html>

Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Section. Graduating 3L \$1,500 scholarship. Deadline to apply is 05/15/2023. <https://www.fedbar.org/criminal-law-section/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/2023/01/FBA-Criminal-Law-Section-Scholarship-2023.pdf>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.

<https://thesovereigntysymposium.com/writing-competition/>.

Federal Bar Association, Honorable Constance Baker Motley Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Essay Competition. \$1,000, \$500, \$250. Deadline to apply is 05/12/2023.

<https://www.fedbar.org/the-hon-constance-baker-motley-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-young-member-essay-writing-competition/>

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. \$15,000; \$7,500; \$5,000; \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 05/31/2023. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>



The poster features a blue background with white graduation caps and books. The text is centered and includes the title, scholarship details, requirements, and contact information. The RGV Gives Back logo is at the bottom left.

RGV GIVES BACK
Student Scholarship

RGV Gives Back will be offering
TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000
scholarships to students who exhibit dedication,
leadership, and community involvement!

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have a College GPA of 2.5 or above,
Graduating Seniors must have a High School GPA of 3.0 or above
- Be from or living in the Rio Grande Valley
- Submit proof of enrollment or acceptance
- Submit an updated resume
- Submit a completed application

Application can be found on our website:
www.RGVGivesBack.org
Deadline to submit:
Saturday, May 13, 2023

 RGV Gives Back



RGV Gives Back Student Scholarships

RGV Gives Back is excited to announce that we will be offering TEN Student Scholarships this year! We will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 student scholarships.

The application(s) will be available to all graduating seniors, current college/university students, graduate students, AND professional school students from the RGV who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement.

Please visit <http://www.RGVGivesBack.org> for the application and all instructions!

Women and the Law - State Bar of Texas Writing Competition

The State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section invites students to participate in its 2023 Texas Law Student Writing Competition. First place will receive \$1,000 and second place is \$500. Deadline to apply is **March 15, 2023**. For detailed rules, see below.



2023 Women and the Law - State Bar of Texas Writing Competition.pdf

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Human Rights Essay Contest

International Law Section of The State Bar of Texas announces their Thomas H. Wilson Human Rights Scholarship Award. This is open to law students including LL.M. programs. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2023**. For complete guidelines, see below.



Human Rights Essay Contest.pdf

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AccessLex Institute is awarding **two \$5,000 scholarships per class** this winter.

Next scholarship drawing.



February 1

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Askedna.AccessLex.org

Pranita Dhurgana, '23
New York University School of Law
— 4th Semester 2022 Winner —

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Exciting Summer Abroad Opportunity for 1L AND 2L Students



1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.

The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

JD students who are not native English speakers *may* be granted additional testing time. For requests and approval, schedule a meeting with Assistant Dean Alyssa Leffall at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> no later than ten (10) business days prior to an assessment.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, this means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises **after** exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or Dean Niesel may assist.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Salsa Verde Chicken Soup

<https://allthehealthythings.com/salsa-verde-chicken-soup-stove-top-slow-cooker/#tasty-recipes-2904-jump-target>

Source: Ashlea at All The Healthy Things

<https://allthehealthythings.com>



STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

Academic Support

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu



General Student Support

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergencies: 24/7/365

(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line

healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Campus Recreation

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center

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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

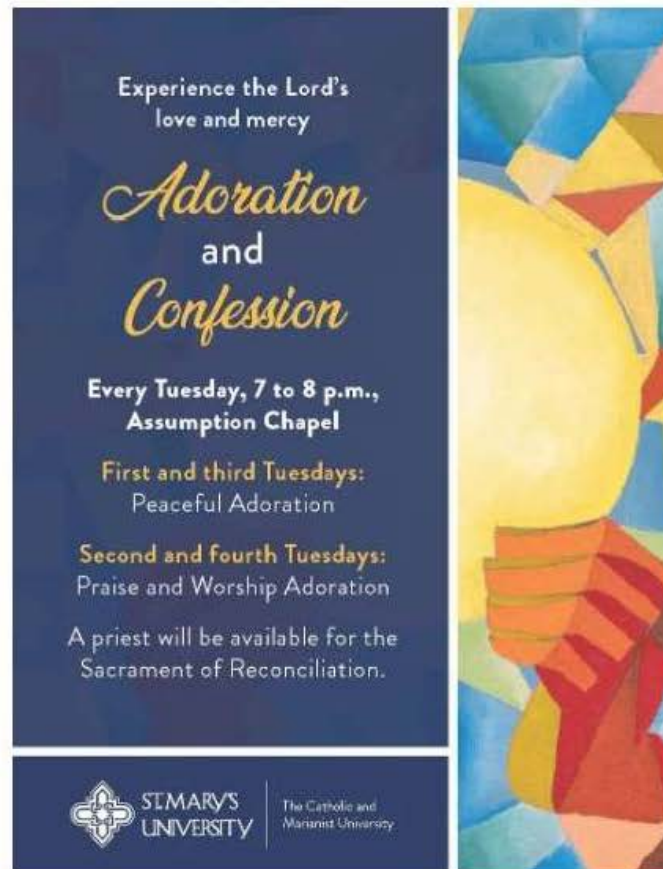
Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish



11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual

For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.



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*Adoration
and
Confession*

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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**Prepare for your
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As a member of the ABA, you get access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

**Invest in Yourself.
Join the ABA.**

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.

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**See What
Student
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CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law

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Choose From Two Types of Membership

Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

MEMBERSHIP	FREE	PREMIUM	FREE
After the Bar Digital Publications		✓	
Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (save up to \$500)		✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Handbook (\$20 Value)		✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities		✓	
Save 20% on West Academic Coursebook & Study Guides		✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Cases (e-Books, legal technology tips, and online flashcard tool)		✓	
\$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring		✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses		✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep		✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school		✓	✓
Access to law, MPRE, study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE		✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, seminars, and plans		✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all LL courses (\$50.25 value)		✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	80 days		30 days
ABA Career Center	✓		✓
ABA Member Group (5 Free)	✓		✓
Web Academy: Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial		✓	
Student Lawyer magazine & blog		✓	
Adv Journal (\$75 Value)	Print & Digital		Print & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers			

ABA Bar Prep Program

Premium Members Only



- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages

Multiple-choice question sets, key concept alerts, legal terminology lists, essay exam roadmaps, and the like.



- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review



- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course



- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center, which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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





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THIS WEEK

- Clinical Course applications for Fall 2023 now open
- Turkey-Syria donation drive this week
- Innsbruck Scholarship Applications now live
- Coffee in the Courtyard, 3/07, 10:00 a.m.
- Summer Public Service Information Fellowship, 3/07, 12:30 p.m., LL217
- 3Ls: Post-Grad Job Search, 3/08, 12:30 p.m., LL217
- What are IE and HAES? 3/08, 3:00 p.m., University Center, Alumni Room
- Email Management Workshop, 3/09, 12:30 p.m., LL217
- 2Ls: Mandatory Advising Appointment, last day to schedule is 3/10.



See announcements below for details.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF JUSTICE REGIONAL FINALISTS

After four days of hard-fought competition, the National Team has something else to celebrate.

This past weekend, the National Trial Team sent ten competitors to the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Student Trial Advocacy Competition (STAC). Team members **Leigh Ann Greenberg** and **Vanessa Skillman** - 3L's, along with 2L's **Majestad Barragan**, **Jonathan Delgado** and **Griffin Farney** with second team 2L's **Kenya Barrios**, **Marco Cervantes**, **Kenneth Garcia**, **Bailie Ibarra** and **Emily Jensen** competed in the second largest national tournament, against some of the toughest teams. After the preliminary rounds, the team of Greenberg, Skillman, Barragan, Delgado and Farney advanced to the semi-final rounds, where they beat South Texas, and they then went on to face a second South Texas team, in the final round. "The five of you have grown so much, during this competition, and I can't wait to see what you go on to do," said **Coach Misty Deatherage**. "We couldn't be prouder," said Coach **Leslie Rodriguez**.

Congratulations to every member of the team!

St. Mary's University School of Law

Spring Break

Law Alumni Networking Receptions

Denver	John Vaught's Home 106 S. University Blvd. #11 Denver, CO, 80209	Monday Mar. 13 at 6:30 p.m.	RSVP to Sr. Grace
Dallas	Katy Trail Ice House 3127 Routh St. Dallas, TX, 75201	Tuesday Mar. 14 at 6 p.m.	
Austin	Star Bar 600 W. 6th St. Austin TX, 78701	Wednesday Mar. 15 at 5:30 p.m.	
RGV	Barrel House 1927 S Tourist Dr. Edinburg, TX, 78539	Thursday Mar. 16 at 5:30 p.m.	
EL PASO	Hope and Anchor 4012 N Mesa St El Paso, TX, 79902	Thursday Mar. 16 at 6 p.m.	
SAN ANGELO	Miss Hattie's Restaurant 26 E. Cancho Ave San Angelo, TX, 76903	Thursday Mar. 16 at 5:30 p.m.	
Houston	St. Arnold's Brewery 2000 Lyons Ave. Houston, TX, 77020	Friday Mar. 17 at 5:30 p.m.	

Dress: Business Casual
RSVP Recommended!

SPRING BREAK NETWORKING EVENTS FOR LAW STUDENTS AND ALUMNI - RSVP RECOMMENDED

All Law Students and Alumni are invited to networking events/reception during Spring Break in Denver, Dallas, Austin, RGV, El Paso, San Angelo or Houston. An RSVP is highly recommended.

Learn about career and internship opportunities in each city along with practicing and mentoring information. If additional information is needed, please contact Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.



CLINICAL COURSE APPLICATION - FALL 2023

The application for all Fall 2023 Clinical courses is now open!

Earn 6-hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients (in Consumer/Housing; Real Estate; Family Law/Wills & Estates; Criminal Defense; or Immigration cases).

Learn more about each of these five Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/clinics/>.

Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission. Below is the link to the required online application:

<https://tinyurl.com/ClinicFall2023>



OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Summer Public Service Fellowship Info Session**, Tuesday, March 7, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m., LL217



- **3Ls, Still Looking for a Post-Grad Job?**, Wednesday, March 8, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m., LL217
- **OCS Workshop: Email Management**, Thursday, March 9, 12:15 – 1:00 p.m., LL217
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, March 9, 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy

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

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER '23

American Gateways
Atascosa Area Regional Public Defender's Office
Bexar County District Attorney's Office
City of Brownsville, Office of the City Attorney
Collin County District Attorney's Office
Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance
Harris County District Attorney's Office
Medina County District Attorney's Office
Nueces County District Attorney's Office
San Antonio Board of Realtors
Texas Advocacy Project
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Texas Public Policy Foundation (Austin, TX)
Texas State University
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA)
Texas Work Force Commission
United States Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps
United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, Office of Immigration Litigation (Washington, DC)
United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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Medina County District Attorney's Office
Nueces County District Attorney's Office
Office of the Attorney General of Texas, Consumer Protection Division
San Antonio Board of Realtors
Spurs Sports and Entertainment
Texas Advocacy Project
The University of Texas at San Antonio
United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUMMER AND FALL '23

Don't miss out on a summer or fall externship. Deadlines are coming up SOON. Find any of the above opportunities on CORE and apply today!

Questions? Email Director Rivas at arivas@stmarytx.edu for more information!



TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE DONATION DRIVE

Middle Eastern Students Association (MESA) is collecting donations for those affected by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Bins will be available in the Law Classrooms Building for donations from Tuesday, February 28 to Thursday, March 9.

Any student who donates 2 items will be eligible to receive 1 community service pro bono hour upon submitting a pro bono form.

INNSBRUCK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW LIVE

The scholarship application for students interested in attending Innsbruck is now live. The information about studying abroad at Innsbruck and each scholarship is listed here:

<https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/austria/>



The application link is here:

<https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/m1x2k4jx1ika0jp/>

A poster for "Coffee in the Courtyard" featuring a background of coffee beans. The title "COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD" is written in a large, white, serif font. Below the title, a white speech bubble contains the text "generously hosted by: The Office of Career Strategy (OCS) and The Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ)". The poster also includes the schedule: "Tuesdays from 10:00am -11:00am in the Courtyard outside of the Law Classrooms" and a list of dates for the Spring Semester: January 24, February 7, February 21, March 7, March 21, April 4, and April 18. A white speech bubble on the right side of the poster contains the text: "Bring your questions about Externships, Internships, Clinic, Jobs, Professional Development, and Pro Bono, **coffee is on us!**".

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- March 21
- April 4
- April 18

Bring your questions about
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Clinic, Jobs, Professional
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coffee is on us!

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) and Office of Career Strategy (OCS) for Coffee in the Courtyard on **Tuesday, March 7**, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy some iced coffee and bring your questions about upcoming Pro Bono opportunities, Spring Clinic applications, Externship, professional development, and networking.



Summer Public





SUMMER PUBLIC Service Fellowship Info Session

Tuesday, March 7, 2023
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm
LL 217



OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY

<p>3LS:</p> <p>POST-GRAD JOB SEARCH</p> <p>WE'VE GOT SOME TIPS FOR YOU! RSVP FOR THIS WORKSHOP IN CORE.</p> <p>WED., MAR. 8, 2023</p> <p>12:30 PM - 1:00 PM LL 217</p>	
	<p>OFFICE OF CAREER STRATEGY</p>

WHAT ARE IE AND HAES?

Join us on **Wednesday, March 8**, to engage and learn about "Intuitive Eating and Health at Every Size." The event will be hosted by Samantha Lutzenberger, Registered Dietician Nutritionist (St. Mary's Alumni), 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the University Center, Alumni Conference Room. Refreshments will be provided.



Email Management Workshop

with Nick Guinn,
Gunn Lee & Cave, P.C.



How to Manage Email and Other Correspondence

Thursday, March 9, 2023
Registration is Required on CORE

12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
LL 217



2Ls: Friendly Reminder

SCHEDULE YOUR MANDATORY
2L ADVISING APPOINTMENT
WITH OCS BY MARCH 10, 2023



WOMEN IN LAW LEADERSHIP AWARDS

NOW accepting nominations!

The Women in Law Leadership Awards are presented annually to St. Mary's School of Law "women" law students in recognition of their outstanding dedication, creativity, initiative, achievement and contribution to the community, and pro bono activities.

All students nominated will receive a certificate and be recognized on **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**, at 4:30 p.m. Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a law student no later than Friday, March 3, 2023 at 5 p.m. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. **NO SELF NOMINATIONS PLEASE.**

The nomination form may be found here:

<https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/m1qu3dgo08r2by1/>



SUMMER 2023 PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP





**THE APPLICATION
PERIOD IS OPEN!**
**DEADLINE:
MARCH 31, 2023
12 P.M.**

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SCHOOL of LAW** | **OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY**

SUMMER PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS

The St. Mary's Summer Public Service Fellowship provides financial assistance to first- and second-year law students who (1) have secured a position for the summer with a legal services provider serving low-income clients or a governmental agency (NOT including the judiciary), and (2) will work at least 240 hours this summer.

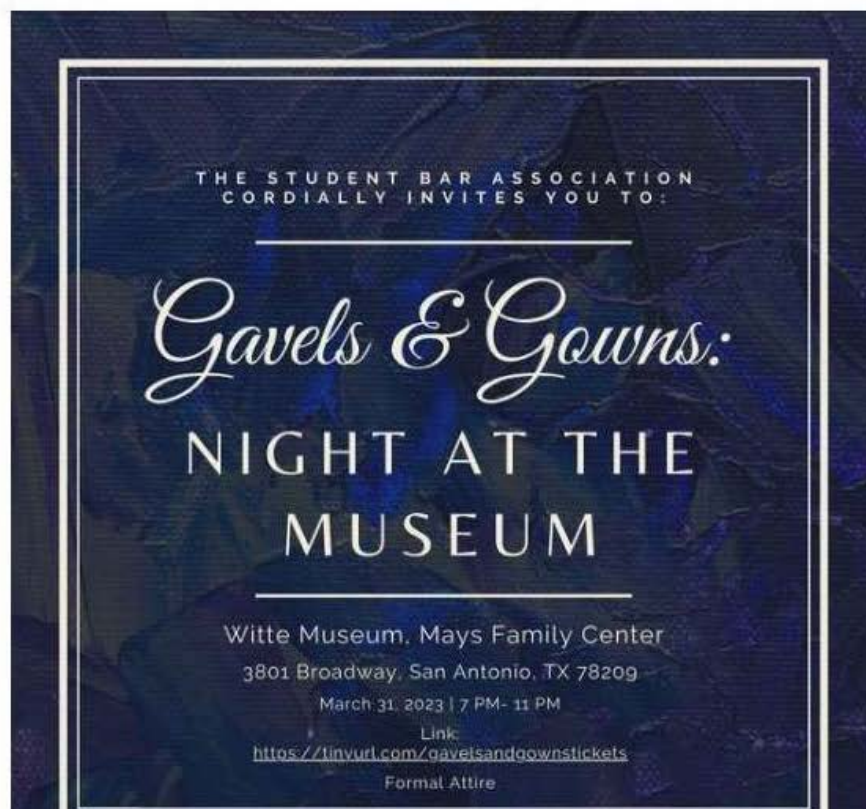
Please note that, unlike some fellowship opportunities, you must have already accepted a position with a non-profit legal services provider or governmental agency in order to be eligible.

[Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowship - Application](#)

[Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowship - Agency Agreement](#)

The deadline to complete the 2023 Public Service Fellowship Application and Agency Agreement is **Friday, March 31, 2023**, at noon.

For additional information, please contact [Veronica Elizalde, Assistant Director for Career Strategy](#).



THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO:

Gavels & Gowns:
**NIGHT AT THE
MUSEUM**

Witte Museum, Mays Family Center
3801 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209
March 31, 2023 | 7 PM - 11 PM
Link:
<https://tinyurl.com/gavelsandgownstickets>
Formal Attire

MS. JD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The [Ms. JD Fellowship program](#) promotes mentorship and professional development for women-identifying law students.

Rising 3Ls and students in their final year of a Dual Degree program are eligible to apply.



Each Ms. JD Fellow is matched with a practicing attorney mentor to help support them and guide them as they finish their law school journey and prepare to enter the legal profession. In addition, each Fellow will be invited and receive financial support to attend [Ms. JD's NWLSO Leadership Academy Intensive](#), a two-day in-person program that features dynamic sessions geared towards leadership development. Finally, each Ms. JD Fellow will complete a project that benefits their community or women in the legal profession more generally.

Applications for the 2023-2024 Ms. JD Fellowship program will close on **April 2, 2023**. Interested law students can learn more information and access the application [here](#).

If you have questions regarding the Fellowship program, please email Ms. JD's Program Director, Katie Day Winchenbach, at day@ms-jd.org.

CALLING ALL #StMULAW STUDENTS TO THE ANNUAL

JIMI DERRICK MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Interested in oral advocacy, joining a National Team,
or competing in an additional Moot Court competition?
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Thursday, April 21
Preliminary Rounds
Quarter Final

Friday, April 22
Semi-final Round
Final

*CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO
HIGHEST-SCORING ADVOCATES*



JIMI DERRICK CONSTITUTIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Calling ALL St. Mary's University School of Law students!

Are you interested oral advocacy or are you interested in joining a National Team? Consider

signing up for the annual Jimi Derrick Constitutional Moot Court Competition. This competition is sponsored in part by the Derrick Family and was established to honor the life and legacy of Jimi Derrick, a former student at St. Mary's University School of Law and the inspiration for this competition because of his love and enthusiasm for constitutional law. More details will be forthcoming.

Click on the link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAEA72AA2FEC16-20232>



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

To further the goal of casting a wide net to attract the broadest possible pool of qualified applicants to serve as federal judges, the Judicial Conference Committees on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System and Magistrate Judges System present their national diversity event:

Roadways to the Bench: Who Me? A Bankruptcy or Magistrate Judge?

April 3, 2023 | 3-6 p.m.
United States Courthouse
501 W 5th Street, Austin, Texas 78701
Jury Assembly Room (First Floor)

- Interested lawyers and law students are invited to observe a national keynote address or panel discussion and participate in local roundtables with bankruptcy, magistrate, district, and appellate judges about pathways to the federal bench.
- Registration is limited to 115 participants.

To Register, Please Visit:

<https://forms.gle/x2sxUbr2cBaW3kW96>

For more information, please contact:

roadwaysatx2023@gmail.com

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AT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY**

St. Mary's University offers joint programs of studies leading to degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from the School of Law and master's programs. Explore joint degree programs at law.stmarytx.edu/joint-degree-programs.

For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Admission at graduate@stmarytx.edu.



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PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

American Arbitration Association. Diversity Scholarship Grants.

<https://www.aaacdrfoundation.org/diversity-scholarship>

Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Section. Graduating 3L \$1,500 scholarship. Deadline to apply is 05/15/2023. <https://www.fedbar.org/criminal-law-section/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/2023/01/FBA-Criminal-Law-Section-Scholarship-2023.pdf>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.

<https://thesovereigntysymposium.com/writing-competition/>.

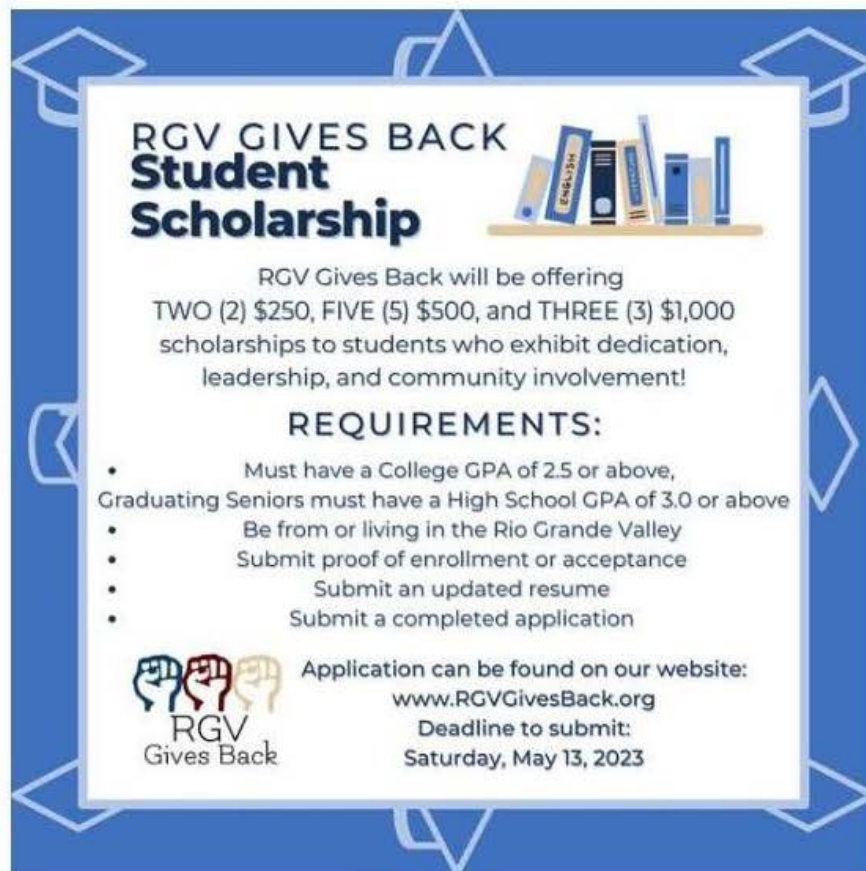
Federal Bar Association, Honorable Constance Baker Motley Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Essay Competition. \$1,000, \$500, \$250. Deadline to apply is 05/12/2023.

<https://www.fedbar.org/the-hon-constance-baker-motley-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-young-member-essay-writing-competition/>

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. \$15,000; \$7,500; \$5,000; \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 05/31/2023. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>

James E. Beckley Securities Arbitration. \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750. Deadline to apply is 9/15/2023.

bit.ly/2023Beckley


A blue-bordered poster with a white center. At the top left, it says "RGV GIVES BACK Student Scholarship" in bold. To the right is an illustration of books on a shelf. Below that, it lists scholarship amounts: "RGV Gives Back will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 scholarships to students who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement!". Underneath is a "REQUIREMENTS:" section with a bulleted list: "Must have a College GPA of 2.5 or above, Graduating Seniors must have a High School GPA of 3.0 or above", "Be from or living in the Rio Grande Valley", "Submit proof of enrollment or acceptance", "Submit an updated resume", and "Submit a completed application". At the bottom left is the RGV Gives Back logo (three hands). At the bottom right, it says "Application can be found on our website: www.RGVGivesBack.org" and "Deadline to submit: Saturday, May 13, 2023".

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- Submit a completed application

 Application can be found on our website:
www.RGVGivesBack.org
Deadline to submit:
Saturday, May 13, 2023

RGV GIVES BACK STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

RGV Gives Back is excited to announce that we will be offering TEN Student Scholarships this year! We will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 student scholarships.

The application(s) will be available to all graduating seniors, current college/university students, graduate students, AND professional school students from the RGV who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement.

Please visit <http://www.RGVGivesBack.org> for the application and all instructions!

WOMEN AND THE LAW - STATE BAR OF TEXAS WRITING COMPETITION

The State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section invites students to participate in its 2023 Texas Law Student Writing Competition. First place will receive \$1,000 and second place is \$500. Deadline to apply is **March 15, 2023**. For detailed rules, see below.



2023 Women and the Law - State Bar of Texas Writing Competition.pdf

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HUMAN RIGHTS ESSAY CONTEST

International Law Section of The State Bar of Texas announces their Thomas H. Wilson Human Rights Scholarship Award. This is open to law students including LL.M. programs. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2023**. For complete guidelines, see below.



Human Rights Essay Contest.pdf

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[AskEDNA.AccessLex.org](https://www.AskEDNA.AccessLex.org)

MAX is the **free** personal finance program developed exclusively for law students — brought to you by your law school and nonprofit AccessLex Institute.



EXCITING SUMMER ABROAD OPPORTUNITY FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS



1L and 2L students are invited to a unique opportunity to study law in Spain Summer of 2023.

The **Madrid Summer Law Institute**, is designed for maximum learning and travel opportunities throughout Spain and Europe. Classes run from May 31 through June 29 and meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Students earn five credits over four weeks. Amazingly, for students from many schools, attending this program is less expensive than taking five credits over the summer at their own school. Of course, the program is ABA-approved so the credits count toward graduation.

Classroom space is limited, and students should apply early to secure a place in the class. Apply here <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/apply.html>

For more information please see the UNM School of Law website at <https://lawschool.unm.edu/madrid/>.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

JD students who are not native English speakers *may* be granted additional testing time. For requests and approval, schedule a meeting with Assistant Dean Alyssa Leffall at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> no later than ten (10) business days prior to an assessment.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, this means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or Dean Niesel may assist.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Chicken Panini With Pesto and Peppers

<https://www.eatthis.com/chicken-panini-pesto-peppers-recipe/>

Source: [David Zinczenko and Matt Goulding](#):

<https://www.eatthis.com>

Photo Credit: Mitch Mandel and Thomas MacDonald



STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes

From Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

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

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

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

Academic Support

The Office of Law Success

Raba Building, Room 108

210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support

Raba Building, Room 108

vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu



General Student Support

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergencies: 24/7/365

(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

accessibility@stmarytx.edu

accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Campus Recreation

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

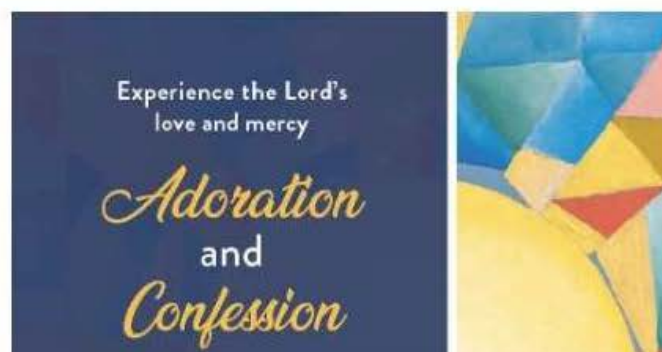
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.



Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



The Catholic and
Marionist University



Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your resume and professional network by joining the nation's largest association of legal professionals.

Invest in Yourself. Join the ABA.

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.

"The ABA has been paramount in kick-starting my legal career."

CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law



See What Student Membership Means For You



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Choose From Two Types of Membership

Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

MEMBERSHIP	PREMIUM	FREE
After the Bar Digital Publications	✓	
Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (save up to \$300)	✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Bundle (\$26 Value)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 25% on West Academic Casebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Essentials Package: Key Cases & Study, legal terminology, and online flashcard tool	✓	
\$30 discount on law school, MBE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Weeks for Upper-class courses	✓	

ABA Bar Prep Program Premium Members Only



- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
 - Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages
- Multiple-choice question sets, key concepts sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam readmaps, and the like.



- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Libsons program
- National Law School Competitions



Item	✓	✓
Tenth Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Third Law School Challenge Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, seminars, and guides	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 6 courses (\$29.99 value)	✓	✓
Quinceo Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	80 days	10 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$75 Value)	Print & Digital	Print & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓



• \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
• \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course



• \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
• \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
• Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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St. Mary's University School of Law

Spring Break

Law Alumni Networking Receptions

Denver	John Vaught's Home 106 S. University Blvd. #11 Denver, CO, 80209	Monday Mar. 13 at 6:30 p.m.	RSVP to Sr. Grace
Dallas	Katy Trail Ice House 3127 Routh St. Dallas, TX, 75201	Tuesday Mar. 14 at 6 p.m.	
Austin	Star Bar 600 W. 6th St. Austin TX, 78701	Wednesday Mar. 15 at 5:30 p.m.	
RGV	Barrel House 1927 S Tourist Dr. Edinburg, TX, 78539	Thursday Mar. 16 at 5:30 p.m.	
EL PASO	Hope and Anchor 4012 N Mesa St El Paso, TX, 79902	Thursday Mar. 16 at 6 p.m.	
SAN ANGELO	Miss Hattie's Restaurant 26 E. Concho Ave San Angelo, TX, 76903	Thursday Mar. 16 at 5:30 p.m.	
Houston	St. Arnold's Brewery 2000 Lyons Ave. Houston, TX, 77020	Friday Mar. 17 at 5:30 p.m.	

Dress: Business Casual
RSVP Recommended!

SPRING BREAK NETWORKING EVENTS FOR LAW STUDENTS AND ALUMNI - RSVP RECOMMENDED

All Law Students and Alumni are invited to networking events/reception during Spring Break in Denver, Dallas, Austin, RGV, El Paso, San Angelo or Houston. An RSVP is highly recommended.

Learn about career and internship opportunities in each city along with practicing and mentoring

information. If additional information is needed, please contact Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

SPRING BREAK REMINDERS:

- Take some time to rest after midterms
- Update your Resume and Cover Letters to prepare for Summer & Fall opportunities
- Check CORE for Last Minute Summer Externships & Fall Externships

If you have any other questions or concerns, check out our website & our social media to stay up-to-date!

@stmuexternship

EXTERNSHIP REMINDERS

We'll be back March 21st for Coffee in the Courtyard. In the meantime, keep an eye out on CORE for Externship opportunities, and have a safe and restful Spring Break!

MANDATORY REGISTRATION MEETING

for 1L Students in Sections A, B, and C

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023

4:00 - 4:45 PM (CT)

via Zoom: <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/9348262696>

Topics to be discussed include: course registration process, how to plan a course schedule, how to plan for graduation, and graduation requirements.

Failure to attend this meeting will result in a hold and prevent you from registering during the assigned time for your class.

All 1L Students in Sections A, B, and C are required to attend a **MANDATORY** Registration Meeting on **Monday, March 20** from 4:00 - 4:45 PM (CT), at which we will discuss the registration process, course schedule planning, graduation requirements and planning, and FAQs.

Failure to attend this meeting will result in a registration hold.

You should plan to attend this meeting in a quiet place with stable internet in order to provide your full attention to the information and complete the attendance check-ins.

Section O students need not attend this meeting as you will be administratively registered for Summer and Fall.

*ZOOM Office Hours
for Summer & Fall
2023 Registration
with Assistant Dean
Afton Cavanaugh*

Office Hours will be held at this link:
<https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/3578830125>

Monday, March 20 from 8-9 PM
Wednesday, March 22 from 4-5 PM
Thursday, March 23 from 12-1 PM
Friday, March 24 from 10 AM-12 PM
Monday, March 27 from 8-9 PM
Tuesday, March 28 from 5-6 PM
Wednesday, March 29 from 4-5 PM

SUMMER & FALL 2023 REGISTRATION ZOOM OFFICE HOURS

Registration for Summer and Fall 2023 is right around the corner!

If you have questions related to registration or the Law *Student Handbook*, feel free to drop on in for Zoom Office Hours with Assistant Dean Afton Cavanaugh. These are informal hours for you to get your general questions answered on-the-spot. Office Hours will be held at the following link:

<https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/3578830125>.

*Registration
Schedule for Summer
and Fall 2023*

The hours earned at the end of the Fall 2022 semester will determine when you register for Summer and Fall 2023 courses.

Please consult the Student Handbook to ensure you are progressing in your

8:00 AM April 3 - 11:59 PM April 4
Students with 43 earned credit hours or more

8:00 AM April 6 - 11:59 PM April 7
Students with 15 earned credit hours but less than 43 earned credit hours

8:00 AM April 10 - 11:59 PM April 11
All students, regardless of credit hours earned

degree requirements.

Scan Here to Access the Student Handbook



1L Sec. O students will be administratively registered for Summer & Fall 2023 classes

****All registration times are CST****

SUMMER AND FALL 2023 REGISTRATION

Registration for Summer and Fall 2023 classes is just around the corner.

Students will register during assigned time frames based on hours earned at the end of the Fall 2022 semester. In preparation for registration, students should review the *Student Handbook* to ensure they are progressing in their degree requirements. They should also check for and address any holds on their account that might prevent registration.

All current 1L Section O students will be administratively registered for their Summer and Fall 2023 classes.

UNDERSTANDING DIABETES: LIVING WELL AND REDUCING RISK

Join us **Monday, March 20**, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in Room B of the University Center to learn about diabetes. What it is, types of diabetes, common indicators, treatment/management and prevention. This event will be led by Samantha Lutzenberger, Registered Dietician Nutritionist and StMU Alumnus. Refreshments will be provided.



ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MARCH 1 to 31, 2023

Details on these events can be found on the University calendar.

<p>March 1 to 31 Two Regions Project Exhibit Bishop Library Gallery</p> <p>Wednesday, March 1 Alice Wright Family Furniture Auction 7 to 5:30 p.m. Hortel Kinsley Elm, Law Library, Law Alumni Room</p> <p>Thursday, March 2 Creating Spaces for Change Going Back to Go Forward 12:00 to 3 p.m. University Center Conference Room B</p> <p>Monday, March 6 Two Regions Project Panel Discussion 4 to 5 p.m. University Center, Alumni Conference Room, at the Zeller</p> <p>Wednesday, March 8 History of Women on Wall Street Independent to Freedom 10:00 a.m. Alison B. Allen Building, Room 302 Repeating Reception is held at 1 p.m. with 3000 doors</p> <p>Tuesday, March 21 Appreciation of the Women in Our Lives 7 to 8:30 p.m. Quad Registration Room Auditor, University Center Conference Room C</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 22 A History and Overview of ERG 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. St. Louis Hall, Room 205</p> <p>Thursday, March 23 East Asia History Issues and U.S. Foreign Policy 7 to 8 p.m. St. Louis Hall, Room 205, at the Zeller</p> <p>Friday, March 24 The Essential Guide to the Feminist Journey None University Center Alumni Conference Room</p> <p>Friday, March 24 History of the Women Place of the Americas 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. Barnes, Memorial Hall Tower</p> <p>Monday, March 27 Judges Impacted by International Political Events 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. Law Library, Law Alumni Room, at the Zeller</p> <p>Wednesday, March 29 Women in Science and National Security 7 to 8 p.m. Via Zoom</p>	<p>Thursday, March 30 Human Writing Writing Studies Funding Panel 12:00 to 12:25 p.m. University Center Lounge</p> <p>Thursday, March 30 Ask Me Anything with Jessica Crockett of Methodist Hospital 12:00 to 1 p.m. University Life (University Center)</p> <p>March 31 Art Exhibit Opening Reception Featuring Miss David Throughout Scenes from Miss San Antonio 7 to 8 p.m. Bishop Library Gallery Art Exhibit from March 17-April 30</p> <p>Tuesday, April 4 School of Science, Engineering and Technology Women's Dinner 4 to 8 p.m. Hortel Kinsley Center, Conference Room A</p> <p><i>For more information, contact Angela Wilson, Ph.D., at awilson@stmarytx.edu</i></p>
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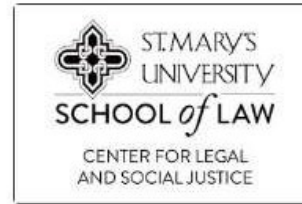


The Catholic Way

CLINICAL COURSE APPLICATION - FALL 2023

The application for all Fall 2023 Clinical courses is now open!

Earn 6-hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients (in Consumer/Housing; Real Estate; Family Law/Wills & Estates; Criminal Defense; or Immigration cases).



Learn more about each of these five Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/clinics/>.

Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission. Below is the link to the required online application:

<https://tinyurl.com/ClinicFall2023>

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Social Media Workshop**, Tuesday, March 21, 12:15 – 1:00 p.m., LL217
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, March 23, 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **OCS Drop-In Sessions: Alternative Career Information**, Thursday, March 23, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
- **3L Salary Negotiations Workshop**, Wednesday, March 29, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, March 30, 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy



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

MARCH EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE

March 20 - 1:30 - 4:00 p.m., Law Commons- *Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of Gideon v. Wainwright: Why the Right to Counsel Matters.* Join our co-sponsor, the Bexar County Gideon's Day Group, for a special series of speakers on this seminal case recognizing the right to counsel.

Thank you to Professor Stephanie Stevens for her work in organizing this important event. The event is open to the entire university community. Light refreshments will be available.



March 22 - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., *The Genizaro Experience: Shadows In Light* (trailer below). We will host filmmaker Gary Medina Cook and Professor Bill Piatt for a film screening and discussion of this nationally acclaimed documentary. Cook recently won the Humanitarian Film award for this film at the Santa Fe Film Festival, where it sold out. Professor Piatt and his book, *Slavery in the Southwest*, are featured in the film. We are also working on a special prelude performance in conjunction with the American Indians in Texas. You can find a description and movie trailer here: <http://santafefilmfestival.com/index/film/the-genizaro-experience-shadows-in-light/> The dean's

office will provide pizza and popcorn. This event is open to the university community.

INNSBRUCK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW LIVE

The scholarship application for students interested in attending Innsbruck is now live. The information about studying abroad at Innsbruck and each scholarship is listed here:

<https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/austria/> The deadline to apply is **Friday, March 24**.



The application link is here: <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/m1x2k4jx1ika0jp/>

**1L MOOT COURT
STUDENT JUDGES
NEEDED**

**PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY
THE LINDA & DAVE SCHLUETER
MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

Earn pro bono hours by judging the 1L Moot Court Competition the week of March 20-24

To sign-up, scan the QR Code or follow the link:
<https://www.signuugenius.com/studentmootjudge>

THE NATIONAL TEAM

The poster features a blue background with a white megaphone icon on the left. On the right, there is a circular logo for the Board of Advocates, which includes the text "BOARD OF ADVOCATES", "MOOT COURT", "DISPUTE RESOLUTION", and "INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT". Below the logo, it says "THE NATIONAL TEAM". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

STUDENT JUDGES RECRUITMENT FOR THE LINDA AND DAVE SCHLUETER COMPETITION

The Board of Advocates invites 2L and 3L students to judge the Linda and Dave Schlueter Moot Court Competition the week of **March 20-24**. Students who participate will receive St.Mary's Law School-approved pro bono hours. For more information please contact Gabriela Salinas at gsalinas21@mail.stmarytx.edu.

SUMMER 2023

PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP



THE APPLICATION PERIOD IS OPEN!

**DEADLINE:
MARCH 31, 2023
12 P.M.**



ST. MARY'S
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OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY

SUMMER PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS

The St. Mary's Summer Public Service Fellowship provides financial assistance to first- and second-year law students who (1) have secured a position for the summer with a legal services provider serving low-income clients or a governmental agency (NOT including the judiciary), and (2) will work at least 240 hours this summer.

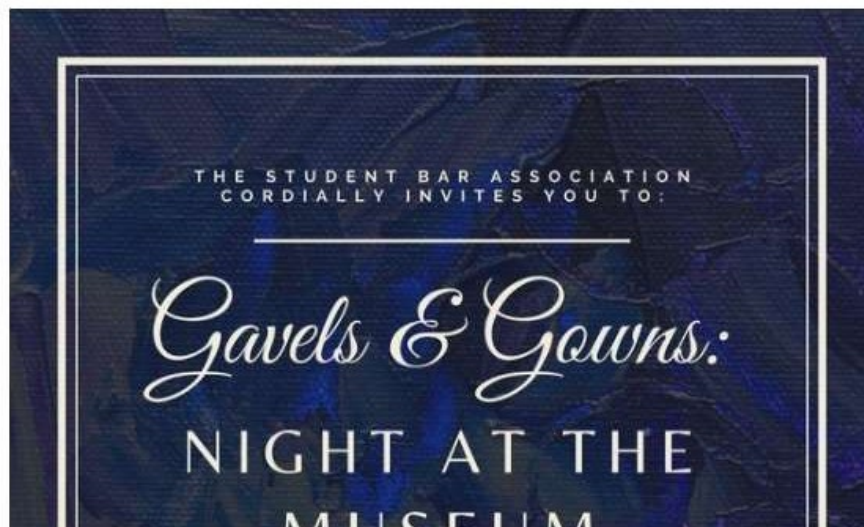
Please note that, unlike some fellowship opportunities, you must have already accepted a position with a non-profit legal services provider or governmental agency in order to be eligible.

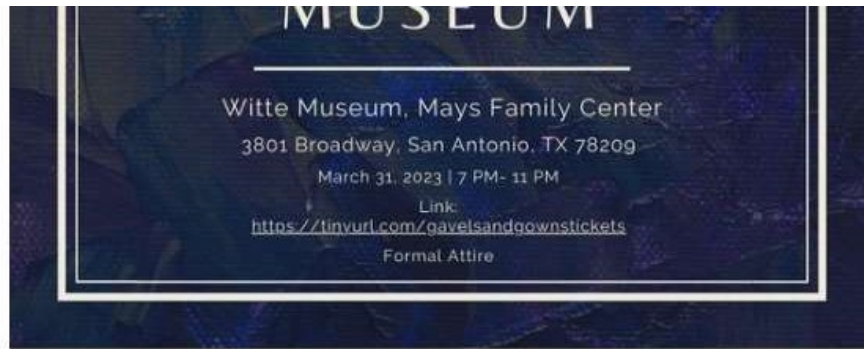
[Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowship - Application](#)

[Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowship - Agency Agreement](#)

The deadline to complete the 2023 Public Service Fellowship Application and Agency Agreement is **Friday, March 31, 2023**, at noon.

For additional information, please contact [Veronica Elizalde, Assistant Director for Career Strategy](#).





MS. JD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The [Ms. JD Fellowship program](#) promotes mentorship and professional development for women-identifying law students.

Rising 3Ls and students in their final year of a Dual Degree program are eligible to apply.



Each Ms. JD Fellow is matched with a practicing attorney mentor to help support them and guide them as they finish their law school journey and prepare to enter the legal profession. In addition, each Fellow will be invited and receive financial support to attend [Ms. JD's NWLSO Leadership Academy Intensive](#), a two-day in-person program that features dynamic sessions geared towards leadership development. Finally, each Ms. JD Fellow will complete a project that benefits their community or women in the legal profession more generally.

Applications for the 2023-2024 Ms. JD Fellowship program will close on **April 2, 2023**. Interested law students can learn more information and access the application [here](#).

If you have questions regarding the Fellowship program, please email Ms. JD's Program Director, Katie Day Winchenbach, at day@ms-jd.org.

A poster for the Jimi Derrick Moot Court Competition. The text reads: 'CALLING ALL #StMULAW STUDENTS TO THE ANNUAL JIMI DERRICK MOOT COURT COMPETITION'. Below this, it asks: 'Interested in oral advocacy, joining a National Team, or competing in an additional Moot Court competition? MORE DETAILS TO COME!'. The schedule is listed as: Thursday, April 21 (Preliminary Rounds, Quarter Final) and Friday, April 22 (Semi-final Round, Final). At the bottom, it says 'CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO'. On the right side, there is a graphic of a scale of justice.

CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO
HIGHEST-SCORING ADVOCATES*



JIMI DERRICK CONSTITUTIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Calling ALL St. Mary's University School of Law students!

Are you interested oral advocacy or are you interested in joining a National Team? Consider signing up for the annual Jimi Derrick Constitutional Moot Court Competition. This competition is sponsored in part by the Derrick Family and was established to honor the life and legacy of Jimi Derrick, a former student at St. Mary's University School of Law and the inspiration for this competition because of his love and enthusiasm for constitutional law. More details will be forth coming.

Click on the link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAEA72AA2FEC16-20232>

**REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN**

To further the goal of casting a wide net to attract the broadest possible pool of qualified applicants to serve as federal judges, the Judicial Conference Committees on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System and Magistrate Judges System present their national diversity event:

Roadways to the Bench: Who Me? A Bankruptcy or Magistrate Judge?

April 3, 2023 | 3-6 p.m.
United States Courthouse
501 W 5th Street, Austin, Texas 78701
Jury Assembly Room (First Floor)

- Interested lawyers and law students are invited to observe a national keynote address or panel discussion and participate in local roundtables with bankruptcy, magistrate, district, and appellate judges about pathways to the federal bench.
- Registration is limited to 115 participants.

To Register, Please Visit:

<https://forms.gle/x2sxUbr2cBaW3kW96>

For more information, please contact:

roadwaysatx2023@gmail.com

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

EARN A J.D. AND MASTER'S DEGREE SIMULTANEOUSLY

WITH JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS
AT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

St. Mary's University offers joint programs of studies leading to degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from the School of



Law and master's programs. Explore joint degree programs at law.stmarytx.edu/joint-degree-programs.

For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Admission at graduate@stmarytx.edu.



The Catholic and
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PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw>

student-writing-competition.

American Arbitration Association. Diversity Scholarship Grants.

<https://www.aaaicdrfoundation.org/diversity-scholarship>

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 4/15/2023.

law.nd.edu/smith-doheny

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.

<https://thesovereigntysymposium.com/writing-competition/>.

Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Section. Graduating 3L \$1,500 scholarship. Deadline to apply is 05/15/2023. <https://www.fedbar.org/criminal-law-section/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/2023/01/FBA-Criminal-Law-Section-Scholarship-2023.pdf>

Federal Bar Association, Honorable Constance Baker Motley Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Essay Competition. \$1,000, \$500, \$250. Deadline to apply is 05/12/2023.

<https://www.fedbar.org/the-hon-constance-baker-motley-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-young-member-essay-writing-competition/>

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. \$15,000; \$7,500; \$5,000; \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 05/31/2023. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>

James E. Beckley Securities Arbitration. \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750. Deadline to apply is 9/15/2023.

bit.ly/2023Beckley



The poster features a blue background with white geometric shapes (triangles and diamonds) and icons of a graduation cap and books. The text is centered in white and black. At the bottom left is the RGV Gives Back logo, which consists of three hands in blue, red, and yellow.

RGV GIVES BACK
Student Scholarship

RGV Gives Back will be offering
TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000
scholarships to students who exhibit dedication,
leadership, and community involvement!

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have a College GPA of 2.5 or above,
- Graduating Seniors must have a High School GPA of 3.0 or above
- Be from or living in the Rio Grande Valley
- Submit proof of enrollment or acceptance
- Submit an updated resume
- Submit a completed application

Application can be found on our website:
www.RGVGivesBack.org
Deadline to submit:
Saturday, May 13, 2023

RGV Gives Back

RGV GIVES BACK STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

RGV Gives Back is excited to announce that we will be offering TEN Student Scholarships this year! We will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 student scholarships.

The application(s) will be available to all graduating seniors, current college/university students, graduate students, AND professional school students from the RGV who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement.

Please visit <http://www.RGVGivesBack.org> for the application and all instructions!

WOMEN AND THE LAW - STATE BAR OF TEXAS WRITING COMPETITION

The State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section invites students to participate in its 2023 Texas Law Student Writing Competition. First place will receive \$1,000 and second place is \$500. Deadline to apply is **March 15, 2023**. For detailed rules, see below.



2023 Women and the Law - State Bar of Texas Writing Competition.pdf

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HUMAN RIGHTS ESSAY CONTEST

International Law Section of The State Bar of Texas announces their Thomas H. Wilson Human Rights Scholarship Award. This is open to law students including LL.M. programs. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2023**. For complete guidelines, see below.



Human Rights Essay Contest.pdf

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Don't miss your chance to win

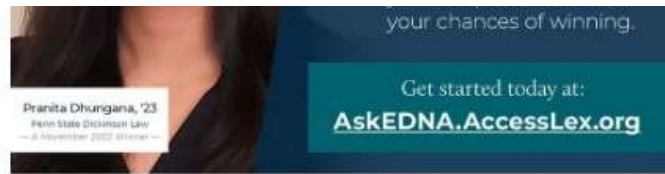
\$5,000

toward your 2022-2023 tuition!



AccessLex Institute is awarding **two \$5,000 scholarships per class** this winter.

- Next scholarship drawing: **February 1**
- The more MAX activities you complete, the better



MAX is the **free** personal finance program developed exclusively for law students — brought to you by your law school and nonprofit AccessLex Institute.



NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> . She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

JD students who are not native English speakers *may* be granted additional testing time. For requests and approval, schedule a meeting with Assistant Dean Alyssa Leffall at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> no later than **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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/administrationfinance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, this means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the Student

2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or Dean Niesel may assist.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Lemon Asparagus Risotto

<https://www.feastingathome.com/lemony-asparagus-risotto/>

This recipe may be served as a main vegetarian dish or you may add your favorite seafood to it.

Source: Sylvia Fountaine, www.feastingathome.com

Photo Credit: <https://www.feastingathome.com/lemony-asparagus-risotto/>



STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.

Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub



Our newly launched **Wellness Hub** is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter

1-800-343-8527

www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

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

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

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

Academic Support

The Office of Law Success

Raba Building, Room 108

210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support

Raba Building, Room 108

vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu



General Student Support

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063

RABA 105

gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building

(Behind the RABA Building)

(210) 436-3135

Emergencies: 24/7/365

(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139

(210) 431-5080

accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

(210) 436-3506—office line

(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Campus Recreation

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

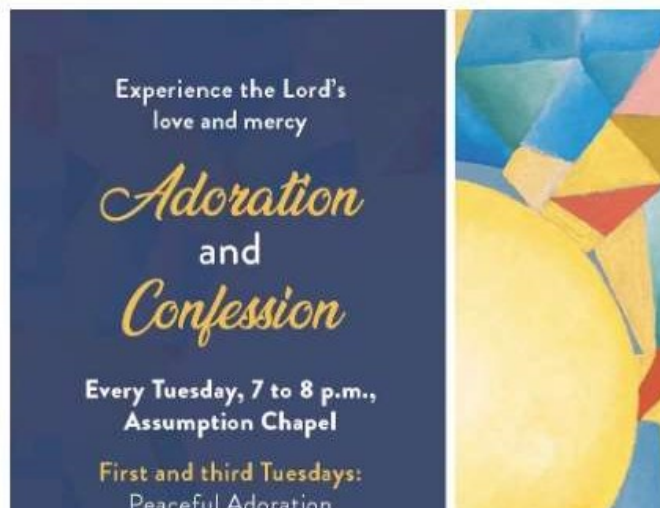
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish
11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English
8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.



Experience the Lord's
love and mercy

*Adoration
and
Confession*

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and Fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



The Catholic and
Marionist University



**Prepare for your
legal career**

As a member of the ABA, you get
access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you
want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your
resume and
professional network
by joining the nation's
largest association of
legal professionals.

**Invest in Yourself.
Join the ABA.**

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.



**See What
Student
Membership
Means For You**

"The ABA has been
paramount in kick-starting
my legal career."

CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law



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**Choose From Two
Types of Membership**

Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

MEMBERSHIP	PREMIUM	FREE
After the Bar Digital Publications	✓	
Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (Save up to \$500)	✓	
ABA Legal Ethics eAssets (20k Value)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 20% on West Academic Casebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Concept Sheets, Legal Research Skills, and online financial tool	✓	
\$10 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, seminars, and eAssets	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 1L courses (\$69.99 value)	✓	✓

ABA Bar Prep Program
Premium Members Only



- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages

Multiple-choice question sets, key concepts sheets, legal terminology tabs, essay exam redlines, and the list...



- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review



- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

**Leadership
and Competition
Opportunities**

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help



Quimbee Gold Plan Free Total (Save up to \$75)	90 days	30 days
ABA Career Centre	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Total	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$73 value)	Print & Digital	Print & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓



JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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ORGANIZATIONAL MOOT COURT SCORES BIG IN PHOENIX, THEN GOES ON TO AND OUTDO THEMSELVES WITH FIRST OMC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Last week, the Organizational Moot Court Team, coached by Nadeen Abou-Hossa, competed in the 28th Annual Uvaldo Herrera National Moot Court Competition in Phoenix, Arizona. The competition was hosted by the Hispanic National Bar Association.

The National Team sent four advocates consisting of 3L's **Brenda Marichalar**, **Daisy Ramirez** and **Brianna Chapa**, along with 2L **Leslie Espiricueta** with two of the 29 competing teams. Brenda Marichalar and Leslie Espiricueta advanced to quarter finals, but did not leave Phoenix with just one trophy. Both teams were further recognized at the awards gala where **Brenda Marichalar was recognized as the #1 advocate**, **Leslie Espiricueta was recognized as the #2 best advocate**, **Daisy Ramirez** and **Brianna Chapa**, **second best** Petitioner brief; and finally **Brenda Marichalar and Leslie Espiricueta** receiving the second best Respondent brief. One of the Judges at the Gala commented "If anyone is in need of a brief writer, make sure to hire a St. Mary's graduate." The competitors felt proud to represent St. Mary's in such a great capacity at a competition focused on empowering Hispanic students. Congratulations to the Organizational Moot Court Team.

Instead of taking off for Spring Break, Coach Abou-Hossa and the OMC team traveled to the **National Latino/a Law Student Association Moot Court Competition** in Denver, Colorado. The team continued its dominance bringing home almost every award. 2L's **Berenis Lopez** and **Leslie Espiricueta** were crowned **National Champions** after edging out the finalists, the second St. Mary's

team of 2Ls **Samantha Martinez** and **Erica Marrow**. **Derenis Lopez** was also recognized as the having the **best brief** at the competition and as being the **best oralist** for the petitioner's side. "It is a great day when the final round of a national competition focused on empowering latino/a law students between two St. Mary's teams" said OMC Head Coach Abou-Hossa.

Incidentally, all of these awards have another first. Please congratulate all of our advocates and **Coach-Abou-Hossa who achieved her first National Championship as a Head Coach.**



NATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM WINS REGION TWO, REGION 4 AND BOA SHINES YET AGAIN

Congratulations to the newly crowned **Regional Champions** of the American Bar Association's Representation in Mediation Competition.

During two weekends of Spring Break, four squads of advocates from the National Dispute Resolution Team competed in Region Two and Four. During the first weekend, 3Ls **Bailey Wylie**, **Sarah Bourland** and **Caitlin Hennessy**, along with 2L **Maxwell Massey** were called upon with less than 48-hours notice of the competition to fill in for two teams that withdrew.

Caitlin and Max, went on to be the **Region Two Champions** and will now move on to the National Finals. The team was coached by **Andres Garza and Danika McKinney**. This is Coach Garza's first win as a coach. "From now on, we are not giving them fact patterns until 48-hours before the competition" joked Coach Garza.

In the second weekend, 3L **Dominic Alves** anchored a team of 2Ls **Duncan Farrish**, **Paige Hawkins** and **Christiana Segura**. Dominic and Christiana are the region Four Finalists with Paige and Duncan securing the Region Four Champion title. "This was an entire team win" said Co-Head Coach Marion Reilly, who went on to say, "It is a matter of immense pride for us to see our students excelling in competitive advocacy events. Their hard work, dedication, and professionalism have paid off, and we are extremely proud of their accomplishment. This victory is not only a testament to their individual skills and abilities, but also reflects the quality of education and training provided by our esteemed institution."

There were 80 teams that started the competition. Two of the final eight teams are St. Mary's students and they will compete for the National Championship in San Antonio on April 15 and 16. Congratulations to the entire ADR team and their coaches.

The ABA was scheduled to host this tournament, but it became evident with less than a week before the start that they could not do it. It was the **Board of Advocates (BOA)** who answered the call and hosted 80 teams across the Country, on Zoom, over the two weekends during Spring Break.

Our BOA members, led by Tournament Director James Toye, BOA Chair Arieana Martinez, Vice

Chair Kimberly Reece and many other members, put in hundreds of hours of work to make the competition a success. A special note of appreciation goes to Professor Rishi Batra who for many years has worked this competition for the ABA and has also assisted the BOA in guiding our program. The BOA will need assistance in judging the competition and hope the St. Mary's community will answer the call.

Congratulations to the Board of Advocates.



MANDATORY REGISTRATION MEETING
for 1L Students in Sections A, B, and C

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023
4:00 - 4:45 PM (CT)

via Zoom: <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/9348262696>

Topics to be discussed include: course registration process, how to plan a course schedule, how to plan for graduation, and graduation requirements.

Failure to attend this meeting will result in a hold and prevent you from registering during the assigned time for your class.

All 1L Students in Sections A, B, and C are required to attend a **MANDATORY** Registration Meeting on **Monday, March 20** from 4:00 - 4:45 PM (CT), at which we will discuss the registration process, course schedule planning, graduation requirements and planning, and FAQs.

Failure to attend this meeting will result in a registration hold.

You should plan to attend this meeting in a quiet place with stable internet in order to provide your full attention to the information and complete the attendance check-ins.

Section O students need not attend this meeting as you will be administratively registered for Summer and Fall.

*ZOOM Office Hours
for Summer & Fall
2023 Registration
with Assistant Dean
Afton Cavanaugh*

Monday, March 20 from 8-9 PM

Wednesday, March 22 from 4-5 PM

Thursday, March 23 from 12-1 PM

Friday, March 24 from 10 AM-12 PM

Monday, March 27 from 8-9 PM

Office Hours will be held at this link:
<https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/3578830125>

Tuesday, March 28 from 5-6 PM

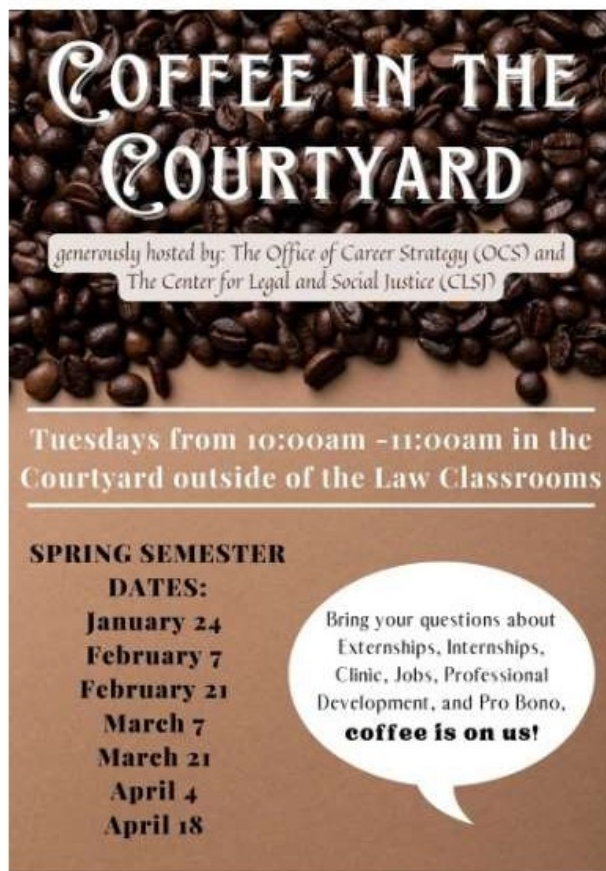
Wednesday, March 29 from 4-5 PM

SUMMER & FALL 2023 REGISTRATION ZOOM OFFICE HOURS

Registration for Summer and Fall 2023 is right around the corner!

If you have questions related to registration or the Law *Student Handbook*, feel free to drop on in for Zoom Office Hours with Assistant Dean Afton Cavanaugh. These are informal hours for you to get your general questions answered on-the-spot. Office Hours will be held at the following link:

<https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/3578830125>.

A poster for "Coffee in the Courtyard" featuring a background of coffee beans. The title "COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD" is written in a large, white, serif font. Below the title, a white box contains the text "generously hosted by: The Office of Career Strategy (OCS) and The Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ)". The poster also states "Tuesdays from 10:00am -11:00am in the Courtyard outside of the Law Classrooms". A list of dates for the Spring Semester is provided: January 24, February 7, February 21, March 7, March 21, April 4, and April 18. A speech bubble on the right side of the poster contains the text "Bring your questions about Externships, Internships, Clinic, Jobs, Professional Development, and Pro Bono, coffee is on us!".

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

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SPRING SEMESTER

DATES:

- January 24
- February 7
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- March 7
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- April 4
- April 18

Bring your questions about
Externships, Internships,
Clinic, Jobs, Professional
Development, and Pro Bono,
coffee is on us!

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

We are back in the Courtyard tomorrow, **Tuesday, March 21, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) and Office of Career Strategy (OCS) for Coffee in the Courtyard. Enjoy iced coffee and bring your questions about upcoming Pro Bono opportunities, Spring Clinic applications, Externships, professional development, and networking.

See you there!

Registration Schedule for Summer and Fall 2023

The hours earned at the end of the Fall 2022 semester will determine when you register for Summer and Fall 2023 courses.

Please consult the Student Handbook to ensure you are progressing in your degree requirements.

Scan Here to
Access the
Student Handbook



8:00 AM April 3 - 11:59 PM April 4
Students with 43 earned credit hours or more

8:00 AM April 6 - 11:59 PM April 7
Students with 15 earned credit hours but less than 43 earned credit hours

8:00 AM April 10 - 11:59 PM April 11
All students, regardless of credit hours earned

1L Sec. O students will be administratively registered for Summer & Fall 2023 classes

All registration times are CST

SUMMER AND FALL 2023 REGISTRATION

Registration for Summer and Fall 2023 classes is just around the corner.

Students will register during assigned time frames based on hours earned at the end of the Fall 2022 semester. In preparation for registration, students should review the *Student Handbook* to ensure they are progressing in their degree requirements. They should also check for and address any holds on their account that might prevent registration.

All current 1L Section O students will be administratively registered for their Summer and Fall 2023 classes.

UNDERSTANDING DIABETES: LIVING WELL AND REDUCING RISK

Join us **Monday, March 20, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.** in Room B of the University Center to learn about diabetes. What it is, types of diabetes, common indicators, treatment/management and prevention. This event will be led by Samantha Lutzenberger, Registered Dietician Nutritionist and STMU Alumnus. Refreshments will be provided.





ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
MARCH 1 to 31, 2023

Details on these events can be found on the University calendar.

<p>March 1 to 31 Two Regions Project Exhibit Bishop Library Gallery</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 22 A Viewing and Discussion of <i>RRR</i> 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. St. Louis Hall, Room 230</p>	<p>Thursday, March 30 Women Writing, Writing Women, Finding Place 11:00 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. Common Student Lounge</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 1 Alan Wright Francis Exhibition Booth 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sally Kennedy Law Library, Lobby A/B/C/D</p>	<p>Thursday, March 23 East Asia Seminars: Issues and U.S. Foreign Policy 1:00 p.m. St. Louis Hall, Room 230 or 231A</p>	<p>Thursday, March 30 Ask Me Anything with Ingrida Gannon of Methodist Hospital 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thompson 1100 #Pharmacy</p>
<p>Thursday, March 2 Creative Spaces: Ink Change Guest Book on Life Forward</p>	<p>Friday, March 24 The Power of Books in the</p>	<p>March 31</p>



CLINICAL COURSE APPLICATION - FALL 2023

The application for all Fall 2023 Clinical courses is now open!

Earn 6-hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients (in Consumer/Housing; Real Estate; Family Law/Wills & Estates; Criminal Defense; or Immigration cases).

Learn more about each of these five Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/clinics/>.

Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission. Below is the link to the required online application:

<https://tinyurl.com/ClinicFall2023>



OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, March 23, 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy
- **OCS Drop-In Sessions: Alternative Career Information**, Thursday, March 23, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
- **Social Media Workshop**, Tuesday, March 28, 12:15 – 1:00 p.m., LL217
- **3L Salary Negotiations Workshop**, Wednesday, March 29, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m., LL217
- **Popcorn Thursday**, Thursday, March 30, 12:30 p.m., Office of Career Strategy



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





THE GENIZARO EXPERIENCE: SHADOWS IN LIGHT

March 22 - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., *The Genizaro Experience: Shadows In Light* (trailer below). We will host filmmaker Gary Medina Cook and Professor Bill Piatt for a film screening and discussion of this nationally acclaimed documentary. Cook recently won the Humanitarian Film award for this film at the Santa Fe Film Festival, where it sold out. Professor Piatt and his book, *Slavery in the Southwest*, are featured in the film. We are also working on a special prelude performance in conjunction with the American Indians in Texas. You can find a description and movie trailer here: <http://santafefilmfestival.com/index/film/the-genizaro-experience-shadows-in-light/>. The dean's office will provide pizza and popcorn. This event is open to the university community.



INNSBRUCK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW LIVE

The scholarship application for students interested in attending Innsbruck is now live. The information about studying abroad at Innsbruck and each scholarship is listed here: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/austria/>. The deadline to apply is **Friday, March 24**.



The application link is here: <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/m1x2k4jx1ika0jp/>





PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

**THE LINDA & DAVE SCHLUETER
MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

Earn pro bono hours by judging the 1L Moot Court Competition the week of March 20-24



To sign-up, scan the QR Code or follow the link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/studentmootjudge>

STUDENT JUDGES NEEDED FOR THE LINDA AND DAVE SCHLUETER COMPETITION

The Board of Advocates still has many openings available to judge the Linda and Dave Schlueter Moot Court Competition the week of **March 20-24**. Students who participate will receive St.Mary's Law School-approved pro bono hours. For more information please contact Gabriela Salinas at gsalinas21@mail.stmarytx.edu.

THE LINDA AND DAVE SCHLUETER 1L MOOT COURT BREAK PARTY

On **Friday, March 24, at 3:00 p.m.** all 1Ls are invited to the Linda and Dave Schlueter First Year Moot Court Break Party at The Hoppy Monk, 1010 N. Loop 1604 E, 78232.



The Board of Advocates will announce who breaks into the advanced rounds as we celebrate the 1L Class' completion of their oral advocacy requirement.



OCS Drop-in Sessions

ALTERNATIVE CAREER INFORMATION

with Elizabeth G. Germano, J.D., Associate Director for Military Development Contracts at Raytheon Technologies Corporation

Thurs. Mar. 23, 2023
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
OCS Suite, Law Library 216

Register in CORE



Social Media Workshop



Tuesday, March 28
12:15 pm - 1:00 pm
LL 217

Space is Limited
Register in CORE



Cultivate a Work-Appropriate
Social Media Profile

3L SALARY NEGOTIATION WORKSHOP

March 29, 2023
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

LL 217



Space is Limited
Registration in CORE is Required



BEING A WOMAN IN THE COURTROOM

Come join in on the conversation about what it is like to be a woman in the sea of men in the courtroom, learn tips, tricks, techniques and advice, and get insight on what it is like to run your own litigation firm as a woman.

- Law Alumni room & ZOOM
- Thursday, March 30
- 12.00 - 1.00 PM



First Gen Professionals
Moderator



Lawtina Network
Moderator



Women's Law Association
Moderator

First 50 Students to RSVP will be provided lunch.

BEING A WOMAN IN THE COURTROOM

The First Generation Professionals, Women's Law Association and Lawtina Network invite you to join them **Thursday, March 30, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room** for the second series of their panel: Being a Woman in the Courtroom. They will be host three female litigators who actively practice in San Antonio, Texas. RSVP on RattlerTracks. Lunch will be provided to first 50 students.

Law School to Law Practice: Bridging the Well-Being Gap



DAVID JAFFE

AU Washington College of Law



JENNIFER DISANZA

Institute for Well-Being in Law



TRACI MUNDY JENKINS

Venable LLP



JESSIE JOACHIM

DC Lawyer Assistance Program



SAMANTHA SLOANE

AU Washington College of Law



WBADC WELL-BEING CONFERENCE

Law students may attend the virtual broadcast at no cost and \$12 in person using code **student2023**. Below is the link for the registration page.

<https://wbadc.member365.com/public/event/details/e37a817af0c9821a8b6125d686cae6827ad561e4/1>

**SUMMER 2023
PUBLIC SERVICE
FELLOWSHIP**

**THE APPLICATION
PERIOD IS OPEN!
DEADLINE:
MARCH 31, 2023
12 P.M.**

ST. MARY'S
UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL of LAW

OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY

SUMMER PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS

The St. Mary's Summer Public Service Fellowship provides financial assistance to first- and second-year law students who (1) have secured a position for the summer with a legal services provider serving low-income clients or a governmental agency (NOT including the judiciary), and (2) will work at least 240 hours this summer.

Please note that, unlike some fellowship opportunities, you must have already accepted a position with a non-profit legal services provider or governmental agency in order to be eligible.

[Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowship - Application](#)

[Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowship - Agency Agreement](#)

The deadline to complete the 2023 Public Service Fellowship Application and Agency Agreement is **Friday, March 31, 2023**, at noon.

For additional information, please contact [Veronica Elizalde, Assistant Director for Career Strategy](#).



MS. JD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The [Ms. JD Fellowship program](#) promotes mentorship and professional development for women-identifying law students.

Rising 3Ls and students in their final year of a Dual Degree program are eligible to apply.



Each Ms. JD Fellow is matched with a practicing attorney mentor to help support them and guide them as they finish their law school journey and prepare to enter the legal profession. In addition, each Fellow will be invited and receive financial support to attend [Ms. JD's NWLSO Leadership Academy Intensive](#), a two-day in-person program that features dynamic sessions geared towards leadership development. Finally, each Ms. JD Fellow will complete a project that benefits their community or women in the legal profession more generally.

Applications for the 2023-2024 Ms. JD Fellowship program will close on **April 2, 2023**. Interested law students can learn more information and access the application [here](#).

If you have questions regarding the Fellowship program, please email Ms. JD's Program Director, Katie Day Winchenbach, at day@ms-jd.org.



The American Bar Association will observe [ABA 3L Week](#) from April 17-23.

What is ABA 3L Week? Law students have faced unprecedented challenges attending school during a global pandemic and we believe students deserve to be recognized. That's why we are dedicating an entire week to celebrate 3Ls and their accomplishments.



During 3L Week, the ABA Law Student Division will host a series of events, such as virtual programs "8 Essential Tips For First Time Bar Exam Takers," <https://abaforlawstudents.com/event/virtual-office-hours-8-essential-tips-for-first-time-takers/> "5 Tips for Bar Exam Success" with Helix Bar Prep by AccessLex, and offer an array of resources to graduating 3L students, including an exclusive membership offer.

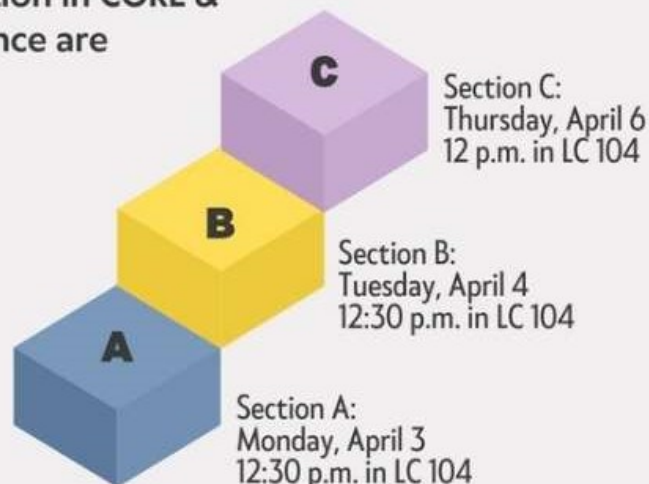
Becoming an ABA member sets graduating law students up with access to tools and resources to jump start their career. Any Spring '23 law grad who signs up for their first full \$75 ABA membership during 3L Week will receive an exclusive gift from the ABA.

ABA 3L Week will include several opportunities and resources for graduating 3L students, including programming that offers practical advice and strategies for those preparing to sit for the July bar exam.

In addition, every graduating 3L who [signs up for their first professional ABA membership](#) (\$75) between April 17-23 will receive a "Bar Prep Care Package." Those who sign up during the celebration will also be entered into a drawing for Amazon® gift cards up to \$500 and a grand prize of a travel package to the ABA Annual Meeting in Denver, August 2-8. See details, eligibility and rules [here](#).

OCI is Coming! 1L Mandatory Career Planning Meeting

Registration in CORE &
Attendance are
Required



CALLING ALL #StMULAW STUDENTS TO THE ANNUAL


JIMI DERRICK MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Interested in oral advocacy, joining a National Team,
or competing in an additional Moot Court competition?
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Thursday, April 21
Preliminary Rounds
Quarter Final

Friday, April 22
Semi-final Round
Final

*CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO
HIGHEST-SCORING ADVOCATES*



JIMI DERRICK CONSTITUTIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Calling ALL St. Mary's University School of Law students!

Are you interested oral advocacy or are you interested in joining a National Team? Consider signing up for the annual Jimi Derrick Constitutional Moot Court Competition. This competition is sponsored in part by the Derrick Family and was established to honor the life and legacy of Jimi Derrick, a former student at St. Mary's University School of Law and the inspiration for this competition because of his love and enthusiasm for constitutional law. More details will be forth coming.

Click on the link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAEA72AA2FEC16-20232>



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

To further the goal of casting a wide net to attract the broadest possible pool of qualified applicants to serve as federal judges, the Judicial Conference Committees on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System and Magistrate Judges System present their national diversity event:

Roadways to the Bench: Who Me? A Bankruptcy or Magistrate Judge?

April 3, 2023 | 3-6 p.m.

United States Courthouse
501 W 5th Street, Austin, Texas 78701
Jury Assembly Room (First Floor)

- Interested lawyers and law students are invited to observe a national keynote address or panel discussion and participate in local roundtables with bankruptcy, magistrate, district, and appellate judges about pathways to the federal bench.
- Registration is limited to 115 participants.

To Register, Please Visit:

<https://forms.gle/x2sxUbr2cBaW3kW96>

For more information, please contact:

roadwaysatx2023@gmail.com

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

EARN A J.D. AND MASTER'S DEGREE SIMULTANEOUSLY

WITH JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS AT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

St. Mary's University offers joint programs of studies leading to degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from the School of Law and master's programs. Explore joint degree programs at law.stmarytx.edu/joint-degree-programs.

For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Admission at graduate@stmarytx.edu.



ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

The Catholic and Marianist University

PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law



website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

American Arbitration Association. Diversity Scholarship Grants.

<https://www.aaacdfoundation.org/diversity-scholarship>

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 4/15/2023.

law.nd.edu/smith-doheny

Tax Section, State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000. Deadline to apply is 4/21/2023.

<https://www.texassection.org/uploads/SBOT%20Tax%20Section%20Scholarship%20Application%202022.pdf>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.

<https://thesovereigntysymposium.com/writing-competition/>

Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Section. Graduating 3L \$1,500 scholarship. Deadline to apply is 05/15/2023. <https://www.fedbar.org/criminal-law-section/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/2023/01/FBA-Criminal-Law-Section-Scholarship-2023.pdf>

Federal Bar Association, Honorable Constance Baker Motley Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Essay Competition. \$1,000, \$500, \$250. Deadline to apply is 05/12/2023.

<https://www.fedbar.org/the-hon-constance-baker-motley-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-young-member-essay-writing-competition/>

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. \$15,000; \$7,500; \$5,000; \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 05/31/2023. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>

James E. Beckley Securities Arbitration. \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750. Deadline to apply is 9/15/2023.




The poster features a blue background with white graduation caps and books. The text is centered in a white box. At the top left, it says 'RGV GIVES BACK Student Scholarship' with 'Student Scholarship' in a larger, bold font. To the right is an illustration of books on a shelf. Below this, it states that RGV Gives Back will offer two \$250, five \$500, and three \$1,000 scholarships to students who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement. The requirements list includes having a GPA of 2.5 or above (3.0 for seniors), being from or living in the Rio Grande Valley, and submitting proof of enrollment, a resume, and a completed application. The application is available on the website www.RGVGivesBack.org with a deadline of Saturday, May 13, 2023. The RGV Gives Back logo is at the bottom left.

RGV GIVES BACK
Student Scholarship

RGV Gives Back will be offering
TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000
scholarships to students who exhibit dedication,
leadership, and community involvement!

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have a College GPA of 2.5 or above,
Graduating Seniors must have a High School GPA of 3.0 or above
- Be from or living in the Rio Grande Valley
- Submit proof of enrollment or acceptance
- Submit an updated resume
- Submit a completed application

 Application can be found on our website:
www.RGVGivesBack.org
Deadline to submit:
Saturday, May 13, 2023

RGV GIVES BACK STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

RGV Gives Back is excited to announce that we will be offering TEN Student Scholarships this year! We will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 student scholarships.

The application(s) will be available to all graduating seniors, current college/university students, graduate students, AND professional school students from the RGV who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement.

Please visit <http://www.RGVGivesBack.org> for the application and all instructions!

WOMEN AND THE LAW - STATE BAR OF TEXAS WRITING COMPETITION

The State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section invites students to participate in its 2023 Texas Law Student Writing Competition. First place will receive \$1,000 and second place is \$500. Deadline to apply is **March 15, 2023**. For detailed rules, see below.



2023 Women and the Law - State Bar of Texas Writing Competition.pdf

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HUMAN RIGHTS ESSAY CONTEST

International Law Section of The State Bar of Texas announces their Thomas H. Wilson Human Rights Scholarship Award. This is open to law students including LL.M. programs. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2023**. For complete guidelines, see below.



Human Rights Essay Contest.pdf

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Don't miss your chance to win

\$5,000

toward your 2022-2023 tuition!

Pranita Dhungana, '23
North State Dickinson Law
— 4 November 2022 @llexnet —

AccessLex Institute is awarding **two \$5,000 scholarships per class** this winter.

- Next scholarship drawing: **February 1**
- The more MAX activities you complete, the better your chances of winning.

Get started today at:
AskedNA.AccessLex.org

MAX is the **free** personal finance program developed exclusively for law students — brought to you by your law school and nonprofit AccessLex Institute.



NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

JD students who are not native English speakers *may* be granted additional testing time. For requests and approval, schedule a meeting with Assistant Dean Alyssa Leffall at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> no later than **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, this means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or Dean Niesel may assist.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Lemon Asparagus Risotto

<https://www.feastingathome.com/lemony-asparagus-risotto/>

This recipe may be served as a main vegetarian dish or you may add your favorite seafood to it.

Source: Sylvia Fountaine, www.feastingathome.com

Photo Credit: <https://www.feastingathome.com/lemony-asparagus-risotto/>





STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

Academic Support

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108



210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu



General Student Support

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Campus Recreation

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
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



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

SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS



Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish

11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English

8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

A vertical banner with a dark blue background on the left and a colorful abstract graphic on the right. The graphic consists of various geometric shapes in shades of blue, yellow, red, and orange, forming a stylized profile of a person's head and shoulders. The text is centered on the blue background.

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy


*Adoration
and
Confession*

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

 ST. MARY'S
UNIVERSITY | The Catholic and
Marionist University

An advertisement for the American Bar Association (ABA) targeting law students. It features a photograph of three young adults (two women and one man) in professional attire, smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a solid orange color. The text is in white and orange.

Prepare for your
legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from
professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as
resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain
a sense of what career path is the right fit
for you

Still deciding what area of law you
want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different
practice areas by joining up to five ABA
Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to
expand your network by connecting with

**Invest in Yourself.
Join the ABA.**

Student membership guides you through law
school and into the profession with exclusive
law student content, practice area-specific
resources, and opportunities to connect with



experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your resume and professional network by joining the nation's largest association of legal professionals.

legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.

"The ABA has been paramount in kick-starting my legal career."

CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law

See What Student Membership Means For You




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Choose From Two Types of Membership

Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

MEMBERSHIP	PREMIUM	FREE
After the Bar Digital Publications	✓	
Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (save up to \$300)	✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Bundle (\$20 Value)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 20% on West Academic Casebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Concept Sheets, legal terminology lists, and online flashcard tool	✓	
\$10 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, seminars, and guides	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all LL courses (\$25.99 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	80 days	10 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-Day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$74 Value)	Print & Digital	Print & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓

ABA Bar Prep Program

Premium Members Only

Themis BarReview

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages

Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam roadmaps, and the like.

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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





Bebe Gonzalez

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THIS WEEK

- **Zoom Office Hours** for registration questions continue this week with Dean Cavanaugh.
- Don't miss the final events of **Women's History Month**.
- **Raise the Bar Summer 2023** registration is now open.
- **Social Media Workshop**, 3/28, 12:15 p.m., LL217.
- **3LSalary Negotiation Workshop**, 3/29, 12:30 p.m., LL217.
- **SBA Voting** on Rattler Tracks, 3/29 and 3/30.
- **Law School to Law Practice: Bridging the Well-Being Gap**, 3/30, 9:00 a.m., Virtual.
- **Being a Woman in the Courtroom**, 3/30, 12:00 p.m., Alumni Room.
- **San Antonio Food Bank Application for Assistance**, by appointment only, 3/30, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **St. Mary's Summer Public Service Fellowships**. Deadline to apply is 3/31, 12:00 p.m.
- Applications for all Fall 2023 Clinical courses is now open. Deadline to apply is 3/31.
- **Gavels & Gowns: Night at the Museum**, 3/31, 7:00 p.m., Witte Museum, Mays Family Center.



ST. MARY'S NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM REACHES FINAL FOUR AT FBA NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, GARNERS INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

The St. Mary's National Moot Court Team traveled to Washington, DC this past week to compete

The St. Mary's National Moot Court team traveled to Washington, DC this past week to compete against schools from all over the country in the Federal Bar Association Thurgood Marshall Memorial National Moot Court Competition.

The teams of **Kathryn Cantu** (3L) and **Haley Harvey** (3L) *and* **Emily Mann** (2L) and **Nadine Cox** (2L) participated in this prestigious tournament, and **both teams broke into the Sweet Sixteen. Cantu and Harvey advanced as the number one team out of the prelim rounds and reached the Final Four, finishing in the Top-4 out of the forty original teams** vying for this coveted national title. In addition to their team accomplishments, **Haley Harvey was named the tournament's Best Oral Advocate and Kathryn Cantu was named Second Best Oral Advocate. Haley Harvey was further recognized as having the Third Best Brief at the competition.**

Please congratulate all four of these amazing advocates for their accomplishments this week!

1L MOOT COURT ADVANCED ROUNDS

1L Moot Court: Congratulations to the following students for advancing to Octofinals!



1L Moot Court Octofinalists.pdf

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*ZOOM Office Hours
for Summer & Fall
2023 Registration
with Assistant Dean
Afton Cavanaugh*

Office Hours will be held at this link:
<https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/3578830125>

Monday, March 20 from 8-9 PM

Wednesday, March 22 from 4-5 PM

Thursday, March 23 from 12-1 PM

Friday, March 24 from 10 AM-12 PM

Monday, March 27 from 8-9 PM

Tuesday, March 28 from 5-6 PM

Wednesday, March 29 from 4-5 PM

SUMMER & FALL 2023 REGISTRATION ZOOM OFFICE HOURS

Registration for Summer and Fall 2023 is right around the corner. Office hours continue this week!

If you have questions related to registration or the Law *Student Handbook*, feel free to drop on in for Zoom Office Hours with Assistant Dean Afton Cavanaugh. These are informal hours for you to

get your general questions answered on-the-spot. Office Hours will be held at the following link:
<https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/3578830125>.



2023-2024

**SBA EXEC BOARD
ELECTIONS**

PETITIONS DUE 5:00 MARCH 26
CAMPAIGNING MARCH 27-28
VOTING ON RATTLETRACKS MARCH 29-30
NEW BORD ANNOUNCED MARCH 31

POSITIONS:
PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER



Take flight this Summer on a Journey
towards Success on the Bar Exam!

Simulated Practice
Guidance on Study Strategy & Schedule
Exclusive Access to Online Resources
One-on-One Coaching
Informational Sessions

**Raise
the Bar**

Register for
Summer 2023
Today!

For additional information,
contact Mr. Arturo Zapata,
Law Success Coordinator,
at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

Visit us at
<https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Program begins in May 2023!

ENROLLING NOW FOR RAISE THE BAR SUMMER 2023

Enrollment is now open for **Raise the Bar Summer 2023**. Raise the Bar is a free supplemental program for St. Mary's graduates and includes one-on-one coaching, study and schedule guidance, simulated practice, informational sessions, and exclusive access to online resources. The Summer 2023 program will begin in May. Scan the QR code above to enroll today. Contact Mr.

Summer 2023 program will begin in May. Scan the QR code above to enroll today. Contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu if you have any questions. For information may be on the website at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>.

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
MARCH 1 to 31, 2023

Details on these events can be found on the University calendar.

<p>March 1 (Fri) First Regency Ordinal Exhibit Bishop's Chapel Gallery</p> <p>Wednesday, March 1 Alice Wright Francis Feminist Novels 4:30-5:30 p.m. Book: Kenneth Egan, Law Library Law Alumni Society</p> <p>Thursday, March 2 Creating Systems for Change Going Back to Go Forward 6:30-8 p.m. Dunwoody Center Catherine Rubin, E.</p> <p>Monday, March 6 Law Regency Project Panel Discussion 4:30-7 p.m. University Center, Alumni Catharine Rubin, et al.</p> <p>Wednesday, March 8 History of Women on Wall Street Ballgown to Fashion 3:00 p.m. Room 11, Albert Hall Building, Room 117 Sponsoring Regency Exhibit 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, March 21 Appreciation of the Women in Our Lives 2:00-3:30 p.m. Queen of Angels Shrine Basilica, St. Mary's University Church Alphonsine Room 11</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 22 A Viewing and Discussion of 4001 12:00-1:30 p.m. St. Louis Hall, Room 126</p> <p>Thursday, March 23 Case Involvement: Inequality and U.S. Foreign Policy 1:00-2:00 p.m. St. Louis Hall, Room 126, 4th Floor</p> <p>Friday, March 24 The Essential Guide to the Florida Statutes 9:00 a.m. University Center Alphonsine Room 11</p> <p>Friday, March 24 Showering of the Women Lives of the Suffragettes 9:30-10:30 a.m. Bishop's Memorial Ball Tower 4th Floor</p> <p>Wednesday, March 27 Judges Inspired by International Political Events 12:00-1:30 p.m. Law Library, Year Alumni Room, 4th Floor</p> <p>Wednesday, March 29 Women in Science and National Security 7:30-8:30 p.m. 116 Union</p>	<p>Thursday, March 30 Women Working, Shaping Success, Tackling Power 12:00-1:30 p.m. Commons Alumni Lounge</p> <p>Thursday, March 30 Ask Me Anything with Dr. Ingrid Gannon of Methodist Hospital 12:30-1 p.m. Integrated Law Professionals</p> <p>March 31 Art Exhibit Opening Reception Evening Show Dinner Tomb Raider, Science from West New Institute 5:30-7 p.m. Bishop's Memorial Ball Tower 4th Floor from 6:00-11:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, April 4 School of Science, Engineering and Technology Women's Dinner 5:30-7 p.m. Dunwoody Center Catharine Rubin, E.</p> <p>For more information, contact Lynell Hoffman, Ph.D., at lhoffman@stmarytx.edu</p>
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ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
The Catholic and
the World University

FAMILY DAY & EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND 2023
AT 4:00 PM
ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
BEHIND RABA

Bring your family and join us for an
afternoon of fun, games, food & fellowship!

HOSTED BY
THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION (SBA)
LAW MINISTRY
PARENTS IN LAW UNITED FOR SUPPORT (PLUS)

BRING A FRIEND
LAWYER

FAMILY DAY & EASTER EGG HUNT

The Student Bar Association (SBA), Law Ministry and Parents In Law United for Support (PLUS) invite you to a fun filled afternoon on **Sunday April 2** for Family Day and Easter Egg Hunt at 4:00 p.m. This event is open to all St. Mary's University School of Law students, staff and faculty along with their families. We can't wait to see you there.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY DAY & EASTER EGG HUNT - PRO BONO HOURS AVAILABLE

The SBA, Law Ministry and PLUS are looking for volunteers to assist with the Family Day & Easter Egg Hunt this **Sunday, April 2**. Director Harlien has approved community service Pro Bono hours. There are many fun opportunities available!



Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48ACAC2BA7FAC43-family>

CLINICAL COURSE APPLICATION - FALL 2023

The application for all Fall 2023 Clinical courses is now open!

Earn 6-hours of academic credit and build lawyering skills representing real-life clients (in Consumer/Housing; Real Estate; Family Law/Wills & Estates; Criminal Defense; or Immigration cases).



Learn more about each of these five Clinics on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/clinics/>.

Apply early – spaces are limited with rolling admission. Below is the link to the required online application:

<https://tinyurl.com/ClinicFall2023>

A graphic titled "Registration Schedule for Summer and Fall 2023". It is divided into two main sections: a yellow section on the left and a blue section on the right. The yellow section contains text about registration hours and a QR code. The blue section contains three registration periods with their respective dates and credit hour requirements.

Registration Schedule for Summer and Fall 2023

The hours earned at the end of the Fall 2022 semester will determine when you register for Summer and Fall 2023 courses.

Please consult the Student Handbook to ensure you are progressing in your degree requirements.

Scan Here to 

8:00 AM April 3 - 11:59 PM April 4
Students with 43 earned credit hours or more

8:00 AM April 6 - 11:59 PM April 7
Students with 15 earned credit hours but less than 43 earned credit hours

8:00 AM April 10 - 11:59 PM April 11
All students, regardless of credit hours earned

1L Sec. O students will be administratively registered for Summer & Fall 2023 classes



SUMMER AND FALL 2023 REGISTRATION

Registration for Summer and Fall 2023 classes is just around the corner.

Students will register during assigned time frames based on hours earned at the end of the Fall 2022 semester. In preparation for registration, students should review the *Student Handbook* to ensure they are progressing in their degree requirements. They should also check for and address any holds on their account that might prevent registration.

All current 1L Section 0 students will be administratively registered for their Summer and Fall 2023 classes.

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Social Media Workshop**, Tuesday, March 28, 12:15 – 1:00 p.m., LL217
- **3L Salary Negotiations Workshop**, Wednesday, March 29, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m., LL217
- **Section A – OCI is Coming! Mandatory Career Planning Meeting**, Monday, April 3, 12:30 p.m., LC104
- **Section B – OCI is Coming! Mandatory Career Planning Meeting**, Tuesday, April 4, 12:30 p.m., LC104
- **Environmental Law Panel for Environmental Law Class**, Wednesday, April 5, 11:00 a.m., LC101
- **Section C – OCI is Coming! Mandatory Career Planning Meeting**, Thursday, April 6, 2:00 p.m., LC104



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

Social Media Workshop



Tuesday, March 28
12:15 pm - 1:00 pm
LL 217

Space is Limited
Register in CORE



Cultivate a Work-Appropriate Social Media Profile

3L SALARY NEGOTIATION WORKSHOP



March 29, 2023
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
LL 217

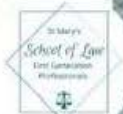
Space is Limited
Registration in CORE is Required



BEING A WOMAN IN THE COURTROOM

Come join in on the conversation about what it is like to be a woman in the sea of men in the courtroom, learn tips, tricks, techniques and advice, and get insight on what it is like to run your own litigation firm as a woman.

- Law Alumni room & ZOOM
- Thursday, March 30
- 12.00 - 1.00 PM



First Gen Professionals
Moderator



Lawtina Network
Moderator



Women's Law Association
Moderator

First 50 Students to RSVP will be provided lunch.

BEING A WOMAN IN THE COURTROOM

The First Generation Professionals, Women's Law Association and Lawtina Network invite you to join them **Thursday, March 30, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room** for the second series of their panel: Being a Woman in the Courtroom. They will be host three female litigators who actively practice in San Antonio, Texas. RSVP on RattlerTracks. Lunch will be provided to first 50 students.

**Law School to Law Practice:
Bridging the Well-Being Gap**

DAVID JAFFE
AU Washington College of Law

JENNIFER DISANZA
Institute for Well-Being in Law

TRACI MUNDY JENKINS
Venable LLP

JESSIE JOACHIM
DC Lawyer Assistance Program

SAMANTHA SLOANE
AU Washington College of Law

WBA
WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION
of the District of Columbia

WELL-BEING CONFERENCE
Thursday, March 30, 2023 | 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

WBADC WELL-BEING CONFERENCE

Law students may attend the virtual broadcast at no cost and \$12 in person using code **student2023**. Below is the link for the registration page.

<https://wbadc.member365.com/public/event/details/e37a817af0c9821a8b6125d686cae6827ad561e4/1>



OH SNAP!!! IT'S THURSDAY

**FEDERAL
BENEFITS
APPLICATION
ASSISTANCE**

8AM-5PM THURSDAY
30 MARCH 2023

APPOINTMENTS ONLY



- SNAP (food stamps) • Medicaid
- WIC • Healthy Texas Women • CHIP
- TANF • Medicare Savings Program

The SA Food Bank has a team of experts that are here to help you apply for federal benefits created to assist students. Get enrolled with on-campus resources and access to community resources as well as food assistance.

Scan QR or visit:

<https://calendly.com/stmuwellsafb/45min>



QUESTIONS?

Email Elisa Garza, Wellness Coordinator
egarza82@stmarytx.edu



SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK BENEFIT APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

The St. Mary's Student Health and Wellness Program will host the San Antonio Food Bank on **Thursday, March 30, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** by appointment only.

This is an opportunity for interested students to schedule a 1:1, 45-minute meeting with a San Antonio Food Bank staff member who can answer any questions and assist with a federal benefit application geared for students.

To schedule a meeting for March 30 use this link : <https://calendly.com/stmuwellsafb/45min>

Inquiry form if unable to attend March 30:

https://stmarys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1EXpLt8ahHBMdGC

For questions, please email Elisa Garza at egarza82@stmarytx.edu.

**SUMMER 2023
PUBLIC SERVICE
FELLOWSHIP**



**THE APPLICATION
PERIOD IS OPEN!
DEADLINE:
MARCH 31, 2023
12 P.M.**



OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY

SUMMER PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS

The St. Mary's Summer Public Service Fellowship provides financial assistance to first- and second-year law students who (1) have secured a position for the summer with a legal services provider serving low-income clients or a governmental agency (NOT including the judiciary), and (2) will work at least 240 hours this summer.

Please note that, unlike some fellowship opportunities, you must have already accepted a position with a non-profit legal services provider or governmental agency in order to be eligible.

[Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowship - Application](#)

[Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowship - Agency Agreement](#)

The deadline to complete the 2023 Public Service Fellowship Application and Agency Agreement is **Friday, March 31, 2023**, at noon.

For additional information, please contact [Veronica Elizalde, Assistant Director for Career Strategy](#).



MS. JD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The [Ms. JD Fellowship program](#) promotes mentorship and professional development for women-identifying law students.

Rising 3Ls and students in their final year of a Dual Degree program are eligible to apply.



Each Ms. JD Fellow is matched with a practicing attorney mentor to help support them and guide them as they finish their law school journey and prepare to enter the legal profession. In addition,

each Fellow will be invited and receive financial support to attend [Ms. JD's NWLSO Leadership Academy Intensive](#), a two-day in-person program that features dynamic sessions geared towards leadership development. Finally, each Ms. JD Fellow will complete a project that benefits their community or women in the legal profession more generally.

Applications for the 2023-2024 Ms. JD Fellowship program will close on **April 2, 2023**. Interested law students can learn more information and access the application [here](#).

If you have questions regarding the Fellowship program, please email Ms. JD's Program Director, Katie Day Winchenbach, at day@ms-jd.org.



Roadways to the Bench: Who Me? A Bankruptcy or Magistrate Judge?

April 3, 2023 | 3-6 p.m.
United States Courthouse
501 W 5th Street, Austin, Texas 78701
Jury Assembly Room (First Floor)

- Interested lawyers and law students are invited to observe a national keynote address or panel discussion and participate in local roundtables with bankruptcy, magistrate, district, and appellate judges about pathways to the federal bench.
- Registration is limited to 115 participants.

To Register, Please Visit:
<https://forms.gle/x2sxUbr2cBaW3kW96>

For more information, please contact:
roadwaysatx2023@gmail.com



ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL

VOLUME 55 OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 | 5 PM - 7 PM | ALUMNI ROOM

COME MEET THE VOLUME 55 EDITORIAL BOARD, LEARN ABOUT

THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A STAFF WRITER, AND FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2023 WRITE-ON COMPETITION.

FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED!

QUESTIONS?

EMAIL: MAX ELIZONDO
MELIZONDO17@MAIL.STMARYTX.EDU

ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL OPEN HOUSE

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* invites you to our Open House on **Tuesday, April 4** at 5:00 p.m., and encourage you all to compete in our annual Write-On Competition for a chance to become a Staff Writer. Competition packets for the Write-On Competition will be available on TWEN starting May 24, 2023, and submissions will be due on June 14, 2023.

Come to the *Journal's* Open House to meet the *Journal* Editorial Board and learn what it is like to be a Staff Writer and how you can compete for a spot through the Write-On Competition!

If you have any questions, please email Max Elizondo at melizondo17@mail.stmarytx.edu or Regina Deason at reason@mail.stmarytx.edu. We look forward to meeting you!



ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL

VOLUME 55 WRITE-ON COMPETITION

COMPETE FOR A CHANCE TO BECOME A STAFF WRITER!

Competition packets available on TWEN starting May 24, 2023 at noon.
Submissions due June 14, 2023 at noon.

QUESTIONS?

Email: Regina Deason
rdeason@mail.stmarytx.edu

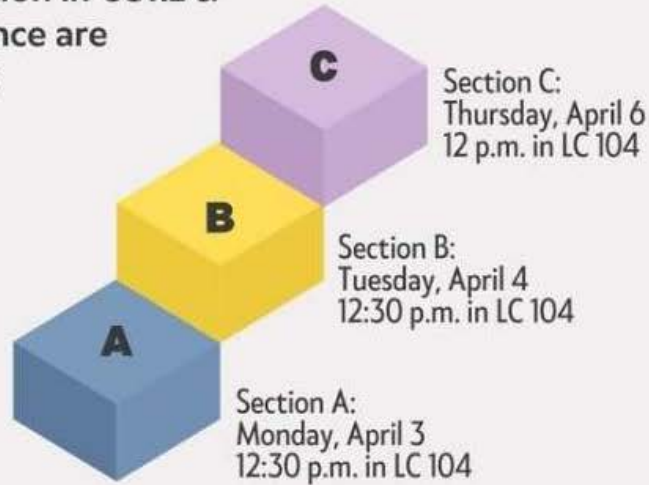
OCI is Coming!



1L Mandatory Career Planning Meeting

UNIVERSITY
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OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY

Registration in CORE &
Attendance are
Required



DEMYSTIFYING JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

WITH THE HONORABLE
MARINA GARCIA MARMOLEJO '96

APRIL 13, 2023

ATRIUM

12:30 P.M.

SPACE IS LIMITED;
REGISTER IN THE
EVENTS TAB IN CORE



OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY

ABA 3L WEEK - APRIL 17-23

The American Bar Association will observe [ABA 3L Week](#) from April 17-23.



What is ABA 3L Week? Law students have faced unprecedented challenges attending school during a global pandemic and we believe students deserve to be recognized. That's why we are dedicating an entire week to celebrate 3Ls and their accomplishments.



During 3L Week, the ABA Law Student Division will host a series of events, such as virtual programs "8 Essential Tips For First Time Bar Exam Takers," <https://abaforlawstudents.com/event/virtual-office-hours-8-essential-tips-for-first-time-takers/> "5 Tips for Bar Exam Success" with Helix Bar Prep by AccessLex, and offer an array of resources to graduating 3L students, including an exclusive membership offer.

Becoming an ABA member sets graduating law students up with access to tools and resources to jump start their career. Any Spring '23 law grad who signs up for their first full \$75 ABA membership during 3L Week will receive an exclusive gift from the ABA.

ABA 3L Week will include several opportunities and resources for graduating 3L students, including programming that offers practical advice and strategies for those preparing to sit for the July bar exam.

In addition, every graduating 3L who [signs up for their first professional ABA membership](#) (\$75) between April 17-23 will receive a "Bar Prep Care Package." Those who sign up during the celebration will also be entered into a drawing for Amazon® gift cards up to \$500 and a grand prize of a travel package to the ABA Annual Meeting in Denver, August 2-8. See details, eligibility and rules [here](#).

CALLING ALL #StMULAW STUDENTS TO THE ANNUAL


JIMI DERRICK MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Interested in oral advocacy, joining a National Team,
or competing in an additional Moot Court competition?
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Thursday, April 21
Preliminary Rounds
Quarter Final

Friday, April 22
Semi-final Round
Final

*CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO
HIGHEST-SCORING ADVOCATES*



JIMI DERRICK CONSTITUTIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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Calling ALL St. Mary's University School of Law students!

Are you interested oral advocacy or are you interested in joining a National Team? Consider signing up for the annual Jimi Derrick Constitutional Moot Court Competition. This competition is sponsored in part by the Derrick Family and was established to honor the life and legacy of Jimi Derrick, a former student at St. Mary's University School of Law and the inspiration for this competition because of his love and enthusiasm for constitutional law. More details will be forth coming.

Click on the link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAEA72AA2FEC16-20232>

PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

American Arbitration Association. Diversity Scholarship Grants.

<https://www.aaacdrfoundation.org/diversity-scholarship>

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 4/15/2023.

law.nd.edu/smith-doheny

Tax Section, State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000. Deadline to apply is 4/21/2023.

<https://www.texassection.org/uploads/SBOT%20Tax%20Section%20Scholarship%20Application%202022.pdf>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.

<https://thesovereigntysymposium.com/writing-competition/>.

Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Section. Graduating 3L \$1,500 scholarship. Deadline to apply is 05/15/2023. <https://www.fedbar.org/criminal-law-section/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/2023/01/FBA-Criminal-Law-Section-Scholarship-2023.pdf>

Federal Bar Association, Honorable Constance Baker Motley Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Essay Competition. \$1,000, \$500, \$250. Deadline to apply is 05/12/2023.

<https://www.fedbar.org/the-hon-constance-baker-motley-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-young-member-essay-writing-competition/>

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. \$15,000; \$7,500; \$5,000; \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 05/31/2023. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>

James E. Beckley Securities Arbitration. \$1,500, \$1,00, \$750. Deadline to apply is 9/15/2023.

bit.ly/2023Beckley



The poster features a blue border with white graduation caps at the top and bottom corners. In the center, there is a white box with a blue border. Inside the box, the text reads: 'RGV GIVES BACK Student Scholarship' with an illustration of books. Below this, it states: 'RGV Gives Back will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 scholarships to students who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement!'. Underneath is the heading 'REQUIREMENTS:' followed by a bulleted list: '• Must have a College GPA of 2.5 or above, Graduating Seniors must have a High School GPA of 3.0 or above', '• Be from or living in the Rio Grande Valley', '• Submit proof of enrollment or acceptance', '• Submit an updated resume', and '• Submit a completed application'.

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Application can be found on our website:
www.RGVGivesBack.org
Deadline to submit:
Saturday, May 13, 2023

RGV GIVES BACK STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

RGV Gives Back is excited to announce that we will be offering TEN Student Scholarships this year! We will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 student scholarships.

The application(s) will be available to all graduating seniors, current college/university students, graduate students, AND professional school students from the RGV who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement.

Please visit <http://www.RGVGivesBack.org> for the application and all instructions!

HUMAN RIGHTS ESSAY CONTEST

International Law Section of The State Bar of Texas announces their Thomas H. Wilson Human Rights Scholarship Award. This is open to law students including LL.M. programs. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2023**. For complete guidelines, see below.



Human Rights Essay Contest.pdf

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Don't miss your chance to win

\$5,000

toward your 2022-2023 tuition!



Pranita Dhungana, 23
State Dickinson Law
—November 2022 Winner—

AccessLex Institute is awarding **two \$5,000 scholarships per class** this winter.

- Next scholarship drawing: **February 1**
- The more MAX activities you complete, the better your chances of winning.

Get started today at:

AskEDNA.AccessLex.org

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

JD students who are not native English speakers *may* be granted additional testing time. For requests and approval, schedule a meeting with Assistant Dean Alyssa Leffall at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> no later than **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

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 e-mail account is not an acceptable defense for not receiving information.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS? WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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/administrationfinance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, this means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or Dean Niesel may assist.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your

- COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Mediterranean White Bean and Tuna Salad Toasts

<https://www.foodiecrush.com/mediterranean-white-bean-tuna-salad-toasts/>

This is a simple recipe, nutrient-dense, using whole foods.

Source: Heidi at <https://www.foodiecrush.com/about/>

Photo Credit: <https://www.foodiecrush.com>



STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues

- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

Academic Support

The Office of Law Success

Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu



General Student Support

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Campus Recreation

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
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

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



SCHEDULE FOR MASS ON CAMPUS

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Chapel

Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m., Holy Rosary Church, Spanish

11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, English

8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Bilingual



For more information on UMin services, please visit the University Ministry website at

<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/spiritual/university-ministry/>.

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy

Adoration and Confession

**Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel**

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.





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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your resume and professional network by joining the nation's largest association of legal professionals.

Invest in Yourself. Join the ABA.

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.

ABA

See What Student Membership Means For You

"The ABA has been paramount in kick-starting my legal career."

CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law

ABA
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION



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Choose From Two Types of Membership

Join for free or go Premium for just \$25 per year. ABA law student members can save on law school necessities and resources from companies like:

MEMBERSHIP	PREMIUM	FREE
Allow the Bar Digital Publications	✓	
Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (save up to \$500)	✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Hotline (\$10 Value)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 20% on West Academic's Casebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Essentials Package: Key Concept Sheets, Legal Terminology 101, and online Flashcard tool	✓	
\$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Advancement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, seminars, and guides	✓	
Law School One-Sheets for all 1L courses (\$35.00 value)	✓	
Quimbee Live! First Pass Trial (Save up to \$70)	80 days	30 days
ABA Career Center	✓	
ABA Member Group (\$5 Free)	✓	
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-Day Free Trial	✓	
Student Lawyer Magazine & Blog	✓	
ABA Journal (\$70 Value)	Free & Digital	Free & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	

ABA Bar Prep Program Premium Members Only

Themis
Bar Review

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages

Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, legal terminology 101, essay exam roadmaps, and the file.

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rap Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center, which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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THIS WEEK

- **Holy Week Services** through Easter Sunday, April 9.
- **Summer and Fall 2023 registration** opens this week.
- **Coffee in the Courtyard**, Tuesday, April 4.
- **St. Mary's Law Journal, Volume 55 Open House**, 4/4, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Alumni Room
- **San Antonio Food Bank**, Thursday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., LL216.
- **Friday classes meet Thursday, April 6.** Thursday classes cancelled.
- **University Offices** will be closed Friday, April 7.
- **Raise the Bar Summer 2023** registration is now open.
- **1L Mandatory Career Planning Meetings**, check schedule below for your Section.



NATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM FINISHES CHICAGO BAR TRANSACTIONAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION AS SEMI-FINALISTS

Congratulations to the members of the National Dispute Resolution Team who competed in the Chicago Bar Association - Young Lawyers Division Transactional Negotiation Competition this past weekend.



Two teams of advocates consisting of **3L Carson Badger**, **2Ls Jacklyn Dhaemers** and **Jordan Guzman** as well as the team of **3L Alanna Dominguez**, **2Ls Gabriella Saldana** and **Chase San Miguel** demonstrated hard work in their preparation and showcased superior advocacy on behalf of the St. Mary's National Team. The team of Badger, Dhaemers, and Guzman finished as **National Semi-Finalists**.

The Dispute Resolution Team continues to shine down the stretch of this season with one competition remaining on the schedule—ABA Representation in Mediation National Finals.



2023 Women in Law Leadership Awards Ceremony



Hannah Albright (center), recipient of the Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion "Excellence in Mentoring" award.



Monica Palma (center), recipient of the Chief Justice Catherine M. Stone "Rock of Justice" award.



Justices of the Fourth Court of Appeals.

From left to right, Justice Beth Watkins, Justice Irene Rios, Justice Liza A. Rodriguez, and Justice Lori I. Valenzuela.



Heather Montoya (center), recipient of the Chief Justice Alma L. Lopez "Women in Law" award.

WOMEN IN LAW LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Law Ministry and the Women's Law Association wish to congratulate the 2023 Women in Law Leadership nominees and winners. A huge thank you to Chief Justice Rebeca Martinez and the Justices of the Fourth Court of Appeals for their participation. Gratitude goes to all members of the Review Committee. To all volunteers who assisted in putting this event together, thank you. We couldn't have done this without you.

You may watch the live event here:

https://mediaspace.stmarytx.edu/media/Women+in+Law+Leadership+Awards+Ceremony+and+Reception++March+28%2C+2023/1_vh271bqr



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STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
2023-2024
EXECUTIVE BOARD

Arlene Smith - Vice President
Samantha Martinez - Secretary
Carson Wienecke - Treasurer
Emilie Herbst - Election Commissioner

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the newly elected 2023-2024 Student Bar Association Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Election Commissioner.

A run-off election for the 2023-2024 SBA President will be between **Erica Marrow** and **Angela Barajas Salcido**. **Voting will take place from 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4 until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5.**

SBA Senators and Honor Court Justices Elections:

It is time for SBA Senator and Honor Court Justice elections for rising 2Ls and 3Ls!

All candidate petition and agreement documents can be found on the SBA Rattletracks page. Anyone can run for a position in SBA regardless of prior involvement or class year. The minimum grade point average requirement for all SBA positions is a 2.5 GPA. If you are interested in running, please reach out to one of the current SBA members. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

The candidate petition paperwork will be due at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7.

Campaigning will be held April 10-11.

Elections will be held on Rattletracks April 12-13 until 5:00 p.m.

The 2023-2024 SBA Senators and Honor Court Justices will be announced on April 14. Each class (1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls) will have 8 Senators and 1 Honor Court Justice. There is also 1 Senator for both the LL.M. and M.Jur. programs. The M.Jur., LL.M., and (incoming) 1L elections will be held in the fall semester.

If you have any election-specific questions, your point of contact is SBA Election Commissioner, Cyrilla-Lyn Thompson, cthompson17@mail.stmarytx.edu.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- **Holy Thursday**, April 6, 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**, April 7, 3:00 p.m.
- **Easter Vigil**, Saturday, April 8, 8:15 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday**, April 9, 9:00 a.m. Spanish and 12:00 p.m. English



All services will be held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

For more information, contact University Ministry at 210-436-3213 or university.ministry@stmarytx.edu



*Registration
Schedule for Summer
and Fall 2023*

The hours earned at the end of the Fall 2022 semester will determine when you register for Summer and Fall 2023 courses.

Please consult the Student Handbook to ensure you are progressing in your degree requirements.

Scan Here to Access the Student Handbook



8:00 AM April 3 - 11:59 PM April 4
Students with 43 earned credit hours or more

8:00 AM April 6 - 11:59 PM April 7
Students with 15 earned credit hours but less than 43 earned credit hours

8:00 AM April 10 - 11:59 PM April 11
All students, regardless of credit hours earned

1L Sec. O students will be administratively registered for Summer & Fall 2023 classes

All registration times are CST

SUMMER AND FALL 2023 REGISTRATION

Registration for Summer and Fall 2023 classes is just around the corner.

Students will register during assigned time frames based on hours earned at the end of the Fall 2022 semester. In preparation for registration, students should review the *Student Handbook* to ensure they are progressing in their degree requirements. They should also check for and address any holds on their account that might prevent registration.

All current 1L Section O students will be administratively registered for their Summer and Fall 2023 classes.



generously hosted by: The Office of Career Strategy (OCS) and
The Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ)

Tuesdays from 10:00am -11:00am in the
Courtyard outside of the Law Classrooms

SPRING SEMESTER

DATES:

January 24

February 7

February 21

March 7

March 21

April 4

April 18

Bring your questions about
Externships, Internships,
Clinic, Jobs, Professional
Development, and Pro Bono,
coffee is on us!

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Join the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) and Office of Career Strategy (OCS) for Coffee in the Courtyard **Tuesday, April 4** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy some iced coffee and bring your questions about upcoming PB opportunities, Spring Clinic applications, Externship, professional development, and networking.



ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL
VOLUME 55 OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 | 5 PM - 7 PM | ALUMNI ROOM

COME MEET THE VOLUME 55 EDITORIAL BOARD, LEARN ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A STAFF WRITER, AND FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2023 WRITE-ON COMPETITION.

FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED!

QUESTIONS?

EMAIL: MAX ELIZONDO

MELIZONDO17@MAIL.STMARYTX.EDU

ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL OPEN HOUSE

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* invites you to their Open House on **Tuesday, April 4** at 5:00 p.m., and encourage you to compete in their annual Write-On Competition for a chance to become a Staff Writer. Competition packets for the Write-On Competition will be available on TWEN starting May 24, 2023, and submissions will be due on June 14, 2023.

Come to the *Journal's* Open House to meet the *Journal* Editorial Board and learn what it is like to be a Staff Writer and how you can compete for a spot through the Write-On Competition.

If you have any questions, please email Max Elizondo at melizondo17@mail.stmarytx.edu or Regina Deason at reason@mail.stmarytx.edu. We look forward to meeting you!



STMU SCHOOL OF LAW EXCLUSIVE OFFERING:

FEDERAL BENEFITS APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

8AM-5PM THURSDAY
6 APRIL 2023

Register in the Events section in CORE

- SNAP (food stamps) • Medicaid
- WIC • Healthy Texas Woman • CHIP
- TANF • Medicare Savings Program

The SA Food Bank has a team of experts that are here to help you apply for federal benefits created to assist students. Not sure if you qualify? No worries! Come prepared with questions and learn about opportunities.

Location: Office of Career Strategy, Suite LL216

APPOINTMENTS ONLY

QUESTIONS?

Email Elisa Garza, Wellness Coordinator
egarza82@stmarytx.edu

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San Antonio
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SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK BENEFIT APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

The Office of Career Strategy (OCS) will host the San Antonio Food Bank on **Thursday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** by appointment only. Register in the Events section in CORE. The event will be held in OCS, LL216.

The San Antonio Food Bank will have a team of experts to assist law students in applying for federal benefits. Stop by OCS and come prepared with questions to learn if you qualify. **Please see additional PDFs below** for more information.

For questions, please email Elisa Garza at egarza82@stmarytx.edu.



SA Food Bank - Information.pdf

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SA Food Bank - Documents to Bring.pdf

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SA Food Bank - WIC and SNAP Information.pdf

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SA Food Bank - Medicaid and CHIP Information.pdf

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SA Food Bank - TANF and Healthy Texas Women Information.pdf

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GOOD FRIDAY

In observance of Good Friday, **all Friday classes will meet Thursday, April 6**. Thursday classes are cancelled.

The University will be closed and no classes will meet **Friday, April 7** in Observance of Good Friday.

We wish everyone a happy Easter.



WE ARE HIRING

TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITION
FOR THE EXTERSHP PROGRAM
WITH DIRECTOR RIVAS

- ✓ PAID POSITION
- ✓ BEGINS IN MAY
- ✓ DEADLINE TO APPLY:
4/10



FOR MORE
INFORMATION & TO
APPLY: SEE THE
POSTING ON CORE

TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITION

Check out this posting on CORE!

Take flight this Summer on a Journey towards Success on the Bar Exam!

Raise the Bar

Register for Summer 2023 Today!

For additional information, contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

Visit us at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Program begins in May 2023!

ENROLLING NOW FOR RAISE THE BAR SUMMER 2023

Enrollment is now open for **Raise the Bar Summer 2023**. Raise the Bar is a free supplemental program for St. Mary's graduates and includes one-on-one coaching, study and schedule guidance, simulated practice, informational sessions, and exclusive access to online resources. The Summer 2023 program will begin in May. Scan the QR code above to enroll today. Contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu if you have any questions. For information may be on the website at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>.

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Section A – OCI is Coming! Mandatory Career Planning Meeting**, Monday, April 3, 12:30 p.m., LC104
- **Section B – OCI is Coming! Mandatory Career Planning Meeting**, Tuesday, April 4, 12:30 p.m., LC104
- **Environmental Law Panel for Environmental Law Class**, Wednesday, April 5, 11:00 a.m., LC101
- **Federal Benefits Application Assistance**, Thursday, April 6, by appointment, Office of Career Strategy
- **Section C – OCI is Coming! Mandatory Career Planning Meeting**, Thursday, April 6, 2:00 p.m., LC104



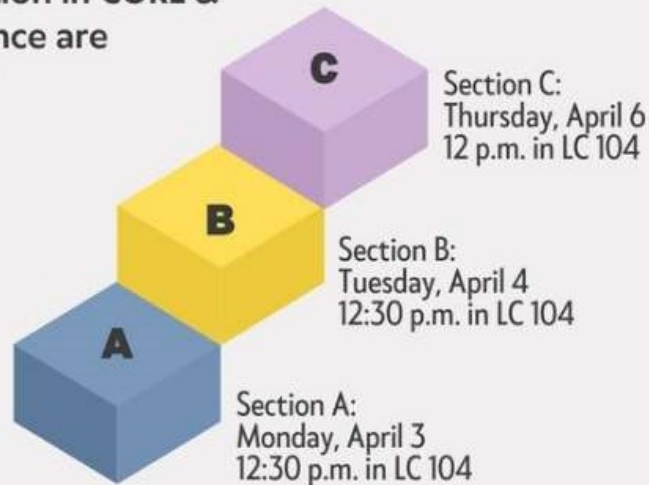
- **Tips for a Successful Summer Internship**, Tuesday, April 11, 12:15 p.m., LL217
- **Demystifying Judicial Clerkships**, Thursday, April 13, 12:30 p.m., Atrium

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

OCI is Coming! 1L Mandatory Career Planning Meeting



Registration in CORE &
Attendance are
Required



Interested in a Law Journal Dedicated to Giving a Voice to the Voiceless?

The Scholar: St. Mary's University
Law Review on Race & Social Justice

Open House

April 11, 2023

4:30 PM

Law Alumni Room

JOIN US AS WE DESCRIBE THE ORGANIZATION AND OPEN APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUME 26. WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU!



THE SCHOLAR OPEN HOUSE

Join The Scholar on **Tuesday, April 11** at 4:30 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room. They will discuss

their mission, how to become a staff writer, and more. The Scholar looks forward to meeting you.

If you have any questions, please email Caitlyn Collins at ccollins18@mail.stmarytx.edu or Greg Fink at gfink@mail.stmarytx.edu. See you soon!

A poster for mandatory May 2023 grad meetings. The background is a dark blue image of a building at night. The text is in white and yellow. The main title is 'MANDATORY MAY 2023 GRAD MEETINGS' in yellow. Below it is the date 'Wednesday, April 12, 2023' in white. A table lists the sessions: 12:15 PM LC100 In-person & Virtual Session, 5:00 PM LC105 In-person & Virtual Session, and 8:00 PM ZOOM Virtual Session ONLY. At the bottom, it says 'Join the virtual Zoom sessions at: https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/3578830125'.

MANDATORY MAY 2023 GRAD MEETINGS

Graduation is just around the corner.

Mandatory grad meetings for May 2023 candidates will be held **Wednesday, April 12, 2023**. Important details regarding Graduation activities and information regarding the Bar Exam and Raise the Bar program will be presented.

Meetings will be held throughout the day, both in-person and virtually. The link to join via Zoom is <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/3578830125>.

Please attend a session that best fits your schedule. All the best in your final weeks leading up to Graduation!

A poster for a judicial clerkship event. The background is dark with a blurred image of a person's hands and a wooden gavel with a gold band. The text is in white. The main title is 'DEMYSIFYING JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS' in large letters. Below it is 'WITH THE HONORABLE MARINA GARCIA MARMOLEJO '96'. At the bottom, it says 'APRIL 13, 2023' and 'ATRIUM'.



STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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The **deadline to apply** for Spring 2023 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

ABA 3L WEEK - APRIL 17-23

The American Bar Association will observe [ABA 3L Week](#) from April 17-23.

What is ABA 3L Week? Law students have faced unprecedented challenges attending school during a global pandemic and we believe students deserve to be recognized. That's why we are dedicating an entire week to celebrate 3Ls and their accomplishments.



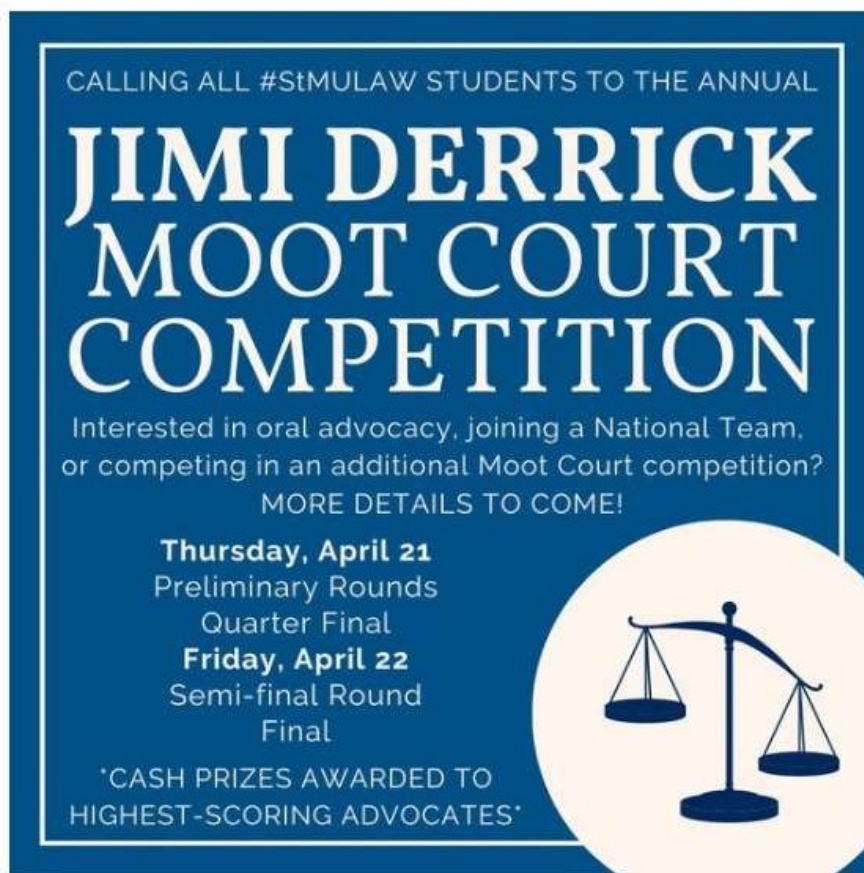
During 3L Week, the ABA Law Student Division will host a series of events , such as virtual programs "8 Essential Tips For First Time Bar Exam Takers," <https://abaforlawstudents.com/event/virtual-office-hours-8-essential-tips-for-first-time-takers/> "5 Tips for Bar Exam Success" with Helix Bar Prep by AccessLex, and offer an array of resources to graduating 3L students, including an exclusive membership offer.

Becoming an ABA member sets graduating law students up with access to tools and resources to jump start their career. Any Spring '23 law grad who signs up for their first full \$75 ABA membership during 3L Week will receive an exclusive gift from the ABA.

ABA 3L Week will include several opportunities and resources for graduating 3L students, including programming that offers practical advice and strategies for those preparing to sit for the July bar exam.

In addition, every graduating 3L who [signs up for their first professional ABA membership](#) (\$75 between April 17-23) will receive a "Bar Prep Care Package." Those who sign up during the

between April 17-23 will receive a Bar Prep Care Package. Those who sign up during the celebration will also be entered into a drawing for Amazon® gift cards up to \$500 and a grand prize of a travel package to the ABA Annual Meeting in Denver, August 2-8. See details, eligibility and rules [here](#).



CALLING ALL #StMULAW STUDENTS TO THE ANNUAL

JIMI DERRICK MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Interested in oral advocacy, joining a National Team,
or competing in an additional Moot Court competition?
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Thursday, April 21
Preliminary Rounds
Quarter Final

Friday, April 22
Semi-final Round
Final

*CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO
HIGHEST-SCORING ADVOCATES*

JIMI DERRICK CONSTITUTIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Calling ALL St. Mary's University School of Law students!

Are you interested in oral advocacy or are you interested in joining a National Team? Consider signing up for the annual Jimi Derrick Constitutional Moot Court Competition. This competition is sponsored in part by the Derrick Family and was established to honor the life and legacy of Jimi Derrick, a former student at St. Mary's University School of Law and the inspiration for this competition because of his love and enthusiasm for constitutional law. More details will be forthcoming.

Click on the link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAEA72AA2FEC16-20232>

CLASS OF 2023 - CLASS PHOTO & FIESTA FAREWELL

Class of 2023 Photo & Fiesta Farewell will be held **Friday, May 19**, at 2:00 p.m. in front of the RABA building.

The FIESTA SOCIAL will be held in the Law Courtyard. Food and drinks will be provided.



- Presentation of Service and Clinical Awards
- Blessing of the Law Graduates

Law graduates, their families, faculty, staff, and administrators are invited to attend.



ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL

VOLUME 55 WRITE-ON COMPETITION

COMPETE FOR A CHANCE TO BECOME A STAFF WRITER!

Competition packets available on TWEN starting May 24, 2023 at noon.
Submissions due June 14, 2023 at noon.

QUESTIONS?

Email: Regina Deason
rdeason@mail.stmarytx.edu

PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently



posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

American Arbitration Association. Diversity Scholarship Grants.

<https://www.aaacdrfoundation.org/diversity-scholarship>

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 4/15/2023.

law.nd.edu/smith-doheny

Tax Section, State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000. Deadline to apply is 4/21/2023.

<https://www.texassection.org/uploads/SBOT%20Tax%20Section%20Scholarship%20Application%202022.pdf>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.

<https://thesovereigntysymposium.com/writing-competition/>.

Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Section. Graduating 3L \$1,500 scholarship. Deadline to apply is 05/15/2023. <https://www.fedbar.org/criminal-law-section/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/2023/01/FBA-Criminal-Law-Section-Scholarship-2023.pdf>

Federal Bar Association, Honorable Constance Baker Motley Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Essay Competition. \$1,000, \$500, \$250. Deadline to apply is 05/12/2023.

<https://www.fedbar.org/the-hon-constance-baker-motley-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-young-member-essay-writing-competition/>

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. \$15,000; \$7,500; \$5,000; \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 05/31/2023. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>

James E. Beckley Securities Arbitration. \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750. Deadline to apply is 9/15/2023.

bit.ly/2023Beckley

ChIPs 2023 Scholarship for incoming 3L Students

The 2023 ChIPs scholarship program is now open for applications. ChIPs is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization that advances and connects women in technology, law, and policy. They seek to accelerate innovation through diversity of thought, participation, and engagement.



The scholarship is for incoming 3L U.S. law students and encourages women to pursue IP law. Two awards of \$10,000 each will be awarded to students entering their third or subsequent year of law school to be used toward tuition.

The link to the website with more information is:

[ChIPs Scholarships information](#)

The link to the application is:

[ChIPs 2023 Scholarship Application](#)

To qualify for the ChIPs Scholarship, applicants must:

- Identify as a woman.
- Be enrolled at a U.S. law school.
- Be entering her third or subsequent year.
- Be academically qualified with a GPA greater than 3.0.
- Demonstrate commitment to advancing and connecting women in technology, law, and policy.
- Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in IP.

Applications close on May 1, 2023.



RGV GIVES BACK
Student Scholarship

RGV Gives Back will be offering
TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000
scholarships to students who exhibit dedication,
leadership, and community involvement!

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have a College GPA of 2.5 or above,
Graduating Seniors must have a High School GPA of 3.0 or above
- Be from or living in the Rio Grande Valley
- Submit proof of enrollment or acceptance
- Submit an updated resume
- Submit a completed application

Application can be found on our website:
www.RGVGivesBack.org
Deadline to submit:
Saturday, May 13, 2023

 RGV Gives Back

The poster features a blue background with white graduation caps at the corners. The text is centered in white. To the right of the title is an illustration of several books on a shelf. The RGV Gives Back logo at the bottom consists of three stylized hands in red, yellow, and blue, with the text 'RGV Gives Back' below them.



RGV GIVES BACK STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

RGV Gives Back is excited to announce that we will be offering TEN Student Scholarships this year! We will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 student scholarships.

The application(s) will be available to all graduating seniors, current college/university students, graduate students, AND professional school students from the RGV who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement.

Please visit <http://www.RGVGivesBack.org> for the application and all instructions!



Don't miss your chance to win

\$5,000

toward your 2022-2023 tuition!



Pranita Dhurgana, '23
Penn State Dickinson Law
— November 2022 Winner —

AccessLex Institute is awarding **two \$5,000 scholarships per class** this winter.

- Next scholarship drawing: **February 1**
- The more MAX activities you complete, the better your chances of winning.

Get started today at:
AskEDNA.AccessLex.org

MAX is the **free** personal finance program developed exclusively for law students — brought to you by your law school and **nonprofit** AccessLex Institute.



NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> . She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.



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 student's application or

any matters affecting character and fitness not included in the student's 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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

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

LAW STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

JD students who are not native English speakers *may* be granted additional testing time. For requests and approval, schedule a meeting with Assistant Dean Alyssa Leffall at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> no later than **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, this means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or Dean Niesel may assist.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Pickle Sub Sandwiches with Turkey and Cheddar

<https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/276621/pickle-sub-sandwiches-with-turkey-cheddar/>

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<https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/276621/pickle-sub-sandwiches-with-turkey-cheddar/>



STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

Academic Support

The Office of Law Success
Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340



Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

**General Student Support****Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister**

(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Campus Recreation

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
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

**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

Experience the Lord's
love and mercy



Adoration and Confession

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



ST. MARY'S
UNIVERSITY

The Catholic and
Marionist University



Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you
want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your
resume and
professional network
by joining the nation's
largest association of
legal professionals.

Invest in Yourself. Join the ABA.

Student membership guides you through law school and into the profession with exclusive law student content, practice area-specific resources, and opportunities to connect with legal professionals. Go Premium (\$25/year) for extensive discounts on casebooks, study aids, and bar prep courses.

"The ABA has been
paramount in kick-starting
my legal career."

CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law



See What
Student
Membership
Means For You



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+ \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course

Leadership



Kaplan and JD Advising bar prep Give up to \$300!	✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Bundle (\$30 Value)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 20% on West Academic Casebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Theris Law School Excellence Package: Key Concept Sheets, Legal Terminology B2s, and 100+ Flashcard Sets	✓	
\$30 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Theris Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Theris Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, mindmaps, and guides	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 6 courses (\$40.00 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	30 days	30 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-Day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Leader magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Journals (\$75 Value)	Free & Digital	Free & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓

Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages
Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam roadmaps, and the like.

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

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CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



Bebe Gonzalez

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THIS WEEK

- **1L & 2L Summer Tips for Success**, April 11, 12:15 p.m., LL217.
- **The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race & Social Justice.**
Open house, April 11, 4:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room.
- **Order of Barristers** applications due April 12, 12:00 p.m.
- **Mandatory Graduation Meetings**, Wednesday, April 12. See below for times and locations.
- **Demystifying Judicial Clerkships**, April 13, 12:30 p.m., Atrium
- **Last day to apply for ADA Accommodations**, Friday, April 14.





BAYOU CLASSIC INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS RETURN HOME

Someone thought it would be a great idea to have a tournament Easter Weekend in New Orleans, Louisiana. Turns out they were right. This past weekend, the St. Mary's National Trial Team went undefeated in all of their rounds to secure yet another championship for the school.

An All 2L team consisting of **Meagan Folmar, Victoria Garza, Taylor Gutierrez** and **Roxanna Maiberger** traveled to the Bayou Classic Invitational Trial Advocacy Competition, hosted by Louisiana State University Law School. The team was coached by Adjunct Professors Steven A. Lopez and Jess Juneke along with Coach Meagan Ledesma. Many other coaches and alums assisted getting this team ready. This is Professor Lopez's first win as a coach. "I am so proud of these women. They were so coachable and had each other's backs from day one" said Coach Lopez. The St. Mary's team secured their victory by being the only team to win on the defense side of the case and they did it twice.

Congratulations to the team and everyone who helped get them ready!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 1L MOOT COURT CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the 2023 1L Moot Court Champions, Austin Halvorson and Grayson Russell. Both Austin and Grayson are members of St. Mary's School of Law's first fully-online section. Austin also won Best Advocate. Aaron Acevedo and Andrea Vela were finalists.

FACULTY ADVOCACY AWARDS AND ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

NOTE: The Order of Barristers Application and accompanying documents must be submitted by email to dhague@stmarytx.edu



DEADLINE: Applications due April 12, 2023, by 12:00 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 dhague@stmarytx.edu.

The Faculty Awards 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, which will take place on April 21.

Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full-time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Faculty Awards Committee, Professor Dave Hague, concerning your application or its contents, is strictly prohibited. **All applications must be submitted to Professor Hague by April 12, 2023, by 12:00 p.m. (CT) – no exceptions.**

2023-2024 STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

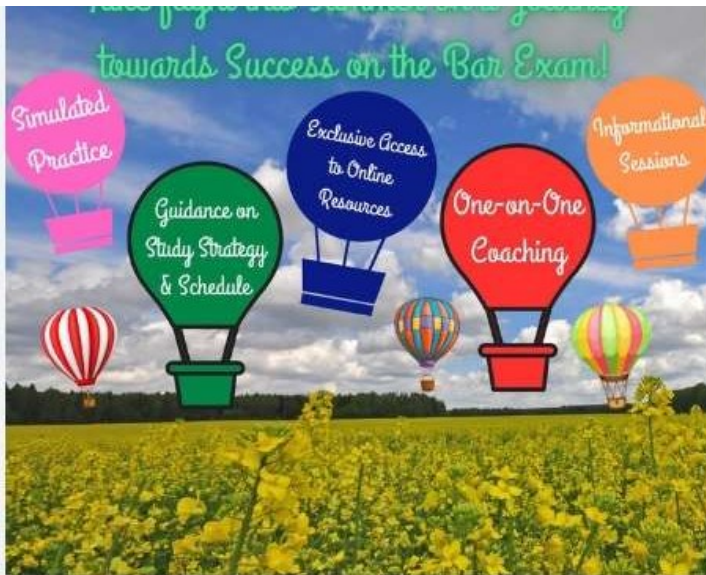
Congratulations to the newly elected SBA Executive Board:

- President - Erica Marrow
- Vice President - Arlene Smith
- Secretary - Samantha Martinez
- Treasurer - Carson Wienecke
- Election Commissioner - Emilie Herbst

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Easter Bunny for a special appearance at the PLUS Easter Egg Hunt last week. A great time was had by all.





RAISE the Bar

Register for
Summer 2023
Today!



For additional information,
contact Mr. Arturo Zapata,
Law Success Coordinator,
at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

Visit us at
<https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Program begins in May 2023!

ENROLLING NOW FOR RAISE THE BAR SUMMER 2023

Enrollment is now open for **Raise the Bar Summer 2023**. Raise the Bar is a free supplemental program for St. Mary's graduates and includes one-on-one coaching, study and schedule guidance, simulated practice, informational sessions, and exclusive access to online resources. The Summer 2023 program will begin in May. Scan the QR code above to enroll today. Contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu if you have any questions. For information may be on the website at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>.

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **Tips for a Successful Summer Internship**, Tuesday, April 11, 12:15 p.m., LL217
- **Demystifying Judicial Clerkships**, Thursday, April 13, 12:30 p.m., Atrium



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

Interested in a Law Journal Dedicated to Giving a Voice to the Voiceless?

The Scholar: St. Mary's University
Law Review on Race & Social Justice

Open House

April 11, 2023

4:30 PM

Law Alumni Room

JOIN US AS WE DESCRIBE THE ORGANIZATION AND OPEN APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUME 26. WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU!





THE SCHOLAR OPEN HOUSE

Join The Scholar on **Tuesday, April 11** at 4:30 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room. They will discuss their mission, how to become a staff writer, and more. The Scholar looks forward to meeting you.

If you have any questions, please email Caitlyn Collins at ccollins18@mail.stmarytx.edu or Greg Fink at gfink@mail.stmarytx.edu. See you soon!

1Ls & 2Ls

TIPS FOR SUMMER SUCCESS

APRIL 11, 2023
12:15 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
LL 217

MAY 18, 2023
12:15 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Via Zoom



Space is Limited.
Registration on CORE is required.

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MANDATORY MAY 2023 GRAD MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

12:15 PM	LC100	In-person & Virtual Session
5:00 PM	LC105	In-person & Virtual Session
8:00 PM	ZOOM	Virtual Session ONLY

Join the virtual Zoom sessions at:


MANDATORY MAY 2023 GRAD MEETINGS

Graduation is just around the corner.

Mandatory grad meetings for May 2023 candidates will be held **Wednesday, April 12, 2023**. Important details regarding Graduation activities and information regarding the Bar Exam and Raise the Bar program will be presented.

Meetings will be held throughout the day, both in-person and virtually. The link to join via Zoom is <https://stmarytx.zoom.us/j/3578830125>.


Please attend a session that best fits your schedule. All the best in your final weeks leading up to Graduation!



**DEMYSTIFYING
JUDICIAL
CLERKSHIPS**
WITH THE HONORABLE
MARINA GARCIA MARMOLEJO '96

APRIL 13, 2023
ATRIUM
12:30 P.M.

SPACE IS LIMITED;
REGISTER IN THE
EVENTS TAB IN CORE

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STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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<https://gatewayjournal.usc.edu/group/ny-campus-services/academic-services/>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information.

The **deadline to apply** for Spring 2023 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

ABA 3L WEEK - APRIL 17-23

The American Bar Association will observe [ABA 3L Week](#) from April 17-23.

What is ABA 3L Week? Law students have faced unprecedented challenges attending school during a global pandemic and we believe students deserve to be recognized. That's why we are dedicating an entire week to celebrate 3Ls and their accomplishments.



During 3L Week, the ABA Law Student Division will host a series of events , such as virtual programs “8 Essential Tips For First Time Bar Exam Takers,” <https://abaforlawstudents.com/event/virtual-office-hours-8-essential-tips-for-first-time-takers/> “5 Tips for Bar Exam Success” with Helix Bar Prep by AccessLex, and offer an array of resources to graduating 3L students, including an exclusive membership offer.

Becoming an ABA member sets graduating law students up with access to tools and resources to jump start their career. Any Spring '23 law grad who signs up for their first full \$75 ABA membership during 3L Week will receive an exclusive gift from the ABA.

ABA 3L Week will include several opportunities and resources for graduating 3L students, including programming that offers practical advice and strategies for those preparing to sit for the July bar exam.

In addition, every graduating 3L who [signs up for their first professional ABA membership](#) (\$75) between April 17-23 will receive a “Bar Prep Care Package.” Those who sign up during the celebration will also be entered into a drawing for Amazon® gift cards up to \$500 and a grand prize of a travel package to the ABA Annual Meeting in Denver, August 2-8. See details, eligibility and rules [here](#).

CALLING ALL #StMULAW STUDENTS TO THE ANNUAL

JIMI DERRICK MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Interested in oral advocacy, joining a National Team,
or competing in an additional Moot Court competition?
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Thursday, April 21
 Preliminary Rounds
 Quarter Final
Friday, April 22
 Semi-final Round
 Final
 *CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO
 HIGHEST-SCORING ADVOCATES*



JIMI DERRICK CONSTITUTIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Calling ALL St. Mary's University School of Law students!

Are you interested in oral advocacy or are you interested in joining a National Team? Consider signing up for the annual Jimi Derrick Constitutional Moot Court Competition. This competition is sponsored in part by the Derrick Family and was established to honor the life and legacy of Jimi Derrick, a former student at St. Mary's University School of Law and the inspiration for this competition because of his love and enthusiasm for constitutional law. More details will be forthcoming.

Click on the link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAEA72AA2FEC16-20232>



TUESDAY
 May 16, 2023
 12:15 p.m.
 Via Zoom

REGISTER IN CORE
EMAIL US YOUR QUESTIONS
 LAW.CAREER.STRATEGY@STMARYTX.EDU

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 AND SUMMER JOB FAIRS

INFO SESSION

CLASS OF 2023 - CLASS PHOTO & FIESTA FAREWELL

Class of 2023 Photo & Fiesta Farewell will be held **Friday, May 19,**



at 2:00 p.m. in front of the Raba building.

The Fiesta social will be held in the Law Courtyard. Food and drinks will be provided.

- Presentation of Service and Clinical Awards
- Blessing of the Law Graduates

Law graduates, their families, faculty, staff, and administrators are invited to attend.



ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL

VOLUME 55 WRITE-ON COMPETITION

COMPETE FOR A CHANCE TO BECOME A STAFF WRITER!

Competition packets available on TWEN starting May 24, 2023 at noon.
Submissions due June 14, 2023 at noon.

QUESTIONS?

Email: Regina Deason
rdeason@mail.stmarytx.edu

PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to



complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

Download

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

American Arbitration Association. Diversity Scholarship Grants.

<https://www.aaacdrfoundation.org/diversity-scholarship>

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition. \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 4/15/2023.

law.nd.edu/smith-doheny

Tax Section, State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000. Deadline to apply is 4/21/2023.

<https://www.texasbar.org/uploads/SBOT%20Tax%20Section%20Scholarship%20Application%202022.pdf>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.

<https://thesovereigntysymposium.com/writing-competition/>.

Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Section. Graduating 3L \$1,500 scholarship. Deadline to

apply is 05/15/2023. <https://www.fedbar.org/criminal-law-section/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/2023/01/FBA-Criminal-Law-Section-Scholarship-2023.pdf>

Federal Bar Association, Honorable Constance Baker Motley Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Essay Competition. \$1,000, \$500, \$250. Deadline to apply is 05/12/2023.

<https://www.fedbar.org/the-hon-constance-baker-motley-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-young-member-essay-writing-competition/>

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. \$15,000; \$7,500; \$5,000; \$2,500. Deadline to

apply is 05/31/2023. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>

James E. Beckley Securities Arbitration. \$1,500, \$1,00, \$750. Deadline to apply is 9/15/2023. bit.ly/2023Beckley

ChIPs 2023 Scholarship for incoming 3L Students

The 2023 ChIPs scholarship program is now open for applications. ChIPs is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization that advances and connects women in technology, law, and policy. They seek to accelerate innovation through diversity of thought, participation, and engagement.



The scholarship is for incoming 3L U.S. law students and encourages women to pursue IP law. Two awards of \$10,000 each will be awarded to students entering their third or subsequent year of law school to be used toward tuition.

The link to the website with more information is:

[ChIPs Scholarships information](#)

The link to the application is:

[ChIPs 2023 Scholarship Application](#)

To qualify for the ChIPs Scholarship, applicants must:

- Identify as a woman.
- Be enrolled at a U.S. law school.
- Be entering her third or subsequent year.
- Be academically qualified with a GPA greater than 3.0.
- Demonstrate commitment to advancing and connecting women in technology, law, and policy.
- Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in IP.

Applications close on May 1, 2023.

A blue poster with white text and icons. At the top, there are three graduation caps. Below them, the text reads "RGV GIVES BACK Student Scholarship". To the right of the text is an illustration of a stack of books. Below the title, it says "RGV Gives Back will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 scholarships to students who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement!". Underneath that, it says "REQUIREMENTS:" followed by a bulleted list: "• Must have a College GPA of 2.5 or above, Graduating Seniors must have a High School GPA of 3.0 or above", "• Be from or living in the Rio Grande Valley", and "• Submit proof of enrollment or acceptance".

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- Submit proof of enrollment or acceptance

- Submit an updated resume
- Submit a completed application



Application can be found on our website:
www.RGVGivesBack.org
 Deadline to submit:
 Saturday, May 13, 2023

RGV GIVES BACK STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

RGV Gives Back is excited to announce that we will be offering TEN Student Scholarships this year! We will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 student scholarships.

The application(s) will be available to all graduating seniors, current college/university students, graduate students, AND professional school students from the RGV who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement.

Please visit <http://www.RGVGivesBack.org> for the application and all instructions!



Don't miss your chance to win

\$5,000

toward your 2022-2023 tuition!



Pranita Dhungana, '23
 Penn State Dickinson Law
 — November 2022 Winner —

AccessLex Institute is awarding **two \$5,000 scholarships per class** this winter.

- ☑ Next scholarship drawing: **February 1**
- ☑ The more MAX activities you complete, the better your chances of winning.

Get started today at:
AskEDNA.AccessLex.org

MAX is the **free** personal finance program developed exclusively for law students — brought to you by your law school and nonprofit AccessLex Institute.



NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>. She may also be reached at aleffall@psd.edu or by phone at 717-245-1316.



reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.

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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The **deadline to apply** for Spring 2023 accommodations is **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

JD students who are not native English speakers *may* be granted additional testing time. For requests and approval, schedule a meeting with Assistant Dean Alyssa Leffall at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> no later than **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, this means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or Dean Niesel may assist.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Tomato Basil Wrap with Mozzarella

<https://allnutritious.com/tomato-basil-wrap/>



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STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

Academic Support

The Office of Law Success

Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu



General Student Support

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Campus Recreation

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
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

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



Experience the Lord's
love and mercy

Adoration and Confession

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



The Catholic and
Marist University



Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you
want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your
resume and
professional network
by joining the nation's
largest association of
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Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, webinars, and videos	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 1L courses (\$89.99 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	80 days	30 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Group (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$73 Value)	Free 4 Issues	Free 4 Issues
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓

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ABA Bar Prep Program

Premium Members Only

Themis
BarReview

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages

Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam outlines, and the like.

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$80 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.



CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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THIS WEEK

- **ABA 3L Week.** See below for series of events.
- **Law Success is Hiring.** Take a look to see all available positions.
- **Coffee and Conchas,** Tuesday, 4/18, 10:00 a.m., Law Courtyard.
- **Transforming Spaces: How to Create a Neurodiversity-Affirming Environment,** Tuesday, 4/18, 12:30 p.m., University Center-Conference Rm. B
- **FGP Bake Sale,** Wednesday, 4/19, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Law Classrooms building
- **Jimmi Derrick Moot Court Competition,** Friday, 4/21
- **SAYLA Inaugural All Day CLE,** Friday, 4/21, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Botanical Gardens.



BOARD OF ADVOCATES ENJOYS HISTORIC FIRST AND THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM CONTINUES THEIR BEST YEAR

This past weekend, The Board of Advocates (BOA) hosted the American Bar Association's Representation in Mediation National Finals on our campus.

The BOA first hosted eighty teams from around the country via Zoom to determine the best eight teams in the country. Those teams then traveled to San Antonio for the Finals which had a mediator and three judges in every room. Several faculty members participated in judging the tournament which was overseen by Professor Rishi Batra and the BOA. The eight schools participating were University of Denver, California Western, Arizona State, The Ohio State, Liberty University, Florida International and two teams from St. Mary's. ASU and OSU competed in the final round with The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law declared the National Champion. Our own 2Ls, **Duncan Farrish and Paige Hawkins** were crowned National Semi-Finalists.



We could not be more proud of our National Dispute Resolution Team and the Board of Advocates. The BOA committee members are, Tournament Director James Toye, Nicole Bongiorno, Sophia Richardson Sydney Senter, Audrey Capra, BOA Chair Arieana Martinez, Casey Dunn, Dominic Alves, Elizabeth Haratsis and Julia Awad. **Congratulations** to all.

NOW HIRING

The Office of Law Success is hiring for several student positions. Please see the below announcements for additional information.



NOW HIRING
RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Assistant Dean of Law Success Afton Cavanaugh is seeking an RA to assist with research related to legal education, estate planning, and the bar exam.

This position will start in Summer 2023. If you are interested, please email your resume to Dean Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu



NOW HIRING

First Generation Bootcamp TAs

If you are interested in helping incoming first-generation 1L students meet and overcome the challenges of law school, we invite you to apply to be a TA for our 3rd Annual Bootcamp. The bootcamp will be held virtually July 24 - 27 and in-person July 31 - August 3.



Apply Today!
DEADLINE TO APPLY:
MAY 15, 2023

If you would like to learn more about the position or are interested in applying, please reach out and/or send your resume to Assistant Dean of Law Success Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu

**Application
Requirements:**

- 1) Resume
- 2) Writing Sample
- 3) Interview

If you are interested in applying, please send your resume and writing sample to
Mr. Arturo Zapata,
Law Success Coordinator,
at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

**DEADLINE TO APPLY:
MAY 1, 2023**

NOW HIRING Writing Fellows

The Office of Law Success is excited to launch a Writing Center this summer! We are seeking inaugural Writing Fellows to be part of this new initiative.

If you would like to learn more about this position, please contact Assistant Dean of Law Success Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu.



Now
HIRING

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT
for
Associate Dean of
Academic Affairs Zoe Niesel**

Dean Niesel's RA will assist in research related to legal education and topics in Civil Procedure. This position will begin in Summer 2023.

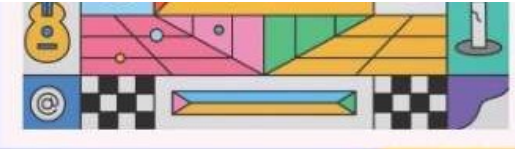
Apply Today!

Please send in your resume to Dean Niesel at zniesel@stmarytx.edu.

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE**Save the Date**

- OCS and Summer Job Fairs Info Session Tuesday, May 16


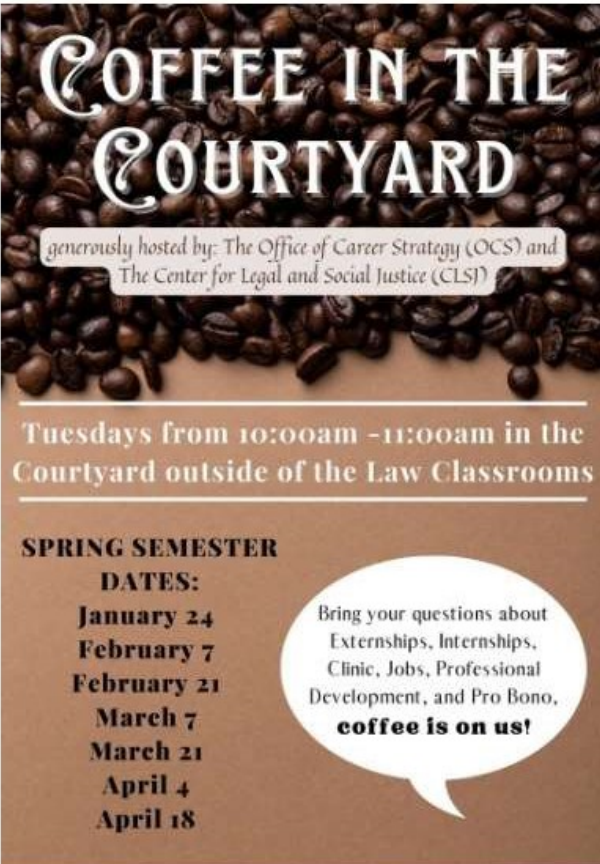




4/11/2023 WHAT IS NEURODIVERSITY? 12:30-1:30 UC-B

4/18/2023 HOW TO CREATE A NEURODIVERSITY AFFIRMING ENVIRONMENT 12:30-1:30 UC-B

REGISTER FOR LUNCH

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

generously hosted by: The Office of Career Strategy (OCS) and The Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ)

Tuesdays from 10:00am - 11:00am in the Courtyard outside of the Law Classrooms

SPRING SEMESTER DATES:

- January 24
- February 7
- February 21
- March 7
- March 21
- April 4
- April 18

Bring your questions about Externships, Internships, Clinic, Jobs, Professional Development, and Pro Bono. **coffee is on us!**

COFFEE AND CONCHAS

Come to the LAST Coffee in the Courtyard Event of the semester. The Mentor Circles team is joining the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ), and Office of Career Strategy (OCS) for Coffee in the Courtyard **Tuesday, April 18 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Enjoy some iced coffee, conchas, and bring your questions about upcoming Mentor Circles, PB opportunities, Clinic applications, Externship, professional development, and networking!



FIRST GENERATION PROFESSIONALS PRESENT

FGP SPRING 2023 BAKE SALE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING LOBBY

There's a treat for everybody.

For any inquiries, please contact Vanessa Ortega at
vortega9@mail.stmarytx.edu.



SEE YOU AT OUR BAKE SALE!



CALLING ALL #StMULAW STUDENTS TO THE ANNUAL

JIMI DERRICK MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Interested in oral advocacy, joining a National Team,
or competing in an additional Moot Court competition?

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Thursday, April 21

Preliminary Rounds

Quarter Final

Friday, April 22

Semi-final Round

Final

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HIGHEST-SCORING ADVOCATES*



JIMI DERRICK CONSTITUTIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Calling ALL St. Mary's University School of Law students!

Are you interested in oral advocacy or are you interested in joining a National Team? Consider signing up for the annual Jimi Derrick Constitutional Moot Court Competition. This competition is sponsored in part by the Derrick Family and was established to honor the life and legacy of Jimi Derrick, a former student at St. Mary's University School of Law and the inspiration for this competition because of his love and enthusiasm for constitutional law. More details will be forthcoming.

Click on the link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAEA72AA2FEC16-20232>



**Please
Save
the Date**

Friday
4/21/2023

SAYLA
★ San Antonio Young Lawyers Association ★
proudly presents its

**Inaugural All-Day CLE
"Lawyer Starter Pack: The
Fundamentals of an Ethical and
Successful Practice"**

Date: Friday, April 21, 2023
Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Location: San Antonio Botanical Gardens, 555 Funston
Place, San Antonio, Texas 78209
CLE: 5.5 hrs (2.5 ethics) (pending)

**1Ls & 2Ls
TIPS FOR SUMMER SUCCESS**

**MAY 18, 2023
12:15 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Via Zoom**

WORK ENVIRONMENTS

- Small- to medium-sized firms
- Public Service
- District Attorney's Office
- Big Law

**REGISTRATION IN CORE
IS REQUIRED**



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Take flight this Summer on a Journey
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Today!



For additional information,
contact Mr. Arturo Zapata,
Law Success Coordinator,
at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

Visit us at
<https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Program begins in May 2023!

ENROLLING NOW FOR RAISE THE BAR SUMMER 2023

Enrollment is now open for **Raise the Bar Summer 2023**. Raise the Bar is a free supplemental program for St. Mary's graduates and includes one-on-one coaching, study and schedule guidance, simulated practice, informational sessions, and exclusive access to online resources. The Summer 2023 program will begin in May. Scan the QR code above to enroll today. Contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu if you have any questions. For information may be on the website at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>.

1Ls & 2Ls

TIPS FOR SUMMER SUCCESS

APRIL 11, 2023
12:15 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
LL 217

MAY 18, 2023
12:15 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Via Zoom

Space is Limited.
Registration on CORE is required.



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OFFICE OF
CAREER STRATEGY





TUESDAY
May 16, 2023
12:15 p.m.
Via Zoom

REGISTER IN CORE

EMAIL US YOUR QUESTIONS

 LAW CAREER STRATEGY@STMARYTX.EDU

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AND SUMMER JOB FAIRS

INFO SESSION

CLASS OF 2023 - CLASS PHOTO & FIESTA FAREWELL

Class of 2023 Photo & Fiesta Farewell will be held **Friday, May 19**, at 2:00 p.m. in front of the Raba building.

The Fiesta social will be held in the Law Courtyard. Food and drinks will be provided.

- Presentation of Service and Clinical Awards
- Blessing of the Law Graduates

Law graduates, their families, faculty, staff, and administrators are invited to attend.



ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL

VOLUME 55 WRITE-ON COMPETITION

COMPETE FOR A CHANCE TO BECOME A STAFF WRITER!

Competition packets available on TWEN starting May 24, 2023 at noon.

Submissions due June 14, 2023 at noon.

QUESTIONS?

Email: Regina Deason
rdeason@mail.stmarytx.edu

PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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93.0 KB

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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

American Arbitration Association. Diversity Scholarship Grants.
<https://www.aaacdfoundation.org/diversity-scholarship>

Tax Section, State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000. Deadline to apply is 4/21/2023.
<https://www.texasbar.org/uploads/SBOT%20Tax%20Section%20Scholarship%20Application%202022.pdf>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.
<https://thesovereignsymposium.com/writing-competition/>.

Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Section. Graduating 3L \$1,500 scholarship. Deadline to apply is 05/15/2023. <https://www.fedbar.org/criminal-law-section/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/2023/01/FBA-Criminal-Law-Section-Scholarship-2023.pdf>

Federal Bar Association, Honorable Constance Baker Motley Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Essay Competition. \$1,000, \$500, \$250. Deadline to apply is 05/12/2023.
<https://www.fedbar.org/the-hon-constance-baker-motley-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-young-member-essay-writing-competition/>

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. \$15,000; \$7,500; \$5,000; \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 05/31/2023. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>

James E. Beckley Securities Arbitration. \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750. Deadline to apply is 9/15/2023.
bit.ly/2023Beckley

ChIPs 2023 Scholarship for incoming 3L Students

The 2023 ChIPs scholarship program is now open for applications. ChIPs is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization that advances and connects women in technology, law, and policy. They seek to accelerate innovation through diversity of thought, participation, and engagement.



The scholarship is for incoming 3L U.S. law students and encourages women to pursue IP law. Two awards of \$10,000 each will be awarded to students entering their third or subsequent year of law school to be used toward tuition.

The link to the website with more information is:
[ChIPs Scholarships information](#)

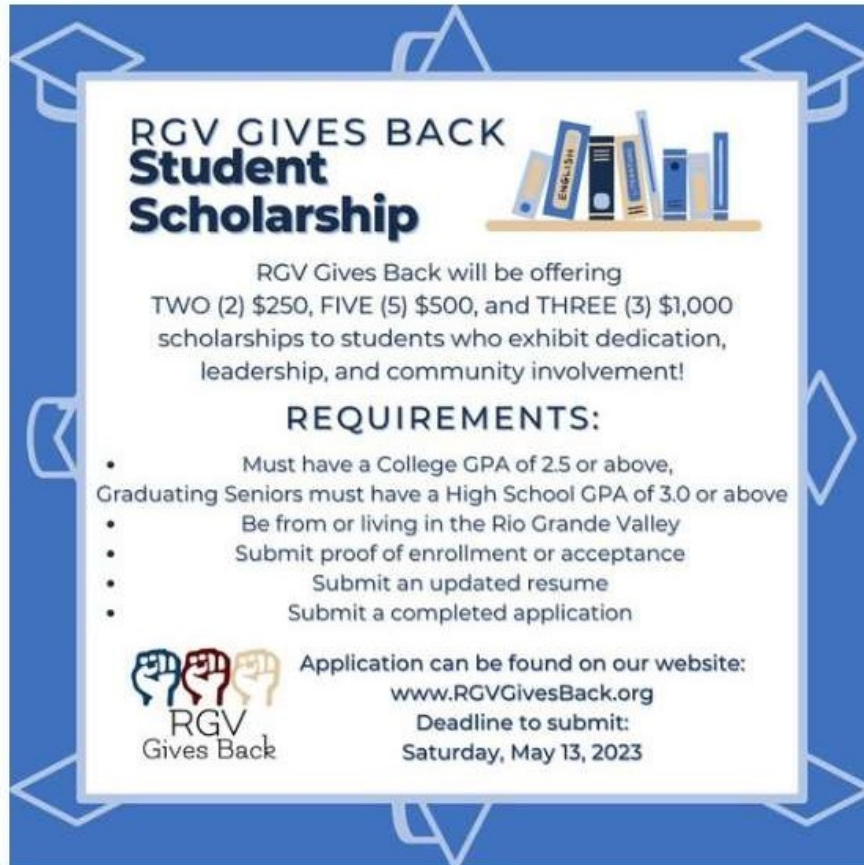
The link to the application is:
[ChIPs 2023 Scholarship Application](#)

To qualify for the ChIPs Scholarship, applicants must:

- Identify as a woman.
- Be enrolled at a U.S. law school.
- Be entering her third or subsequent year.

- Be academically qualified with a GPA greater than 3.0.
- Demonstrate commitment to advancing and connecting women in technology, law, and policy.
- Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in IP.

Applications close on May 1, 2023.



RGV GIVES BACK
Student Scholarship

RGV Gives Back will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 scholarships to students who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement!

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have a College GPA of 2.5 or above, Graduating Seniors must have a High School GPA of 3.0 or above
- Be from or living in the Rio Grande Valley
- Submit proof of enrollment or acceptance
- Submit an updated resume
- Submit a completed application

Application can be found on our website:
www.RGVGivesBack.org
Deadline to submit:
Saturday, May 13, 2023

RGV Gives Back

RGV GIVES BACK STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

RGV Gives Back is excited to announce that we will be offering TEN Student Scholarships this year! We will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 student scholarships.

The application(s) will be available to all graduating seniors, current college/university students, graduate students, AND professional school students from the RGV who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement.

Please visit <http://www.RGVGivesBack.org> for the application and all instructions!

\$50,000 MAX HANNAH R. ARTERIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR 1Ls

Calling all 1Ls: Complete the eight-part Financial Foundations course and attend at least two MAX events to be automatically entered into the \$50,000 MAX Hannah R. Arterian Memorial Scholarship Drawing on May 1.

The AccessLex Institute will have a \$50,000 scholarship drawing in



The AccessLex Institute will have a \$50,000 scholarship drawing in honor of Hannah R. Arterian for 1Ls only. In order for 1Ls to enter, you will need to complete the eight part financial foundations courses located on AccessLex's AskEdna platform, as well as attend at least two MAX events—also available on the AskEdna platform.

More information may be found here:

<https://askedna.accesslex.org/pages/45/ask-edna>



Don't miss your chance to win

\$5,000

toward your 2022-2023 tuition!



AccessLex Institute is awarding **two \$5,000 scholarships per class** this winter.

- Next scholarship drawing: **February 1**
- The more MAX activities you complete, the better your chances of winning.

Get started today at:
AskEDNA.AccessLex.org

MAX is the **free** personal finance program developed exclusively for law students — brought to you by your law school and nonprofit AccessLex Institute.



AMARILLO AREA BAR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Amarillo Area Bar Foundation is awarding \$2,500 scholarships to students attending law school during fall 2023 and spring 2024.

The scholarship announcement and application are available at www.amarillobar.org.



Completed applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on **May 16, 2023**.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her



Calendar link at <https://calendar.com/airrail>. She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210.436.3539.

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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The **deadline to apply** for Spring 2023 accommodations is **closed**. Students may now apply for Fall accommodations through **November 10, 2023**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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/administrationfinance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, this means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or Dean Niesel may assist.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Vegetarian Italian Hoagie

<https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/252443/vegetarian-italian-hoagies/>

This is a versatile recipe. You may make the hoagie with or without



bread. You may also add your favorite proteins; turkey, chicken, pepperoni, salami or even meatballs.



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STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>



The Office of Law Success

Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdudedawson@stmarytx.edu

General Student Support**Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister**

(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Campus Recreation

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
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

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



Experience the Lord's
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Adoration and Confession

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
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- A legal career quiz that will help you gain a sense of what career path is the right fit for you

Still deciding what area of law you
want to pursue?

- Law students can explore many different practice areas by joining up to five ABA Member Groups for free.
- ABA Member Groups allow you to expand your network by connecting with experts in a specific field, increase your knowledge of a practice area, and join the conversation on trending topics.

Build your
resume and
professional network
by joining the nation's
largest association of
legal professionals.

Invest in Yourself. Join the ABA.

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paramount in kick-starting
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Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
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Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to law, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
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Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	80 days	10 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-Day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Journals (\$75 Value)	Print & Digital	Print & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓

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Themis
Bar Review

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages

Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam roadmaps, and the like.

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- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
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- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
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JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rep Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center, which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.

CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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THE JIMI DERRICK AND THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

This year, the St. Mary's School of Law Board of Advocates partnered with the Federal Bar Association to host *The Jimi Derrick and the Federal Bar Association San Antonio Chapter Memorial Moot Court Competition* at the new Federal Courthouse downtown. This partnership is the result of Dean Alvaro Bellido de Luna's leadership and vision in making this internal competition an inspiring cornerstone competition for St. Mary's and the students. This is a competition for all law students at St. Mary's, but we are especially proud that this year half of our competitors were first year law students. As a testament to the quality of students that St. Mary's has this year, our Champion of this competition and Best Rookie was Daniel Ramirez, a first-year student. Of the four semifinalists, Daniel Ramirez, Emily Garcia, and Samuel Tunnel are all first-year law students, and Caitlin Sullivan is a second-year law student and member of the National Team.

This year, the competition director and Board of Advocates Chair of Alumni Relations, Sophia Richardson, along with her committee, Arieana Martinez, Layne Mustian, Emily Mann, Amy Russo, Jayden Cool, Jenny Shamon, and Kaelie Bernard, worked tirelessly to plan and coordinate every aspect of the competition. The constitutional problem argued in this competition was written by National Team members Layne Mustian and Emily Mann. The students were judged by volunteers Federal Bar Association members, former St. Mary's National Team members, St. Mary's National Team coaches, and current sitting judge and justices. The Finalist, Caitlin Sullivan, and the Champion, Daniel Ramirez competed in front of Justices Beth Watkins and Lori Valenzuela of the Fourth Court of Appeals, and Judge Craig Casazza, Chief Clerk, Judge of the Western District

Fourth Court of Appeals, and Judge Craig Gargotta, Chief Bankruptcy Judge of the Western District of Texas.

Jimi Derrick's mother, Dr. Rebecca Millikin and her husband, Dr. Lee Millikin, attended both days of the competition and watched each competitor at least once. The Millikins spent time talking with the students between rounds and encouraging our advocates to bring their best to the competition. We are grateful for their continued support and encouragement of young advocates.

We want to thank the student competitors, our Board of Advocates, the Derrick Family, and the Federal Bar Association for the combined efforts and dedication to this competition. We want to give a special thanks to the Federal Courthouse staff for the help, attention, and accommodations, and are especially grateful for the support of the court clerks Louis Fuentes and Kim Nguyen. Finally, we are thankful for the leadership and support of Dean Alvaro Bellido de Luna, Dean Patricia Roberts, and the many others that support this competition year after year.

Congratulations are in order as follows:

Semifinalists

Samuel Tunnel and Emily Garcia

Finalist

Caitlin Sullivan

Champion

Daniel Ramirez

Best Rookie

Daniel Ramirez

BARRISTERS HONORS CELEBRATES RECORD BREAKING YEAR

This past week, the law school celebrated the success of the National Team. This was a record-breaking year celebrating competition, individual awards and of course the Faculty Awards. A new scholarship was created with the San Antonio chapter of the Texas American Board of Trial Attorneys awarding the best Trial Advocate \$3,000 at the awards banquet. Those honored included our champions from the 2022-2023 school year. The National Team

had an unprecedented year hosting or supporting a total of 39 competitions, three of which included national championships. These competitions hosted thousands of students and members from the bench and bar from across the United States who saw our name and logo and our commitment to advocacy across the country. In addition to hosting, our competing teams had the best year ever recorded in our school's history:

Five National Championships, Four Regional Championships, One State Championship, Six Finals, Ten Semi-Finals, Six Quarter or Octo-Finals and 28 individual awards.

The awards were presented as follows:

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Special Recognition Awards (SRA) are presented during Barristers for those who support and



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Dr. Rebecca Millikin was awarded the Supporter of Advocacy Award. Dr. Millikin is the mother of Jimi Derrick, who along with James Derrick sponsored a moot competition every year after Jimi's passing. This year, Jimi's parents allowed us to combine the competition with the Federal Bar Association and have the entire competition held at the new Federal Courthouse. As a result, we will be able to share this year's \$13,500 with several students.

The Champion of Advocacy Award was given to **Maxine Scott**. Every year at Barristers, Professor L. Wayne Scott would ask everyone to raise a glass in the memory of his first wife and to take a moment to think and thank all of those who have supported them, pushed them and helped make them the advocates they are today. It seemed fitting this year to honor Professor Scott and to also honor Maxine who for more than 35 years has supported our students, advocacy and Professor Scott.

The Rock Award is given to one student who supported the program the most during their two years on the team. **Ms. Savina Tapia** was presented with the award this year.

An outstanding 2L and 3L from the Board of Advocates are voted by their peers. This year's Outstanding 2L BOA Member is **James Toye** and the Outstanding 3L BOA Member is **Arieana Martinez**

FACULTY AWARDS

The Faculty Awards Committee reviews nominations for the faculty awards. These awards are the highest honors given in the Advocacy Program. A member from the Board of Advocates, Trial Team, ADR and Moot Court are selected for their outstanding work. One graduating member is selected for the Judge Jack B. Miller Award for Integrity, Dedication & Professionalism and our highest award, the Patricia Scott Award. The committee reviews applications and also awards students for the Litigation and Advocacy Awards and we welcomed our newest members to the Order of the Barrister. The recipient of the Outstanding Board of Advocates Service award is **Arieana Alexia Martinez**. **Dominic Thomas Alves** received the Outstanding Negotiation's award. The Outstanding Mock Trial and the San Antonio Chapter of TX-ABOTA Scholarship was awarded to **Ryan Dwight Vereen**.

The Texas State Bar Association Award for Appellate Excellence. Each year, the Appellate Section of the State Bar of Texas presents the [Award for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy](#) to one student at each of Texas' ten law school. The recipient is chosen by the faculty of the law school for his or her written and oral advocacy and for the career promise the recipient shows in the field of appellate advocacy. This year the award went to two outstanding advocates, **Kathryn Cantu** and **Haley Souza** and the Outstanding Moot Court award was presented to **Haley Souza**.

The Judge Jack B. Miller Award for Integrity, Dedication & Professionalism. Judge Miller started the advocacy program at St. Mary's. He was a professor who taught appellate and trial advocacy and was a sitting judge. He was known for his dedication to his students and the art of advocacy and ensured everyone knew the importance of integrity and professionalism. It is in his name and for what he stood for that the faculty created this award. This year's recipient is **Kimberly Reese Ervin**.

The Litigation and Advocacy Award. This award was established in 2020 and is given annually to graduating students selected by the Faculty Awards Committee for their contribution to the school's achievements in intra- and interschool advocacy competitions. To be considered for selection to The Litigation and Advocacy Award, graduating students must meet several criteria, including the applicant must have exhibited professionalism, e.g., competence, ethical behavior.

and teamwork. A student selected for the Order of the Barrister may not receive the Litigation and Advocacy Award. This year's Litigation and Advocacy Award winners are **Sarah Dunning Bourland, Leigh Ann Greenberg, Vanessa Michelle Herrera, Cody James Kent, Brenda Elena Marichalar, Arieana Alexia Martinez, Raven Chanel Peña, Kimberly Reese Ervin, Sophia Christine Richardson, Genesis Salinas, Jenny Laith Shamoon, Vanessa Tanith Skillman and Savina Gwendolyn Tapia.**

The Order of the Barrister is an honor society for United States law school graduates. Membership in the Order of Barristers is limited to graduating law students and practicing lawyers who demonstrate exceptional skill in trial advocacy, oral advocacy, and brief writing. The Order is highly selective and provides national recognition to the top advocates at their respective law schools. This year, two Dispute Resolution Advocates were added by the Order to every school, to acknowledge all of the phases of client matter. This year's inductees are **Kathryn Lauren Cantu, Haley Harvey, Ryan Dwight Vereen, Daniela F. Jimenez, Maria Nereida, Jaimes. Caitlin T. Hennessy, Mariela Encinas, Sommer Kaitlyn Hazel, Daisy J. Ramirez, Christian Rolando Ramon, Dominic Thomas Alves and Bailey Ferguson Wylie.**

The Patricia Scott Award is the highest award given by the faculty. This is endowed award by the Scott family after the passing of his first wife Patricia. When a young Wayne Scott went to law school, he became enamored with the moot court program. He became a member of the team and it hurt some of his other studies. Wayne Scott was married to Patricia before law school and she supported him throughout the ordeal. It was Patricia that pushed Professor Scott to stick with Moot Court and he has enjoyed a long and fruitful career because of that support. Professor Scott and his wife Maxine, along with the generous gifts of his family, friends and graduates have contributed to Patricia Scott Award. The award is presented to the person who is deemed by their coaches and the faculty to be the best graduating advocate for their advocacy and their service to St. Mary's. This year's recipient of the Patricia Scott Award was presented to **Kathryn Lauren Cantu.**

2023-2024 NEW NATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS NAMED

In addition to hosting a national final and the Jimi Derrick Competition, one more travel competition and preparing for Barristers Honors, the National Team was hard at work selecting their newest members. They had a great year in 2022-23 with 133 members on the team. "I anticipate our new team consisting of a record breaking 145 members will have an even better year" said Assistant Dean A.J. Bellido de Luna. While they are still reviewing candidates for a few remaining positions, they are happy to announce the newest members to the National Team.



THE 2023-2024 BOARD OF ADVOCATES

Malachi Bravo, Joseph Castellano, Carlie Crenwelge, Nadine Marshall Cox, Cameron Crivellari, Fulya Degirmenci, London Delks, Kambri Garcia, Kristina Loza-Garcia, Ivana Kentera, Arthur Meaney, Holly Mendez, Meghan Monahan, Haley Entrop Ozment, Lauren Ramirez, Nydia Ramirez, Andrea Reyes, John Vincent and Carson Wienecke.

THE INTERNATIONAL JESSUP MOOT COURT TEAM

Rachel Brenner, Alexandra Fagerberg, Cara Hudson, Fernanda Izquierdo Valdes, Elizabeth Medellin, Holly Mendez, Delaney Montez, Nydia Ramirez, Hailey Rodriguez and To Tam Vo.

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Abby Allen, Yesenia Anorve-Basoria, Lauren Carmona, Avery Chastain, Alexandra Fagerberg, Tyler Kitrel, Emily Garcia, Scott Lopez, Lauren Mabie, Jorey Maples, Gregory McEwen, Arthur Meany, Holly Mendez, Delaney Moore, Heriberto Morales III, Gianna Ragona, Lauren Ramirez, Nydia Ramirez, Hailey Rodriguez, Zachary Selover, Caleb Snow, Camille Tealer, Brianna Tovar and John Vincent.

THE NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM

Aaron Acevedo, Elisa Benavides, Ryan Blakey, Carlie Crenwelge, London Delks, John Mathew Garcia, Haley Entrop Ozment, Jovita Pardo, Benjamin Pena, Daniel Ramirez, Mussarrat Rehman, Laura Rua Reynosa and Andrea Vela.

THE NATIONAL TRIAL TEAM

Nicholas Asaro, Rachel Brenner, Anna Cash, Joseph Castellano, Stefan Garza, Samantha Gonzalez, John Herbst, Yamel Herrera, Cara Hudson, Fernanda Izquierdo Valdes, Noah Jackson, Natalia Jasso, Seth McCrum, Anagabriela Medina, Abby Norat-Espinoza, Sarah Ojinnaka, Angelene Ponce, Jeremy Ritter, Jacob Sanchez, Samuel Tunnell and Phillip Weiss.

Congratulations to all of the new members to the National Team and cannot wait to hear of your success!

**SPRING PRO BONO
HOURS ARE DUE!**

**1LS & 2LS:
DUE MAY 1ST**

**3LS:
DUE MAY 12TH**

Send your tracking forms to
sharlien@stmarytx.edu or
rdelossantos13@stmarytx.edu

PRO BONO SERVICE HOURS AND TRACKING FORMS ARE NOW DUE

1Ls and 2LS

If you have outstanding tracking forms from this past semester (Spring 2023) please submit them

If you have outstanding tracking forms from the past semester (Spring 2023), please submit them no later than May 1, 5:00 p.m.

3Ls

If you have service hours you would like to receive credit for before graduation, please submit your tracking forms as soon as possible. The deadline for graduating 3Ls is May 12, 5:00 p.m.

CLASS OF 2023 - CLASS PHOTO & FIESTA FAREWELL

Class of 2023 Photo & Fiesta Farewell will be held **Friday, May 19**, at 2:00 p.m. in front of the Raba building.

The Fiesta social will be held at the Pecan Grove. Food and drinks will be provided.

- Presentation of Service and Clinical Awards
- Blessing of the Law Graduates

Law graduates, their families, faculty, staff, and administrators are invited to attend.



NOW HIRING

The Office of Law Success is hiring for several student positions. Please see the below announcements for additional information.

A blue and orange graphic with a speech bubble and a megaphone. The speech bubble contains the text: "NOW HIRING RESEARCH ASSISTANT Assistant Dean of Law Success Afton Cavanaugh is seeking an RA to assist with research related to legal education, estate planning, and the bar exam." The megaphone is at the bottom. There are several white plus signs scattered around the graphic.

NOW HIRING
RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Assistant Dean of Law Success Afton Cavanaugh is seeking an RA to assist with research related to legal education, estate planning, and the bar exam.

This position will start in Summer 2023. If you are interested, please email your resume to Dean Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarys.edu



NOW HIRING

First Generation Bootcamp TAs

If you are interested in helping incoming first-generation 1L students meet and overcome the challenges of law school, we invite you to apply to be a TA for our 3rd Annual Bootcamp. The bootcamp will be held virtually July 24 - 27 and in-person July 31 - August 3.



Apply Today!
DEADLINE TO APPLY:
MAY 15, 2023

If you would like to learn more about the position or are interested in applying, please reach out and/or send your resume to Assistant Dean of Law Success Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu.

Application Requirements:

- 1) Resume
- 2) Writing Sample
- 3) Interview

If you are interested in applying, please send your resume and writing sample to Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

DEADLINE TO APPLY:
MAY 1, 2023

NOW HIRING Writing Fellows

The Office of Law Success is excited to launch a Writing Center this summer! We are seeking inaugural Writing Fellows to be part of this new initiative.

If you would like to learn more about this position, please contact Assistant Dean of Law Success Afton Cavanaugh at acavanaugh1@stmarytx.edu.



Academic Affairs Zoe Niesel

Dean Niesel's RA will assist in research related to legal education and topics in Civil Procedure. This position will begin in Summer 2023.

Apply Today!

Please send in your resume to Dean Niesel at zniesel@stmarytx.edu.

OCS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save the Date

- **OCI and Summer Job Fairs Info Session**, Tuesday, May 16, 12:15 p.m., via Zoom
- **Tips for a Successful Summer Internship**, Thursday, May 18, 12:15 p.m., via Zoom



2023 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Summer Internship Primer

Equal Justice Works invites you to attend their first-ever virtual law student public interest primer from Wednesday, May 31 to Friday, June 2, which will help prepare you for your upcoming summer internship. This free opportunity is available to all law students. For more information and to register, please see the Events section in CORE.

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Congratulations!

Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowship Recipients

Julie Bolanos
Michaela Cappello
Caitlyn Collins
Leslie Espiricueta
Madeleine Gonzalez
Cara Hudson
Bailie Ibarra
Travis Kiner
Kimberly Manglberger

Irais Mota
Linda Quintero
Sarah Rhodes
Jessica Sexton
Robert Soluri
Camille Tealer
Brianna Tovar
Kaitlin Wellborn

SCHOLAR

St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice

APPLICATIONS ARE
opening!

Staff Writer Important Dates:

- May 15 Applications Open
- June 1 Applications Due
- June 7 Interviews Invitations
- June 10-11 Interviews

Find the app
on TWEN!

We look forward to receiving your application.
If you have any questions, please contact the Editor-in-Chief, Caitlyn Collins at ccollins18@mail.stmarytx.edu or Managing Executive Editor, Greg Fink at gfink@mail.stmarytx.edu.

1Ls & 2Ls TIPS FOR SUMMER SUCCESS

MAY 18, 2023
12:15 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Via Zoom

WORK ENVIRONMENTS

- Small- to medium-sized firms
- Public Service
- District Attorney's Office
- Big Law



REGISTRATION IN CORE
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Take flight this Summer on a Journey towards Success on the Bar Exam!

Raise the Bar

Register for Summer 2023 Today!

For additional information, contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu.

Visit us at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>

Program begins in May 2023!

ENROLLING NOW FOR RAISE THE BAR SUMMER 2023

Enrollment is now open for **Raise the Bar Summer 2023**. Raise the Bar is a free supplemental program for St. Mary's graduates and includes one-on-one coaching, study and schedule guidance, simulated practice, informational sessions, and exclusive access to online resources. The Summer 2023 program will begin in May. Scan the QR code above to enroll today. Contact Mr. Arturo Zapata, Law Success Coordinator, at azapata2@stmarytx.edu if you have any questions. For information may be on the website at <https://sites.stmarytx.edu/raisethebar/>.

TUESDAY
May 16, 2023
12:15 p.m.
Via Zoom

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ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL

VOLUME 55 WRITE-ON COMPETITION

COMPETE FOR A CHANCE TO BECOME A STAFF WRITER!

Competition packets available on TWEN starting May 24, 2023 at noon.
Submissions due June 14, 2023 at noon.

QUESTIONS?

Email: Regina Deason
rdeason@mail.stmarytx.edu

PRO BONO PROGRAM

J.D. students who complete 100 hours of pro bono service, community service, or any combination thereof during their legal studies are eligible to receive the Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate at Commencement. One graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to public service will be recognized with the Public Service Award at Commencement. Additionally, students in each level of study who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievements in public service are eligible for recognition at the end of the academic year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All JD students who matriculate in Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. For more information about the Community Service Requirement, please reference the Student Handbook on pages 8-9, and visit the Community Service Requirement section of the School of Law website. When searching for service opportunities, take advantage of CORE. Our team consistently posts new Law School Approved and General Community Service opportunities. Students must submit a Community Service Hours Tracking Form for the hours served to the Pro Bono Team. Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Below is a PDF of the form which includes instructions for submission.



Service Hours Tracking Form.pdf

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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://www.accesslex.org/scholarship/writing-competitions>



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/NLRlaw-student-writing-competition>.

American Arbitration Association. Diversity Scholarship Grants.

<https://www.aaacdrfoundation.org/diversity-scholarship>

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. invites students to submit papers for their 2023 Writing Competition. Deadline to apply is 05/01/2023.

<https://thesovereignsymposium.com/writing-competition/>.

Federal Bar Association, Honorable Constance Baker Motley Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Essay Competition. \$1,000, \$500, \$250. Deadline to apply is 05/12/2023.

<https://www.fedbar.org/the-hon-constance-baker-motley-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-young-member-essay-writing-competition/>

Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Section. Graduating 3L \$1,500 scholarship. Deadline to apply is 05/15/2023. <https://www.fedbar.org/criminal-law-section/wp-content/uploads/sites/116/2023/01/FBA-Criminal-Law-Section-Scholarship-2023.pdf>

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. \$15,000; \$7,500; \$5,000; \$2,500. Deadline to apply is 05/31/2023. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>

New York State Bar Association Committee on Animals and the Law. \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply is 07/07/2023. <https://nysba.org/awards-competitions/committee-on-animals-and-the-law-student-writing-competition/>

James E. Beckley Securities Arbitration. \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750. Deadline to apply is 9/15/2023. bit.ly/2023Beckley

ChIPs 2023 Scholarship for incoming 3L Students



The 2023 ChIPs scholarship program is now open for applications. ChIPs is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization that advances and connects women in technology, law, and policy. They seek to accelerate innovation through diversity of thought, participation, and engagement.



The scholarship is for incoming 3L U.S. law students and encourages women to pursue IP law. Two awards of \$10,000 each will be awarded to students entering their third or subsequent year of law school to be used toward tuition.

The link to the website with more information is:

[ChIPs Scholarships information](#)

The link to the application is:

[ChIPs 2023 Scholarship Application](#)

To qualify for the ChIPs Scholarship, applicants must:

- Identify as a woman.
- Be enrolled at a U.S. law school.
- Be entering her third or subsequent year.
- Be academically qualified with a GPA greater than 3.0.
- Demonstrate commitment to advancing and connecting women in technology, law, and policy.
- Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in IP.

Applications close on May 1, 2023.

A blue poster with white text and icons. At the top, it says 'RGV GIVES BACK Student Scholarship' next to an icon of books. Below that, it lists the scholarship amounts: 'RGV Gives Back will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 scholarships to students who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement!'. Then, it lists 'REQUIREMENTS:' followed by a bulleted list: 'Must have a College GPA of 2.5 or above, Graduating Seniors must have a High School GPA of 3.0 or above', 'Be from or living in the Rio Grande Valley', 'Submit proof of enrollment or acceptance', 'Submit an updated resume', and 'Submit a completed application'. At the bottom, it says 'Application can be found on our website: www.RGVGivesBack.org' and 'Deadline to submit: Saturday, May 13, 2023'. The RGV Gives Back logo is at the bottom left.

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Application can be found on our website:
www.RGVGivesBack.org
Deadline to submit:
Saturday, May 13, 2023

RGV Gives Back

RGV GIVES BACK STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

RGV Gives Back is excited to announce that we will be offering TEN Student Scholarships this year! We will be offering TWO (2) \$250, FIVE (5) \$500, and THREE (3) \$1,000 student scholarships.

The application(s) will be available to all graduating seniors, current college/university students, graduate students, AND professional school students from the RGV who exhibit dedication, leadership, and community involvement.

Please visit <http://www.RGVGivesBack.org> for the application and all instructions!

\$50,000 MAX HANNAH R. ARTERIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR 1Ls

Calling all 1Ls: Complete the eight-part Financial Foundations course and attend at least two MAX events to be automatically entered into the \$50,000 MAX Hannah R. Arterian Memorial Scholarship Drawing on May 1.

The AccessLex Institute will have a \$50,000 scholarship drawing in honor of Hannah R. Arterian for 1Ls only. In order for 1Ls to enter, you will need to complete the eight part financial foundations courses located on AccessLex's AskEdna platform, as well as attend at least two MAX events—also available on the AskEdna platform.

More information may be found here:

<https://askedna.accesslex.org/pages/45/ask-edna>



AMARILLO AREA BAR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Amarillo Area Bar Foundation is awarding \$2,500 scholarships to students attending law school during fall 2023 and spring 2024.

The scholarship announcement and application are available at www.amarillobar.org.



Completed applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on **May 16, 2023**.

NOTICES

ASSISTANT DEAN OF LAW STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students wishing to make an appointment with Alyssa Leffall, Assistant Dean of Law Student Affairs, may do so by using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall> . She may also be reached via email at aleffall@stmarytx.edu or by telephone at 210. 436.3539.



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 *Student Handbook*, Section XI, Bar Examination Information.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)

All Law RSO events must be entered into RattlerTracks for approval by the Office of the Assistant Dean of 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 or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *School of Law Student Handbook*, §IV.D.5. on Gateway for more information. The **deadline to apply** for Spring 2023 accommodations is **closed**. Students may now apply for Fall accommodations through **November 10, 2023**.

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, and Canvas classrooms.

INVITING DIGNITARIES TO CAMPUS? WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

All law school registered student organizations (RSO) 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/universitycommunications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL

If you are a first generation law student and would like to meet with Dean Leffall about navigating

the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment using her Calendly link at <https://calendly.com/aleffall>.

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/accessibility/>
- 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.

CDC COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATED

Due to the endemic nature of COVID and guidance from the University's Critical Incidence Response Team, **the Law School will no longer treat COVID-related absences different from other illnesses.** As such, this means **three** things:



1. **Students are expected to adhere to the University's protocol for suspected or confirmed COVID cases, which follows the guidance of the CDC. The protocol guidance is found [here](#).**
2. COVID absences will be treated the same as absences for other illnesses under the *Student Handbook*. Please remember you do have a healthy bank of absences in each class – between 10-25% of classes depending on the professor's syllabus. Please work with your professors directly on absences and to confirm how many you can accumulate in their classes. And, if you have a serious medical or personal issue that arises after exhausting your allowed absences in a class, Dean Leffall or Dean Niesel may assist.
3. COVID will no longer result in automatic recordings for classes. Please refer to your professors directly for their recording policy. As a friendly reminder, it is within a professor's discretion as to whether they will record a class.

Please visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/emergency/> for the latest Coronavirus updates and Campus plans.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Fiesta Bean Salad

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/fiesta-bean-salad/>

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STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Counseling Services available for all students through Rattler Helpline and Wellness Hub

The approaching end of the semester can bring additional stress to students. This is a good time to review the mental health and counseling services available through Student Health and Wellness Programs, including some improved features.



Rattler Helpline

Our newly branded Rattler Helpline is a 24-hour crisis support resource for St. Mary's University students. Students can speak to a mental health clinician 24/7, 365 days a year if they need emergency support by calling [210-825-3622](tel:210-825-3622).

Student Counseling Center

As a reminder, if a student is not in crisis and is interested in getting started with counseling, the Student Counseling Center is ready and willing to get them started! Students can call [210-436-3135](tel:210-436-3135) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our clinicians are ready to help. Thanks to changes we implemented last fall, students will be connected with a clinician within an hour or so of reaching out.

New Wellness Hub

Our newly launched [Wellness Hub](#) is a mobile-enabled digital platform offering evidence-based educational material, online assessment tools and a link to 24/7 support for students, parents, faculty and administrators.

Through the Wellness Hub students will receive the following:

- Educational content including videos on a range of behavioral health and substance use issues
- Information and tips on improving sleep, nutrition, stress management and exercise
- Access to online tools, links to apps and self-assessments
- A comprehensive list of available campus services and resources

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

TLAP website information:

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

Academic Support

The Office of Law Success

Raba Building, Room 108
210.431.4340

Professor Victoria Duke

Law Success Instructor for Academic Support
Raba Building, Room 108
vdukedawson@stmarytx.edu

General Student Support

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Minister

(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Student Counseling Center

Center for Life Directions Building
(Behind the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergencies: 24/7/365
(210) 825-3622

Office of Student Accessibility Services

Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center

Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Campus Recreation

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
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

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



Experience the Lord's
love and mercy

Adoration and Confession

Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Assumption Chapel

First and third Tuesdays:
Peaceful Adoration

Second and fourth Tuesdays:
Praise and Worship Adoration

A priest will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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Prepare for your legal career

As a member of the ABA, you get
access to the ABA Career Center:

- Job Board
- Webinars, articles, and podcasts from professionals in the field
- Career development resources such as resume and interviewing tools
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CELYN WHITT, UW College of Law



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After the Bar Digital Publications	✓	
Exclusive discounts on Themis, Quimbee, Kaplan, and JD Advising bar prep (save up to \$500)	✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Bundle (\$16 value)	✓	
ABA Student Leadership & Competition Opportunities	✓	
Save 20% on West Academic Coursebooks & Study Guides	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Key Cases (4 Sheets), legal terminology lists, and online flashcard tool	✓	
\$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring	✓	
Free Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses	✓	
Themis Bar Exam Achievement Package for additional support during bar exam prep	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package for additional support during law school	✓	✓
Access to live, MPRE study groups hosted the weekend prior to each MPRE	✓	✓
Save 10% on JD Advising's one-sheets, seminars, and guides	✓	✓
Law School One-Sheets for all 8 courses (\$50.99 value)	✓	✓
Quimbee Gold Pass Free Trial (Save up to \$75)	80 days	30 days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 Free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Collection 7-day Free Trial	✓	✓
Student Lawyer magazine & blog	✓	✓
ABA Journal (\$72 value)	Print & Digital	Print & Digital
Member Discounts & Offers	✓	✓

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ABA Bar Prep Program

Premium Members Only

Themis
Bar Review

- \$100 discount on Themis Bar Review course
- Bar Exam Achievement and Law School Success Packages

Multiple-choice question sets, key concept sheets, legal terminology lists, essay exam mindmaps, and the like.

Quimbee

- \$300 off Quimbee Bar Review Premium (CA, FL, or UBE)
- \$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

- \$100 off Kaplan Bar Review
- \$250 off PMBR Supplemental Course

JD ADVISING

- \$100 discount on JD Advising Bar Review
- \$50 discount on law school, MPRE, or bar exam private tutoring
- Law School One-Sheets for upper-class courses

Leadership and Competition Opportunities

The ABA has several leadership opportunities for law students:

- ABA Rap Program
- ABA Law Student Division Council
- ABA Law Student Division Liaisons program
- National Law School Competitions

Make a Difference

The ABA advocates for justice and due process through initiatives such as:

- The ABA Human Rights Center, which promotes and protects human rights worldwide — mobilizing lawyers to help threatened advocates, rallying thought leaders on vital issues, and holding abusive governments accountable.
- The Commission on Legal Assistance Programs advocates for better mental health in the profession and helps lawyers struggling with issues like depression and substance abuse.



CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Please note that classroom chairs, lecterns, mics, whiteboards or professor chairs should not be removed from any of the classrooms. Doing so causes problems with class delays. Also when student chairs are moved, this causes problems with professors seating charts for student attendance and participation purposes. If any item must be removed, please ensure that it is returned to its original location as soon as possible.



SUBMITTING AN EVENT IN THE WITAN?

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



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