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WITAN

St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue 1 August 20, 2009 By VMM

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

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WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Please **welcome** our newest faculty member, **Professor Wendy Couture**. Professor Couture is a law graduate of Southern Methodist University. Following a federal district court clerkship, she worked with Carrington, Coleman in Dallas and later spent a year as a visiting professor at the University of Idaho. Professor Couture specializes in business law.

Welcome **Faye Bracey** in her new position as **Assistant Dean of Career Services**. Dean Bracey is a law graduate of St. Mary's and practiced law at several area firms, specializing in Commercial Real Estate. She has served as an adjunct professor for many years at St. Mary's before joining us as Assistant Dean.

Joining Dean Bracey is our new **Director of Career Services, Suzanne Patrick**. Ms. Patrick is a law graduate of Buffalo University. She worked in Career Services at the law schools of University of Maryland and George Washington before joining St. Mary's.

Welcome to our new **interim Director of Academic Support Program, Katherine Tullos**. Ms. Tullos is a graduate of the University of Texas, and practices law with Haynes and Boone in Austin. She has served as an adjunct professor and as instructor of law at St. Mary's for

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2009 MOCK TRIAL ACADEMY

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This year's Academy (formerly referred to as "boot camp") is also **open to any 2L and 3L** that is interested in learning more about mock trial competitions—an idea generated by the Board of Advocates last Spring. This is a great opportunity to learn more about becoming an effective advocate.

The bookstore has stocked a limited number of copies of the soft cover book, "**Mock Trials: Preparing, Presenting, and Winning Your Case.**" For the EAP students, the reading assignments in that book are mandatory. For all others it is voluntary. The EAP students will meet with the two mock trial coaches afterwards to talk about the next phase of the tryouts.

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This is a wonderful opportunity for students to personally observe **excellent advocates** from other schools. If you have any interest in advocacy or in supporting the school's advocacy programs, you are encouraged to attend at least the final round of the competition on Saturday afternoon. If you are **interested in assisting** in serving as a **bailiff or marshal**, or helping in any other way (we need about 50 students), please contact Andria Aguayo or Professor Dave Schlueter.

CLASS OF 2010 APPLICATION FOR DEGREE CARD

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Lessons are completely **free** for all of our law students and are great for mastering material during the semester and/or studying for exams.

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ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

The St. Thomas More Society will host *Opening of the School Year* Mass on **Thursday, September 24, 2009, 12:00 noon** at **Guadalupe Chapel** in Treadaway Hall.. The Reverend Rudy Vela, S.M. to preside. Lunch will follow the Mass. All students are invited to attend.

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You can access the arguments from a link on the home page of the law school's website and from the Advocacy Programs pages on the law school's website. From those same links you can access archived oral arguments that have been broadcast since Spring 2007. When you access the page for the webcasting (hosted by Mediasite) you can also access links to the briefs filed in the case and the lower courts' opinions (pdf).

The most recent set of oral arguments was held on September 9, 10, and 11. They can now be viewed as "archived arguments." Each side had 20 minutes for oral argument. Please take advantage of this unique educational opportunity.

The following are summaries for those arguments. They were prepared by the Court's staff attorney for public information and reflect his judgment alone on facts and legal issues and in no way represent the Court's opinion about case merits.

Of particular interest—the first case involving the Texas A&M bonfire litigation and the last case where Prof Bill Dorsaneo (of Dorsaneo's Litigation Guide) argued for the petitioners and former Supreme Court Justice Debra Hankinson argued for the respondents

If you have any questions about the webcasting of the arguments, please contact Professor Schlueter.

07-1050

Zachry Construction Corp., et al. v. Texas A&M University from Brazos County and the 10th District Court of Appeals, Waco For petitioners: Ben Taylor, Dallas For respondent: James C. Ho, Austin

In this case arising from the 1999 Texas A&M bonfire collapse principal issues involve third-party claims against the university: (1) whether, if sovereign immunity has been waived on liability, waiver also must be necessary for a derivative contribution claim against the university; (2) whether Texas A&M's immunity is waived by use of university property for the bonfire construction under the Tort Claims Act's tangible personal or real property provision; (3) whether Texas A&M had actual notice of a premises defect; and (4) whether, if immune, the university's proportionate responsibility can be determined if it is not joined in the lawsuit. The trial court denied Texas A&M's jurisdictional plea, but the court of appeals reversed and dismissed the claims against the university. Since the Court granted the petition, A&M has argued it should be dismissed after the university settled with all injured plaintiffs last fall.

06-1018

D.R. Horton-Texas Ltd. v. Markel International Insurance Co. Ltd. from Harris County and the 14th District Court of Appeals, Houston For petitioner: Robert B. Gilbreath, Dallas For respondent: Les Pickett, Houston

A principal issue in this insurance dispute over an alleged construction defect causing mold damage is whether a duty to indemnify can exist when a duty to defend does not, based on pleading allegations. After settling with the complaining homeowners, D.R. Horton sued Markel because Markel refused to defend it in the homeowners' suit or to indemnify it as an "additional insured" under Markel's policy covering a responsible subcontractor. Markel moved for summary judgment, claiming the homeowners did not name the subcontractor in their lawsuit and arguing that D.R. Horton could not show the subcontractor's responsible without extrinsic evidence. The court of appeals affirmed.

07-0960

In the Interest of B.G., et al. from Angelina County and the 12th District Court of Appeals, Tyler For petitioner: Brent L. Watkins, Lufkin For respondent: Trevor A. Woodruff, Austin

The issue in this parental-rights termination is whether Family Code section 263.405 is constitutional by imposing a 15-day deadline to file a statement of points to preserve appellate grounds. In this case the father acted as his own attorney in the termination hearing after firing his lawyer just before trial. He filed his statement of appellate points 40 days late after the trial court appointed a second attorney to handle his appeal. The first, appointed just after the hearing, did not file anything. In the statement the father claimed the termination order could not be supported by sufficient evidence and he had been prevented from offering certain evidence. The trial court found him indigent and his appeal not frivolous, but concluded that no meaningful issue had been preserved for appellate review and denied the father his request that he be furnished the hearing transcript without cost. On appeal he argued he was denied due process, but the court of appeals held the issue should have been presented to the trial court but was forfeited because it had not.

08-0148

Regal Finance Co. Ltd. and Regal Finance Co. II Ltd. v. Tex Star Motors Inc. from Harris County and the 14th District Court of Appeals, Houston For petitioners: Russell S. Post, Houston For respondent: Eugene B. Wilshire, Houston

A principal issue is whether the Uniform Commercial Code's provision governing a secured creditor's sale of collateral requires compliance with industry practice as proof that the sale is commercially reasonable. In this case Regal sued Tex Star, a used-car dealer, to collect the deficiency between the amount it got from selling repossessed cars and the outstanding amount owed on the car-loan notes Regal bought from Tex Star. Regal's agreement to buy notes from Tex Star obligated Tex Star to pay the unpaid balance on a defaulted note. This lawsuit arose from a dispute over which company was responsible for assuring a reserve account a bank required. The trial court awarded damages to Regal, but the court of appeals reversed, holding that Regal presented insufficient evidence that it sold the repossessed cars in a commercially reasonable way.

08-0169

Tangie Walters v. Cleveland Regional Medical Center, et al. from Harris County and the First District Court of Appeals, Houston For petitioner: Christopher Bradshaw-Hull, Houston For respondents: Diana L. Faust, Dallas, and Richard Sheehy, Houston

The issue is whether the Texas Constitution's open-courts provision cancels the statute of limitations on a medical-malpractice claim based on a sponge left in a patient's abdomen 10 years before a doctor finally discovered it. Walters sued, seeking in part damages for medical bills she paid over the years because of pain she suffered as doctors misdiagnosed the source. The trial court granted summary judgment for the medical center, surgeon and nurse, based on the two-year limitations on a med-mal claim. The court of appeals affirmed. Walters argues that the constitution requires she knew or should have known of her injury before the limitations period ends to show the statutory limitation is arbitrary or unreasonable. The defendants counter that an open-courts claim requires an impossibility-to-know or exceedingly difficult-to-discover standard before the constitution overrides the limitations period.

08-0316

Methodist Healthcare System of San Antonio Ltd., L.L.P. v. Emmalene Rankin from Bexar County and the Fourth District Court of Appeals, San Antonio For petitioners: Carl Robin Teague and Rosemarie Kanusky, San Antonio For respondent: R. Brent Cooper, Dallas

The principal issue is whether the 10-year statute of repose on medical-malpractice claims violates the Texas Constitution's open-courts provision when Rankin discovered a sponge had been left in her abdomen almost 11 years after surgery. In the trial court the defendants got summary judgment, based on the statute of repose. But the court of appeals declared the repose unconstitutional, reasoning that the statute deprived Rankin of her right to compensation before she had a reasonable opportunity to discover the injury.

08-0172

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts v. Attorney General of Texas and The Dallas Morning News from Travis County and the Third District Court of Appeal, Austin For petitioner: Jack Hohengarten, Austin For cross-petitioner/respondent Dallas News: Paul C. Watler, Dallas For respondent Attorney General of Texas: Brenda K. Loudermilk, Austin

The issues in this open-records challenge are (1) whether common-law privacy exempts state employees' birth dates from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act and (2) whether the newspaper, as intervenor, is entitled to attorneys fees under the act or under the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act. In this case the comptroller sued the attorney general after it ruled that birth dates must be disclosed under the Public Information Act. The trial court granted the attorney general's summary-judgment motion and the court of appeals affirmed. As petitioner, the comptroller argues that the information should be exempt from the public-records law based on the privacy tort for intrusion upon seclusion.

08-0215

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas v. Estate of Irene Esther Arancibia from Dallas County and Fifth District Court of Appeals, Dallas For petitioner: Daniel L. Geysler, Austin For respondents: Lance Caughfield, Dallas

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08-0244

Basic Capital Management Inc., et al. v. Dynex Commercial Inc. and Dynex Capital Inc. from Dallas County and the Fifth District Court of Appeals, Dallas For petitioners: William Dorsaneo, Dallas For respondents: Deborah G. Hankinson, Dallas

In this breach-of-contract case involving real-estate loans the principal issues question (1) whether Basic Capital Management's affiliate entities were third-party beneficiaries of a loan commitment under which they may recover; (2) whether, if so, they have capacity to recover for Single Asset Bankruptcy Remote Borrowing Entities authorized as borrowers if acceptable by the lender (or whether Dynex, the lender, waived its challenge by failing to file a verified denial); and (3) whether consequential damages for lost opportunity or, alternatively, damages for increased costs may be recovered.

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PANEL DISCUSSION

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FIRST MONDAY DIALOGUE

U.S. Foreign Policy in the New Administration

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BRIDGES TO LIFE It's Graduation Time

Bridges to Life (BTL) graduation will be held in Hondo, Texas on **Tuesday, October 13, 2009**. We will leave from the law school at 5:00 p.m. and will return at 10:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for a program but not quite sure, I would highly recommend attending a graduation. If you cannot attend on October 13, there will be another graduation on November 19, but it will be after the last security training with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES Upcoming Programs in October

The **Office of Career Services** is sponsoring several luncheon seminars throughout the month of October. All students are encouraged to attend at no cost.

Legal Services for the Poor, Luncheon/Seminar – Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 12:00 noon, Alumni Room. The program will incorporate talks from Catherine Nahay of Texas Lawyers Care, a local legal aid attorney, and an Access to Justice intern. Topics include practicing as a legal aid attorney, internship opportunities through the Texas Access to Justice Commission and the State Bar of Texas, and the Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by logging in to Symplicity <http://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students> and going to the Events Tab, and click on Workshops, select the Workshop you want to attend, click on the title of the program and then click the RSVP button.

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Also, check out www.ethicsfollies.com to see why local judges and attorneys spend all year working on a show (it's not just about the CLE). **This program funds the Community Justice Program**, and has wonderful corporate support from companies like USAA, Valero, Fulbright and Mission Pharmacal. You will appreciate the "real life" approach to the ethics issues. Most of the script is taken from 2009 headlines ranging from Bernie Madoff to Nancy Pelosi. There are a few ethics rules in the matinee which could be applied to the fact patterns. This will be a fun way to spend an afternoon, and could be a **great networking opportunity!**

CATHOLIC LAW STUDENTS SOCIETY

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We are asking for **donations and supplies** for these organizations. There is a desperate need for diapers, baby food and baby cereal. **There will be a large barrel set up next to Sister Grace's office for these donations.** In addition, **monetary donations** may be dropped off in the canister next to the barrel. We invite all people, regardless of your position, to help support these mothers and their young babies. There are many needs in this world and this is just another way to help the most innocent of lives.

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JUDGES NEEDED FALL FIRST YEAR MOOT COURT

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The **preliminary rounds** for the Lone Star Classic will be held on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, and Friday afternoon at the Bexar County Courthouse. The **semi-final rounds** will be held in the law school's classroom building on **Saturday morning, October 17**. The **final round**—which is open the public--will be held on **Saturday at 2:00 p.m.** in the law school's courtroom. The **judges for the final round are Judge Edward Prado, Federal Public Defender, Mr. Henry Bemporad, and Mr. John Murphy, Acting United States Attorney.**

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ATTENTION 3RD YEAR LAW STUDENTS

The **Pro Bono Services Division** in conjunction with the **Office of Career Services** has arranged for all **Third Year** St. Mary's law students to attend the **Ethics Follies** matinee on **Wednesday, October 14, at 2:00 p.m.** Special student pricing is \$20 to cover food and beverage costs at intermission. (\$60 for CLE credit). It's easy to register at: <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=186791>

Also, check out www.ethicsfollies.com to see why local judges and attorneys spend all year working on a show (it's not just about the CLE). **This program funds the Community Justice Program**, and has wonderful corporate support from companies like USAA, Valero, Fulbright and Mission Pharmacal. You will appreciate the "real life" approach to the ethics issues. Most of the script is taken from 2009 headlines ranging from Bernie Madoff to Nancy Pelosi. There are a few ethics rules in the matinee which could be applied to the fact patterns. This will be a fun way to spend an afternoon, and could be a **great networking opportunity!**

CATHOLIC LAW STUDENTS SOCIETY

The **Catholic Law Student Society** would like to inform you of two new organizations

we have chosen to support this Fall: The **Guadalupe Home** and the **Allied Women's Shelter**. Their shared mission is to encourage women to bring their pregnancies to term. In furtherance of this mission, they provide guidance and support for women contemplating this profound life decision. Additionally, in fulfillment of their commitment to these women, the organizations supply the mothers with indispensable resources that are essential for raising young babies.

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The **San Antonio Coalition for Life** has an ongoing campaign to peacefully pray for an end to abortion. This group, the Guadalupe Home and the Allied Women's Shelter, are supported by the Archdiocese. It is in support of the San Antonio Coalition for Life that we have chosen to help the Guadalupe Home and the Allied Women's Shelter here in San Antonio. Lastly, the **Catholic Law Student Association will be joining in prayer every Wednesday morning from 7:30-7:45 a.m. in Raba LF103** during the month of October. All are invited!

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVE

The **Honorable Judge Al Alonso**, J.D. '68, will speak **today, Monday, October 19**, from **12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Judge Al Alonso is the Presiding Judge of Bexar County court at Law #1. All faculty and students are invited to attend. Lunch will be served. This event is sponsored by the Restorative Justice Initiative

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THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY

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The Most Reverend José H. Gomez, S.T.D., Archbishop of San Antonio, will preside and the Reverend Rudy Vela, S.M., D.Ministry, St. Mary's University Vice President for Mission and Identity, is the scheduled Homilist. Reflections will be given by The Honorable Elma Salinas Ender, 341st Judicial District, Laredo, Texas. Music by Coro Santa Maria of St. Mary's University.

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TOWN HALL MEETING TODAY

Dean Cantú and Associate Deans Mather and Valencia will be available for questions and discussion at a Town Hall meeting today, **Monday, October 26, 2009 at 12:00 noon** in **LC 101**. See you there!

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The local chapter of the **Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (TCADP)** will meet on **Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **peaceCENTER, 1443 S. St. Mary's Street, 78210**. If anyone is interested in learning more about Texas efforts to abolish the death penalty, please contact Sr. Grace Walle, gwalle@stmarytx.edu. Sr. Grace is the Chairperson of the Marianist Social Justice Anti Death Penalty Issue Team and works closely with TCADP.

TECHNOLOGY AND IP ASSOCIATION

The **Technology and IP Association** invites all faculty and students to hear **Bart Huffman, Cox-Smith** on **Wednesday, October 28, 2009** from **11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Raba 202**. Mr. Huffman will speak on privacy laws and emerging social media issues.

NATIONAL PRO BONO WEEK

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DEMOCRATIC LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY

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The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 12th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. The GRAMMY Foundation, in concert with some of the most prominent entertainment attorneys, established the Entertainment Law Initiative to promote discussion and debate about the most compelling legal issues facing the music industry today. First place winner receives

\$5,000, four second place winners receive \$1,500. All winners will receive One GRAMMY Awards Show ticket, Round-Trip Ticket to the GRAMMY Awards, Hotel Accommodations, Ticket to MusicCares Person of the Year Award. For additional information and competition rules, please send an email to eli@grammy.com. **Deadline January 4, 2010.**

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The American Indian Law Review (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. Deadline is **February 1, 2010.**

New – The **American Society of International Law** is pleased to announce the 6th annual Arthur C. Helton Fellowship program. Law students, practicing lawyers, human rights professionals, scholars, and other individuals seeking assistance in conducting international fieldwork and law-related research are encouraged to apply. The Helton application form and guidelines for a qualifying proposal, as well as general information, may be found at www.asil.org/helton. All application materials must be submitted no later than **February 12, 2010**. Only the first 50 complete applications will be considered.

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By VMM

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THANK YOU from The Women's Law Association (WLA)

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M.B.A. OPEN HOUSE AND RECEPTION

The **Bill Greehey School of Business** invites you to an **M.B.A. open house and reception** on **Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** in the Albert B. Alkek Business

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ARE LAW SCHOOLS RACIST? by Prof. Dan Subotnik

The **Federalist Society** welcomes Professor **Dan Subotnik** of Touro Law School on the topic “Are Law Schools Racist?” Prof. Subotnik has written on a wide range of topics including torts, gender and race issues, academic research, and the regulation of sexuality. The presentation will be on **Monday, November 9, 2009 at 12:00 noon** in the **Atrium** of the Law Administration Building. Everyone is invited.

1L EXAM SKILLS WORKSHOP

Several bar review vendors will be offering free **1L Review For Finals** during the month of November. The schedule is as follows:

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MORE GUNS, LESS CRIME by John R. Lott

The **Federalist Society** proudly welcomes nationally renowned economist and author **John R. Lott** to discuss “More Guns, Less Crime.” Prof. Lott is well known for his participation in the gun rights debate and as the author of *Freedomnomics*, *More Guns, Less Crime*, and *The Bias Against Guns*. The presentation will be held on **Wednesday, November 11, 2009, 5:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium** of the Law Administration Building. Don’t miss the opportunity to meet this celebrated author.

LAW SCHOOL VETERAN’S DAY CEREMONY

Please join the law school community to **commemorate the men and women** who have **given their lives for liberty** and to all present military personnel, especially those members of our own law school. Join us on **Wednesday, November 11, 2009** – Pause for Prayer, **12:15 p.m.** Law Plaza, refreshments to follow and Pause for Prayer, **5:15 p.m.**, Law Plaza. We encourage all Veterans or those in active duty to wear their uniforms. **Everyone is invited!** This event is sponsored by Campus Ministry.

THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY presents Sports & Entertainment Lawyer, and St. Mary’s Alum Andrew Borrego

The **Sports and Entertainment Law Society** is excited to welcome back guest speaker **Andrew Borrego** on **Wednesday, November 11, 2009**. Andrew is a Sports and Entertainment lawyer who graduated from St. Mary’s University School of Law, and currently practices in San Antonio and New York. His clients include professional athletes, TV personalities, models, comedians, musicians, and more. His experience spans to include areas such as management, licensing, merchandising, endorsements, and marketing. Andrew recently started his own firm, and has had a very successful career; he has a wealth of experience and stories to share, and he is a very exciting guest speaker. Please join us for this excellent opportunity on **Wednesday, November 11th, at 4:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Dinner will be served. We hope to see you there!

KAPLAN/PMBR BAR REVIEW

November 13th is the last day to enroll in the Texas Bar Review Course and save up to

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RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

The **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library** is offering 20 minute **research appointments** for law students. Are you working on a paper? Confused over how to search some of our databases? Trying to find what study aids are available? Let our experienced Law Librarians help. Suggest the time and day which is most convenient for you and let us help you. Please go to the electronic form at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=lawLibraryResearchGuides> and select your time.

CLIENT INTAKE VOLUNTEERS

3L's – Need some legal experience to augment your resume? Consider working as a **Client Intake Volunteer!** Please contact **Kristal Snelson Thurmond** at the Pro Bono Services Desk (located in Career Services) for more information. She can also be reached via email at kthurmond@mail.stmarytx.edu.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE HOMELESS

Testimonies of God's Greatness Ministry will be hosting a Thanksgiving lunch beginning at 10:30 a.m. and will continue through 2:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving day, **Thursday, November 26, 2009**. For over 34 years, Testimonies of God's Greatness Ministry has provided an annual home-style cuisine dinner for San Antonio's **homeless community**. Each homeless person will have an opportunity to receive clothing, jackets, hats, socks, toiletries, blankets, scarves, and a \$5.00. Lunch will be served at **1815 S. W.W. White Road, San Antonio, Texas 78220**. To make a donation or to volunteer, please contact (210) 359-1990 or Shekinah Hammonds via email at juyley@yahoo.com. **Volunteers are currently needed** to serve, sort clothing, assist in group distribution, and crowd control.

CHRISTMAS UNDER THE BRIDGE

On **December 5, 2009**, the **South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH)** will be sponsoring the 15th annual **Christmas Under the Bridge (CUTB)** located under the IH35 Underpass. To donate an item, you can drop off any unwrapped new items to the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice in care of Jessi Sprague or Mary Mendez. Bins are available in the Law Classroom Building for donation dropoff. Items needed for CUTB include *brand new*:

Clothing:

Blankets
Shirts
Pants
Socks
Underwear
Shoes—prefer inexpensive

Hygiene Products:

Soap—Bars preferred
Feminine Hygiene Products
Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Floss
Disposable Razors/Shaving Crème—up to 8 oz.
Deodorant—prefer Sticks or roll-on
Shampoo— up to 24 oz.

Men/Women/Children
slip on or tennis shoes
Gloves/Hats/Raingear
Winter Coats
Sweaters / sweatshirts

Combs/Brushes
Sunscreen/Lip Balm—up to 8 oz.
Hand/Body Lotion—up to 16 oz.
Diapers/Diaper Wipes
- No household wipes please

In addition to clothing and personal hygiene products, we will be accepting small toys.

****Due to the nature of this event, we cannot accept used clothes, hygiene products or toys****

If you would like to volunteer at **Christmas Under The Bridge** or if you would like more information, please contact Jessi Sprague at Jessi_Sprague@hotmail.com or Mary Mendez at mmendez@stmarytx.edu or visit the website at <http://www.cutb.org>.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2009 Securities Law Writing Competition. First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$3,000 and third prize is \$2,000. The topic may be any subject in the field of securities law. Unpublished papers or papers published or to be published in the calendar year ending December 31, 2009 or 2010 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 13, 2009**.

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The **Public Justice, America's Public Interest Law Firm** announces the 2010 Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2010 topic is *Can Coal Be Clean? Litigation Remedies for Coal Contamination from Mining to Combustion to Sequestration..* Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 29, 2010**. Essay contest deadline is March 31, 2010. For more information please

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**THE INSIDE TRACK TO FINALS
A Presentation on Exams by Professors**

**Vincent Johnson
Gerald Reamey
Wendy Couture**

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We will also host the **Evening Program Thanksgiving Celebration on Thursday, November 19, 2009** in the law classroom building. A social will begin at 5:00 p.m. There will be a blessing for exams, and exam prep remarks from Professor Kathryn Tullos, Office of Academic Excellence followed by a Thanksgiving dinner.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY
Hosted By the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers**

The **Dallas Association of Young Lawyers** will be hosting a **Swearing-In Ceremony** open to all law students who have passed the July bar exam. Families of the newly welcomed

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The American Indian Law Review (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. Deadline is **February 1, 2010**.

The **American Society of International Law** is pleased to announce the 6th annual Arthur C. Helton Fellowship program. Law students, practicing lawyers, human rights professionals, scholars, and other individuals seeking assistance in conducting international fieldwork and law-related research are encouraged to apply. The Helton application form and guidelines for a qualifying proposal, as well as general information, may be found at www.asil.org/helton. All application materials must be submitted no later than **February 12, 2010**. Only the first 50 complete applications will be considered.

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The **American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP)** announces the 2010 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition. The subject of the competition is Copyright Law and is open to third-year students. Second-year students may compete. However, second-year students who receive awards may not compete in their third-year. **Awards will be given at each participating law school**. First prize is \$600 and second prize is \$250. First prize in the national competition is \$3,000; second prize is \$2,000; and third prize is \$1,000. For more information, please call ASCAP (212) 621-6280, email NBMC@ASCAP.com or visit their website at <http://www.ASCAP.com>. Entry deadline: **June 30, 2010**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2010 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2010**.

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By VMM

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOCK TRIAL TEAM

On November 12th –14th, one of **our mock trial teams** competed at the annual **Buffalo-Niagra Mock Trial Competition** in Buffalo, New York. Our team consisting of **Kevin Moczygemba, Dan Gerard, Alyssa Gelormini, and Jonathan Lisenby** was ranked second at the end of the preliminary rounds, having beaten Florida Coastal, Cooley, and Widener (Delaware). The team beat Pace in the octafinals, but lost to Fordham (the school that won this year's Lone Star Classic) in the quarterfinals round. **Congratulations** to the team and their coach, Nicole Thornbro!

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ATTENTION 1st YEAR STUDENTS

Two aspects of first year students' sessions with **Academic Scholars** will change in the Spring semester. **First**, there will be some personnel changes. Some of the Scholars have spring time demands that will not allow them to continue with the program, and some Scholars have decided to team up. You will be notified about your Scholar assignment in January. **Second**, the format of the Spring will differ somewhat from the Fall. In January, the Office of Academic Support will present "**Decoding Your Exams.**" This session will help first year students understand how to evaluate their exams, both by themselves and in conjunction with their professors. After that, the Scholars and students will work to hone essential law school skills that students were introduced to in the Fall. In each skill area, tutors **will help you identify** what is not working, help you make a plan to change, and help to see the change implemented. While some sessions may be in groups, tutors will also meet with students on an individual basis. If you have questions about the Spring program or about any other part of Academic Support, please contact us at academicsupport@stmarytx.edu or (210) 431-4340. We would love to talk to you.

BRIDGES TO LIFE GRADUATION

The *Bridges to Life* graduation will be held on **Thursday, December 3, 2009 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.** Interested students may contact Kimberly Gibbs at kimberly@bridgestolife.org for location and/or more information.

INNSBRUCK CERTIFICATES

2009 Innsbruck Program participants may now pick up their **certificates** from **Ms. Caroline Buckley** in the Raba building. Her desk is located on the **second floor** near the east stairwell.

WEBCASTING OF TEXAS SUPREME COURT ORAL ARGUMENTS

St. Mary's Law School hosts the live webcasting of the Texas Supreme Court's oral arguments. Under an agreement with the Texas Office of Court Administration, the University supplies the technological support and personnel for the project. This is a wonderful opportunity for the public at large and our law school community to see and hear the arguments live — over the internet. We are one of only a handful of law schools in the nation that provide this unique access to live webcasting of oral arguments.

You can access the arguments from a link on the home page of the law school's website and

from the Advocacy Programs pages on the law school's website. From those same links you can access archived oral arguments that have been broadcast since Spring 2007. When you access the page for the webcasting (hosted by Mediasite) you can also access links to the briefs filed in the case and the lower courts' opinions (pdf). The arguments are also now available in iTunes.

The most recent oral arguments were held on November 18 and 19. Each side has 20 minutes for oral argument. Please take advantage of this unique educational opportunity.

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The following summaries for the arguments for the November arguments were prepared by the Court's staff attorney for public information and reflect his judgment alone on facts and legal issues and in no way represent the Court's opinion about case merits.

08-0658

Carroll Robinson, et al. v. Bill White, City of Houston and Houston City Council, et al. from Harris County and the 14th District Court of Appeals, Houston

For petitioners: Andy Taylor, Houston

For respondents: Scott J. Atlas, Houston

The principal issues are (1) whether proponents who drafted and campaigned for a proposition and voted for it have standing to sue to declare it effective and, if so, (2) whether a "poison pill" provision associated with a competing proposition violates state law. In this case Robinson drafted and promoted Proposition 2, for a city revenue cap, which Houston voters approved in 2004 but by a smaller margin than a proposition for a property-tax revenue cap on the same ballot. The City Council refused to adopt Proposition 2 because of a provision associated with Prop 1, that among inconsistent propositions the proposition approved by most voters would prevail, and because of a similar City Charter provision. The trial court granted summary judgment to Robinson and the other Prop 2 organizers, but the court of appeals reversed and dismissed their claims, holding the organizers did not have standing.

08-0667

Eberhard Samlowski, M.D. v. Carol Wooten from Johnson County and the 10th District Court of Appeals, Waco

For petitioner: Kay Ellington, Dallas

For respondent: Barney L. McCoy, Houston

The principal issue is whether a trial court must grant a 30-day extension to cure a deficient but arguably curable expert report in a medical-malpractice suit. In this case the trial court dismissed the suit with prejudice – barring refiling the suit – because the expert report did not adequately show how the alleged negligence proximately caused Wooten's injuries. Wooten alleged Samlowski's initial inaccurate diagnosis led to a second surgery and complications. The court determined the

report was not a good-faith effort to comply with the expert-report requirement. The appeals court reversed to allow an extension to cure the report, holding that the expert report was not a good-faith effort but was a good-faith attempt to comply with the report requirement.

08-0669

Dan Kelly and Laura Hofstatter v. General Interior Construction Inc. from Harris County and the 14th District Court of Appeals, Houston

For petitioners: David C. Holmes, Houston

For respondent: Ross A. Sears II, Houston

In this jurisdictional challenge the principal issues are (1) whether Texas contacts to establish personal jurisdiction should be limited to pleadings that did not allege a disputed contract was a contract for a fraud claim or for Texas Trust Fund Act violations by the officers individually and (2) whether asserting jurisdiction over the corporate officers complies with federal due process and the Texas long-arm statute. In this case General Interior Construction, a Texas company, sued Kelly and Hofstatter over alleged payments due from Kelly and Hofstatter's general-contracting business incorporated in Arizona. Their company agreed with another Arizona firm for improvements to a Texas hotel the other firm owned. GIC alleged breach of contract, fraud and misappropriation of trust money Kelly and Hofstatter's firm held for paying subcontractors. The trial court found specific jurisdiction existed to require Kelly and Hofstatter to defend in Texas against all claims, but the court of appeals reversed on the contract-breach claim, based on Kelly and Hofstatter's signing the contract as corporate officers.

07-0945

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department v. The Sawyer Trust from Donley County and the Seventh District Court of Appeals, Amarillo

For petitioner: Kristofer S. Monson, Austin

For respondent: Jody Sheets, Dallas

This dispute over a mining permit to take sand and gravel from what the state contends is a navigational stream bed raises these principal issues: (1) whether the state's jurisdictional immunity plea fails because the trust alleges the state is unconstitutionally "taking" its property and, if not, (2) whether state officials must be sued instead of the state itself. In this case the trust seeks to sell sand and gravel from the bed of the Salt Fork of the Red River traversing its property. By statute the state, through the parks department, owns sand and gravel in a navigable river streambed. The trust sued first to declare the Salt Fork at that point was not navigable, then added the takings claim. The trial court denied the state's jurisdictional plea and the court of appeals affirmed.

08-0799

State Farm Lloyds and Erin Strachan v. Wanda M. Page from Johnson County and the 10th District Court of Appeals, Waco

For petitioners: Levon G. Hovnatanian, Houston

For respondent: John F. Melton, Austin

Principal issues in this mold-coverage case are (1) whether the standard Texas homeowners policy provides coverage for mold damage to a dwelling resulting from plumbing leaks; or (2) whether it provides mold-damage coverage for personal property in the dwelling; or (3) whether it provides coverage for both. Page sued State Farm for its refusal to replace her carpet after it repaired mold damage in her house and personal belongings. An underlying question is whether an exclusion-repeal provision in one policy part acts to override a mold exclusion in another part. The trial court granted summary judgment for State Farm, but the appeals court reversed.

09-0387

Carol Severance v. Jerry Patterson, et al. certified questions from the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

For appellant: J. David Breemer, Sacramento, Calif.

For appellees: Daniel L. Geysler, Austin

In this case involving Hurricane Rita's beach destruction in Galveston, and consequent change in public access under the Texas Open Beaches Act, the circuit asks: (1) whether Texas recognizes a "rolling" public beachfront-access easement; if so, (2) whether the rolling easement derives from common law or the Open Beaches Act; and (3) what extent the landowner would be entitled to compensation for loss of property use apart from the state's offer to remove houses on the easement.

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Do you want some **additional help preparing for exams**? Make an appointment at the Office of Academic Support. You may stop by in person to our office at Raba 106E, or email academicsupport@stmarytx.edu, or call (210) 431-4340 to **schedule an appointment** to get some individual academic counseling or to talk about stress management, time management, or other related issues. These **services are free** to all St. Mary's law students.

ATTENTION 1ST YEAR STUDENTS

Two aspects of first year students' sessions with **Academic Scholars** will change in the Spring semester. **First**, there will be some personnel changes. Some of the Scholars have spring time demands that will not allow them to continue with the program, and some Scholars have decided to team up. You will be notified about your Scholar assignment in January. **Second**, the format of the Spring will differ somewhat from the Fall. In January, the Office of Academic

Support will present “**Decoding Your Exams.**” This session will help first year students understand how to evaluate their exams, both by themselves and in conjunction with their professors. After that, the Scholars and students will work to hone essential law school skills that students were introduced to in the Fall. In each skill area, tutors **will help you identify** what is not working, help you make a plan to change, and help to see the change implemented. While some sessions may be in groups, tutors will also meet with students on an individual basis. If you have questions about the Spring program or about any other part of Academic Support, please contact us at academicsupport@stmarytx.edu or (210) 431-4340. We would love to talk to you.

BRIDGES TO LIFE GRADUATION

The *Bridges to Life* graduation will be held on **Thursday, December 3, 2009** from **5:00 to 10:00 p.m.** Interested students may contact Kimberly Gibbs at kimberly@bridgestolife.org for location and/or more information.

CHRISTMAS UNDER THE BRIDGE

On **December 5, 2009**, the **South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless** (SARAH) will be sponsoring the 15th annual **Christmas Under the Bridge** (CUTB) located under the IH35 Underpass. To donate an item, you can drop off any unwrapped new items to the St. Mary’s Center for Legal and Social Justice in care of Jessi Sprague or Mary Mendez. Bins are available in the Law Classroom Building for donation dropoff. Items needed for CUTB include *brand new*:

Clothing:

Blankets
Shirts
Pants
Socks
Underwear
Shoes—prefer inexpensive
Men/Women/Children
slip on or tennis shoes
Gloves/Hats/Raingear
Winter Coats
Sweaters / sweatshirts

Hygiene Products:

Soap—Bars preferred
Feminine Hygiene Products
Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Floss
Disposable Razors/Shaving Crème—up to 8 oz.
Deodorant—prefer Sticks or roll-on
Shampoo— up to 24 oz.
Combs/Brushes
Sunscreen/Lip Balm—up to 8 oz.
Hand/Body Lotion—up to 16 oz.
Diapers/Diaper Wipes
- No household wipes please

In addition to clothing and personal hygiene products, we will be accepting small toys.

****Due to the nature of this event, we cannot accept used clothes, hygiene products or toys****

If you would like to volunteer at **Christmas Under The Bridge** or if you would like more information, please contact Jessi Sprague at Jessi_Sprague@hotmail.com or Mary Mendez

at mmendez@stmarytx.edu or visit the website at <http://www.cutb.org>.

INNSBRUCK CERTIFICATES

2009 Innsbruck Program participants may now pick up their **certificates** from **Ms. Caroline Buckley** in the Raba building. Her desk is located on the **second floor** near the east stairwell.

WEBCASTING OF TEXAS SUPREME COURT ORAL ARGUMENTS

St. Mary's Law School hosts the live webcasting of the Texas Supreme Court's oral arguments. Under an agreement with the Texas Office of Court Administration, the University supplies the technological support and personnel for the project. This is a wonderful opportunity for the public at large and our law school community to see and hear the arguments live — over the internet. We are one of only a handful of law schools in the nation that provide this unique access to live webcasting of oral arguments.

You can access the arguments from a link on the home page of the law school's website and from the Advocacy Programs pages on the law school's website. From those same links you can access archived oral arguments that have been broadcast since Spring 2007. When you access the page for the webcasting (hosted by Mediasite) you can also access links to the briefs filed in the case and the lower courts' opinions (pdf). The arguments are also now available in iTunes.

The most recent oral arguments were held on November 18 and 19. Each side has 20 minutes for oral argument. Please take advantage of this unique educational opportunity.

If you have any questions about the webcasting of the arguments, please contact Professor Schlueter.

The following summaries for the arguments for the November arguments were prepared by the Court's staff attorney for public information and reflect his judgment alone on facts and legal issues and in no way represent the Court's opinion about case merits.

08-0658

Carroll Robinson, et al. v. Bill White, City of Houston and Houston City Council, et al. from Harris County and the 14th District Court of Appeals, Houston

For petitioners: Andy Taylor, Houston

For respondents: Scott J. Atlas, Houston

The principal issues are (1) whether proponents who drafted and campaigned for a proposition and voted for it have standing to sue to declare it effective and, if so, (2) whether a "poison pill" provision associated with a competing proposition violates state law. In this case Robinson drafted and promoted Proposition 2, for a city revenue cap, which Houston voters approved in 2004 but by

a smaller margin than a proposition for a property-tax revenue cap on the same ballot. The City Council refused to adopt Proposition 2 because of a provision associated with Prop 1, that among inconsistent propositions the proposition approved by most voters would prevail, and because of a similar City Charter provision. The trial court granted summary judgment to Robinson and the other Prop 2 organizers, but the court of appeals reversed and dismissed their claims, holding the organizers did not have standing.

08-0667

Eberhard Samlowski, M.D. v. Carol Wooten from Johnson County and the 10th District Court of Appeals, Waco

For petitioner: Kay Ellington, Dallas

For respondent: Barney L. McCoy, Houston

The principal issue is whether a trial court must grant a 30-day extension to cure a deficient but arguably curable expert report in a medical-malpractice suit. In this case the trial court dismissed the suit with prejudice – barring refiling the suit – because the expert report did not adequately show how the alleged negligence proximately caused Wooten’s injuries. Wooten alleged Samlowski’s initial inaccurate diagnosis led to a second surgery and complications. The court determined the report was not a good-faith effort to comply with the expert-report requirement. The appeals court reversed to allow an extension to cure the report, holding that the expert report was not a good-faith effort but was a good-faith attempt to comply with the report requirement.

08-0669

Dan Kelly and Laura Hofstatter v. General Interior Construction Inc. from Harris County and the 14th District Court of Appeals, Houston

For petitioners: David C. Holmes, Houston

For respondent: Ross A. Sears II, Houston

In this jurisdictional challenge the principal issues are (1) whether Texas contacts to establish personal jurisdiction should be limited to pleadings that did not allege a disputed contract was a contact for a fraud claim or for Texas Trust Fund Act violations by the officers individually and (2) whether asserting jurisdiction over the corporate officers complies with federal due process and the Texas long-arm statute. In this case General Interior Construction, a Texas company, sued Kelly and Hofstatter over alleged payments due from Kelly and Hofstatter’s general-contracting business incorporated in Arizona. Their company agreed with another Arizona firm for improvements to a Texas hotel the other firm owned. GIC alleged breach of contract, fraud and misappropriation of trust money Kelly and Hofstatter’s firm held for paying subcontractors. The trial court found specific jurisdiction existed to require Kelly and Hofstatter to defend in Texas against all claims, but the court of appeals reversed on the contract-breach claim, based on Kelly and Hofstatter’s signing the contract as corporate officers.

07-0945

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department v. The Sawyer Trust from Donley County and the Seventh District Court of Appeals, Amarillo

For petitioner: Kristofer S. Monson, Austin

For respondent: Jody Sheets, Dallas

This dispute over a mining permit to take sand and gravel from what the state contends is a navigational stream bed raises these principal issues: (1) whether the state's jurisdictional immunity plea fails because the trust alleges the state is unconstitutionally "taking" its property and, if not, (2) whether state officials must be sued instead of the state itself. In this case the trust seeks to sell sand and gravel from the bed of the Salt Fork of the Red River traversing its property. By statute the state, through the parks department, owns sand and gravel in a navigable river streambed. The trust sued first to declare the Salt Fork at that point was not navigable, then added the takings claim. The trial court denied the state's jurisdictional plea and the court of appeals affirmed.

08-0799

State Farm Lloyds and Erin Strachan v. Wanda M. Page from Johnson County and the 10th District Court of Appeals, Waco

For petitioners: Levon G. Hovnatanian, Houston

For respondent: John F. Melton, Austin

Principal issues in this mold-coverage case are (1) whether the standard Texas homeowners policy provides coverage for mold damage to a dwelling resulting from plumbing leaks; or (2) whether it provides mold-damage coverage for personal property in the dwelling; or (3) whether it provides coverage for both. Page sued State Farm for its refusal to replace her carpet after it repaired mold damage in her house and personal belongings. An underlying question is whether an exclusion-repeal provision in one policy part acts to override a mold exclusion in another part. The trial court granted summary judgment for State Farm, but the appeals court reversed.

09-0387

Carol Severance v. Jerry Patterson, et al. certified questions from the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

For appellant: J. David Breemer, Sacramento, Calif.

For appellees: Daniel L. Geysler, Austin

In this case involving Hurricane Rita's beach destruction in Galveston, and consequent change in public access under the Texas Open Beaches Act, the circuit asks: (1) whether Texas recognizes a "rolling" public beachfront-access easement; if so, (2) whether the rolling easement derives from common law or the Open Beaches Act; and (3) what extent the landowner would be entitled to compensation for loss of property use apart from the state's offer to remove houses on the easement.

REQUESTING ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR COMPETING IN REGIONAL OR NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

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LEGAL SOCIETY FOR MUSICIANS PRESENTS LAWLAPALOOZA 2010 (SIGN-UP)

We are having our second annual “**Lawlapalooza**” music festival on **Friday, February 5, 2010**. Any interested students, alumni, or friends of St. Mary’s students are encouraged to sign-up. This year we are offering a **\$500 first prize**, second prize is a **Beatles painting**, and third place will receive the complete re-mastered **Beatles Anthology**. If you are interested, know someone who might be, just want to ask questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Mike Guzman at mdeguzman1@yahoo.com or Byron Miller at bmiller2@mail.stmarytx.edu. Additionally, a sign-up sheet will be available through the end of the Fall semester at the tables in the Classroom building. Lawlapalooza is a **charity music festival** showcasing St. Mary students and alumni musicians, as well as local acts. All categories of music and musicians are welcome. In addition to whatever music you want to play, this year we are offering prizes for best Beatles cover song. All proceeds go directly to charity.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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The **American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers** is pleased to announce awards to be presented for (a) the best book chapter or book, (b) the best publishable article or substantial book review, and, (c) the best student case note or comment on a **topic**

dealing with consumer financial services law. The awards are cash payments of \$2500, \$2000, and \$1000, respectively, a Certificate of Recognition from the College and travel expenses to attend the Spring 2010 meeting of the College. Entries for an award may be published or unpublished, and must be submitted to the College before **December 1, 2009.**

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On the first day of the spring semester, **Monday, January 11, 2010**, an informational meeting will be held on campus for students interested in learning more about studying in China next summer. The meeting will be held in **Law Classroom 101** from **12:30 to 1:30 p.m.** For more information, contact Professor Robert H. Hu or Professor Vincent R. Johnson, the Directors of the program.

1L FINGERPRINTING SESSIONS

Fingerprinting sessions for 1Ls for the Board of Law Examiner's Declaration of Intention to Study Law have been scheduled as follow:

Wednesday, January 13, 2010	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	LF202
Wednesday, January 20, 2010	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	LF202

The sessions will be coordinated by L-1 Identity Solutions. Please make sure to bring your Driver's License, Valid ID Card, or Passport to your appointment, along with the FAST fingerprinting application. To schedule your individual session, follow the below instructions:

1. Go to www.L1enrollment.com
2. Click on the “Texas” link and then go to “Schedule a Fingerprinting Appointment On-line.”
3. Step 2-Application ID; please select “All Others”
4. The next screen will give you two options. Option A for electronic submission or Option B for fingerprint cards. Please select Option A.
5. Select “Yes, I have my FAST form.”
6. Enter the ORI number off of the FAST application.
7. Step 3 is choosing your location. The screen will ask you to enter your zip code OR choose from the regions on the drop down menu. Please use the drop down menu to choose Special Print.
8. You will need to locate the Special Print labeled Special - St. Mary’s Univ School of Law. January 13th and 20th will be highlighted. Please click on the date.
9. Choose the time slot that you would like to schedule your appointment for.
10. Enter your complete demographic and payment information. You will have the option of paying by check or money order the day of fingerprinting or by credit card when scheduling. L-1 enrollment services use Texas ePay for all credit card transactions and a small convenience fee will be added.
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VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM

It is time for the 2010 VITA season!

The **VITA** is a great way to rack up **Pro Bono** and/or **Community Service hours!** VITA is on-going during the tax season from January through April. It’s a GREAT way to enhance your knowledge of Federal Income Tax! If you are interested **please visit our new website:** <http://vitastmu.com> to sign up for one of our remaining training dates: **January 15-16 & 18.** Training lasts from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the AT&T Center on the St. Mary’s University campus (just inside the Culebra entrance) in rooms 106 and 107. The IRS requires all volunteers to be certified each year in basic tax preparation. However, **returning volunteers** can take a refresher course and test without staying the entire day of training. There is a great need for intermediate and advanced level preparers, so if you are willing, please consider planning to stay the full day to receive those certifications as well. The first date VITA volunteers will meet with clients is January 23rd and the program will be ongoing every Friday and Saturday through early April. The hours for Saturdays will be from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and broken down into the following 4-hour work shifts: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact us at vita.volunteer@yahoo.com. Thank you for your service!

KUDOS TO KIMBEL WARD
AT&T Excellence in Pro Bono Legal Services Scholarship

Congratulations to **Kimbel Ward** for being selected as the **first recipient** of the **AT&T Excellence in Pro Bono Legal Services Scholarship** at St. Mary's University School of Law. This award is designed to encourage law students to develop a strong commitment to pro bono legal service while in law school, with a goal toward fostering a lasting commitment to pro bono service in their future professional practice. In addition to the Scholarship award, Kimbel will have an opportunity to work with pro bono clients and attorney mentors, learn about court-filed documents and procedures, and provide legal and administrative support to the San Antonio Bar Association's Community Justice Program ("CJP") during the Spring Semester. One St. Mary's University School of Law student will be selected each semester to receive a \$1,250 scholarship to be used for tuition, books, or other educational expenses. Sign up for the Pro Bono TWEN site where information and application for the award are posted.

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2010 CENSUS TAKER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Jaime Martinez will be presenting information on 2010 Census Taker Employment Opportunities offered by the U.S. Census Bureau at several meetings over the next few weeks. These meetings will be held at the Community Family Resource Learning Center located at 3141 Culebra Road. These positions are part-time (evenings and weekends), seasonal positions that offer paid training and mileage reimbursement. Bi-lingual speakers are encouraged to apply. St. Mary's law students and employees are invited to apply. The first information meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. and again at 2:00 p.m. Feel free to contact Jaime Martinez at (210) 789-0363 with any questions.

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LEGAL SOCIETY FOR MUSICIANS PRESENTS LAWLAPALOOZA 2010 (SIGN-UP)

We are having our second annual “**Lawlapalooza**” music festival on **Friday, February 5, 2010**. Any interested students, alumni, or friends of St. Mary’s students are encouraged to sign-up. This year we are offering a **\$500 first prize**, second prize is a **Beatles painting**, and third place will receive the complete re-mastered **Beatles Anthology**. If you are interested, know someone who might be, just want to ask questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Mike Guzman at mdeguzman1@yahoo.com or Byron Miller at bmiller2@mail.stmarytx.edu. Additionally, a sign-up sheet will be available through the end of the Fall semester at the tables in the Classroom building. Lawlapalooza is a **charity music festival** showcasing St. Mary students and alumni musicians, as well as local acts. All categories of music and musicians are welcome. In addition to whatever music you want to play, this year we are offering prizes for best Beatles cover song. All proceeds go directly to charity.

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Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia (BABSEA) is accepting applications for their BABSEA 2010 Legal Studies Internship Program. For more information please visit <http://www.babsea.org/volunteer/LegalInternship.htm> or contact Ms. Pimtida Makar at pim@babsea.org. For first priority, applications are due **January 15, 2010** and final deadline is February 14, 2010.

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The **Fund for American Studies** is now accepting applications for the 2010 Legal Studies Institute (LSI) in Washington, D.C. LSI provides first and second-year law students the opportunity to gain a first-hand look at the American legal system through legal internships, a constitutional law seminar, guest speakers and briefings, and professional development activities. Students are encouraged to apply for the early deadline of **February 12, 2010** in order to receive a 5% tuition discount as well as priority scholarship consideration and internship placement. Details of the program and an online application may be found at www.LegalStudiesDC.org. To request an informational brochure, please visit: <http://www.dcinternships.org/tfas/brochure/index.asp>. Final deadline is March 19, 2010.

The 2010 **Bert W. Levit** Essay Contest, sponsored by the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability of the American Bar Association is now accepting entries. The winner will be awarded a prize of \$5,000. Postmark deadline for entries is **February 19, 2010**. Contest rules and information are posted online at www.abanet.org/legalservices/lpl/levit.html.

NEW – The **ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund** is accepting applications through **March 1, 2010** for \$5,000 financial assistance. Applications may be downloaded at <http://www.abanet.org/fje>.

NEW – **Law Students for Reproductive Justice** and the Center for Reproductive Rights' Law School Initiative are accepting submissions for the 5th annual Sarah Weddington Prize. The theme this year is Reproductive Rights as Human Rights. Winning authors will receive \$750 first place, \$500 second place, and \$250 third place. Deadline to apply is **March 1, 2010**.

NEW – **The Journal of Business & Securities Law** is now accepting submissions for the Elliot A. Spoon Business Law Writing Competition. Submit a journal style article on any current topic concerning business or securities law. The selected winner will receive a \$500 check. The competition is open to any law student. For more information email jbsl@msu.edu. Deadline to apply is **March 5, 2010**.

The **Cameron County Bar Association** will award a \$3,000 scholarship fund for financial assistance. Applicants must be a current resident of Cameron County or attended a high school in Cameron County for at least 2 academic years. Application deadline is **March 12, 2010**.

The **Center for Real Estate Studies and Real Estate LL.M. Program** at New York Law School present the First Annual NYLS Real Estate Law Writing Competition. This competition is designed to encourage scholarship on all aspects of real estate and land use law. \$1,000 First Prize and \$500 Honorable Mention. For complete rules, please visit www.nyls.edu/CRES/WritingCompetition. Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2010**.

The **College Labor and Employment Lawyers** is pleased to announce their 2009-2010 writing competition for law students. The scope of permissible topics is broad, *i.e.* any aspect of public or private labor or employment law. Students are encouraged to present a a) public policy issue, b) practical implications of a leading case or doctrine, c) comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification, d) comment on a common law doctrine. All law students are eligible to participate. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For competition rules please visit www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Deadline for submission is **May 1, 2010**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) tuition fee-waiver scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a letter of application. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 522-5801 or email julie.rorie@oscn.net. Deadline to enter is **May 14, 2010**.

NEW – The **American Judges Association** (AJA) announces its Twenty-Second Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “The Pluses and Minuses of eDiscovery” or “The Effect of Melendez-Diaz on State Statutory Schemes for Admission of Lab Results..” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2010**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/htdocs/essaycontest.htm>.

The **American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers** (ASCAP) announces the 2010 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition. The subject of the competition is Copyright Law and is open to third-year students. Second-year students may compete. However, second-year students who receive awards may not compete in their third-year. **Awards will be given at each participating law school**. First prize is \$600 and second prize is \$250. First prize in the national competition is \$3,000; second prize is \$2,000; and third prize is \$1,000. For more information, please call ASCAP (212) 621-6280, email NBMC@ASCAP.com or visit their website at <http://www.ASCAP.com>. Entry deadline: **June 30, 2010**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The

American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2010 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2010**.

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By VMM

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

2010 Symposium

Education and Minorities in the Modern Era:

Working Civil Rights into Practice, Policy, and Procedure

The Scholar announces its **2010 symposium**, *Education and Minorities in the Modern Era: Working Civil Rights into Practice, Policy, and Procedure*. Speakers will include **Mayor Julián Castro**; **Dr. Elizabeth Garza**, Superintendent for Edgewood ISD; and **Jennifer Solak**, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney for CHILDREN AT RISK Public Policy Law Center in Houston, Texas. A panel discussion focusing on public policy and litigation efforts to address the barriers minority students face in education will be conducted with panelists **Senator Leticia Van dePutte**; Representative **Senfronia Thompson**; Representative **Joaquín Castro**; **Judge Israel Ramón, Jr.**, 430th State District Court in Hidalgo County; and **David G. Hinojosa**, Esq., Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF).

The event will be held on **Friday, February 12, 2010**, from **11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at **San Antonio Marriott Northwest**. To register or for more information please visit *The Scholar* Office or contact Francisca Perez at fperez1@stmarytx.edu or Andrea Aguilar at aaguilar6@stmarytx.edu. Registration includes a lunch buffet. This is a great opportunity to network with local politicians and practitioners and to support *The Scholar*.

THE 80's DANCE

The **Evening Student Bar Association (ESBA)** is proud to invite everyone to **The 80's Dance!** All proceeds benefit the first annual SBA Scholarship Achievement Awards. The 80's Dance will be held on **Friday, January 22, 2010** from **8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.** at the **Seneca Ballroom, 6555 Bandera Road**. Tickets are \$12 each or \$20 per couple. There will be a live

cover band and best dressed award. Tickets are on sale in the Law Classroom building.

THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY

The **Federalist Society** is pleased to welcome guest speaker **Wesley Hottot** of the Institute for Justice on **Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Alumni Room. Hottot's work on economic liberty law has been cited by the *Austin American-Statesman*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Houston Chronicle*, *San Antonio Business Journal* and other print, radio, and television outlets in Texas. The Institute for Justice is a public interest law firm litigating property rights, economic liberty and free speech cases in state and federal courts. The Federalist Society will also provide information on summer internships available to members. Don't miss our first meeting of the spring semester!

JANUARY 2010 WILLS CLINIC

Come join us at the January Wills Clinic this week **Tuesday, January 19, 2010**. The Sign-Up Sheet for this Wills Clinic is posted on the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site. Space is limited, so please reserve your spot ASAP! The Wills Clinic is a fabulous way to earn 3 Pro Bono Service Hours and **NETWORK WITH PRACTICING ATTORNEYS AND SITTING JUDGES!** This clinic takes place quarterly and is held at the Center for Legal and Social Justice, 2507 N.W. 36th St., San Antonio, Texas, 78228. The clinic begins at 5:30 p.m.. Please arrive by 5:00-5:15 p.m. Food and drink provided. Attire is Business Casual. *Remember at Wills Clinic, **YOU will be meeting attorney and judges*** – and you never get a second chance to make a first impression. See you there!

PRO BONO SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Pro Bono Services Division** is very pleased to announce **Ms. Cristina Zambrano** as the NEW Research Assistant to the Pro Bono Fellow, Amanda Rivas, for 2010-2011. Cristina will be making announcements about the upcoming Pro Bono and Community Service opportunities periodically this semester and will begin her tenure as the Pro Bono Research Assistant as of the end of this semester. **WELCOME, Cristina**. Please join us in congratulating Cristina when you see her!

WILLS CLINIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Pro Bono Services Division** is very pleased to announce that Mr. Benjamin Williams will be the Wills Clinic's NEW Director of Student Volunteers for 2010-2011. Ben will be making announcements about the upcoming Wills Clinics periodically this semester and will take over the position as Director as of the end of the 2010 Spring Semester. **WELCOME, Ben**. Please join us in congratulating Ben when you see him.

SARAH THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the **Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship is available for any student attending the **2010 Innsbruck program**. Sarah Thompson was a third-year law student when she passed away, and her parents set up this scholarship in her memory. Sarah attended the Innsbruck program in 2004 and was a vocal fan of the program when she returned, encouraging all those around her to attend. The main purpose of this scholarship is to carry on the memory of Sarah, and to allow those who would otherwise not be financially able to attend this wonderful program. Scholarship applications may be picked up from Sr. Grace Walle, LFB 105, or are available on the Innsbruck website.

HAITI DISASTER RELIEF

All Nations Education (ANE) is a 501c3 organization who provides scholarships to young adults in developing countries. Currently ANE is working with Harvard University for Haiti disaster relief and is seeking donations to help fund chartering a plane full of medical supplies and medical personnel. Donations may be safely made through <http://www.razoo.com/story/Haiti-Disaster-Relief>. The link to “Razoo” is a respected and secure online site for 501c3 organizations. 100% of the money received will be used for medical relief. For more information on ANE, please visit: www.allnationseducation.org.

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

Spend your **Spring Break** helping the less fortunate, and enjoy your time with classmates and friends.

New Orleans, Louisiana, March 14-19 – Work with New Orleans area Habitat for Humanity to build new houses to eliminate poverty housing in the New Orleans area. Work is Tuesday through Friday.

McAllen, Texas, March 15-18 – Work with Proyecto Azteca to build houses for low income families. Some migration law work available. Work is Monday through Thursday. Network with area alumni.

Housing and gas expenses will be provided. There are a limited number of spaces available. **For more information**, please contact Sr. Grace Walle at (210) 436-3063, email gwalle@stmarytx.edu, or stop by her office in LFB 105 to sign up.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

San Antonio Bar Association (SABA) Lunch and Learn Series: Interview Skills Workshop. Come learn valuable interview tips to gear up for Spring Recruitment, Public Service Days in Austin and the Valley and Corpus Job Fairs. The workshop will be held on **Wednesday**,

January 20, 2010, 12:00 p.m., in the Law Alumni Room. Speakers will be Clark Brown, Bexar County District Attorney, Civil Division; Sylvia A. Cardona, Langley Banack; Emma Cano, Haynes and Boone; and Suzanne Patrick, Director of Career Services. Lunch will be served. **Please RSVP** in the Events Section of Symplicity.

If you are a student with an undergrad degree (or at least two years of course work) in engineering, computer science, or the hard sciences (chemistry, biology, physics, some related fields), and are interested in becoming a Patent Agent or Attorney, the **Practising Law Institute** (PLI) invites you to a presentation by Mark Dighton, PLI's Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course. Topics for discussion include: the latest info on the Patent Bar Exam, who can take it, how it works, now that it's on computer, when you should take it (you don't need to...and probably shouldn't...wait until you graduate), how and when the new Rules changes coming out of the Patent Office will impact the Exam, and recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam. Scholarships to PL's other IP programs will also be discussed. The presentation will be held on **Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.** At 12:00 p.m. will discuss **exam information pertinent for law students** and others. At 12:45 p.m. the session will continue for graduate and undergraduate students in the science and engineering fields who want to learn more about careers in the field. The presentation will be held in the **Law Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be served. Law students should RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity, and Undergraduate and Graduate students should RSVP to the Office of Career Services. Please visit us on the web for a wealth of information on the resources we offer: www.patentbarreview.com www.pli.edu

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Congratulations to the **BLSA, mock trial team**. This past weekend the team competed at the **Thurgood Marshall National Mock Trial Competition** (Rocky Mountain region) in New Orleans, Louisiana. They finished as **regional finalists**, losing to the University of Texas in the final round. As regional finalists, the team has been invited to compete in the National Competition in March. The team consisted of **Bridgett Clay, Kristin Kaye, Chris Johnson, and Lauren Cadillac**. Two additional students, **Kat Betzler** and **Artessia House**, helped prepare the team for the competition and provided invaluable assistance by filling in for the team members. The team was coached by **Daryl Harris**.

LUNCH WITH THE AUTHOR OF A NEW BOOK ABOUT THE ONLY TEXAN TO SERVE ON THE U.S. SUPREME COURT: JUSTICE TOM C. CLARK

On **Monday, January 25**, author **Mimi Clark Gronlund** will discuss her new book: *Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark: A Life of Service* (University of Texas Press 2009). Gronlund's father was the **only Texan ever to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court**. As a member of the "Warren Court," Clark participated in *Brown v. Board of Education* and wrote the landmark opinion on exclusion of illegally obtained evidence, *Mapp v. Ohio*. Join us from **12:00 to 1:30 p.m.** in **Law Classroom 101** (not the Alumni Room). Lunch will be provided.

ST. MARY'S RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVE MEETING

The **Restorative Justice Initiative** will hold its **January** general meeting on **Monday, January 25** at **12:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium**. We will watch a video "Safe Streets," a program run

by Marquette Law School in Milwaukee. We will also discuss upcoming activities. Food will be provided.

CLINICAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

Are you interested in getting **practical legal skills** while in law school? How would you like to appear as counsel in a courtroom BEFORE your graduate? Do you think that might be **experience worth having**? You bet it is! You can find out what it is like to actually practice law as a student in one of **St. Mary's Clinical Programs**. Come and learn more at one of our Clinical Information Sessions this week, **Tuesday, January 26th** and **Wednesday, January 27th** from **11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** in the **Raba** building. Lunch will be provided. For **evening students, Tuesday, January 26th** from **5:00 - 6:00 p.m.** in the Law Classroom building.

COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM A Project of the San Antonio Bar Association Lawyers Helping People

Bringing the Courthouse into the Community

“As long as a man is handicapped before the bar of justice because of his poverty, our task as lawyers is not done.”

–Robert Kennedy

The **Community Justice Program (CJP)** is looking for a few law students to help out at their clinics. This is the same sponsor for the Wills Clinic. So if you enjoy Wills Clinic, you will find this to be much the same, except CJP assists clients with different types of legal issues: ***uncontested family matters (including divorce and adoption proceedings) and simple landlord/tenant disputes***. So it should be an awesome, hands-on learning experience! Please see the CJP link on the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site for more information about the Clinic itself. **Sign up sheets are available on the TWEN site**. Space is SERIOUSLY limited so please sign up right away. **This is the first CJP event (outside of Wills Clinic) accepting law students as volunteers**. So, if it goes well, more spaces may become available at later CJP events. The next CJP clinic is this week **Tuesday, January 26th** at the **Wesley Community Center, 1406 Fitch Street, San Antonio, Texas 78211**. There are 2-3 events per month at 3 different locations – check the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN site for more information. This is a FANTASTIC NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY. **As a volunteer, you will be working with local attorneys and judges, so dress business/business/casual**. Food and drink provided. Please arrive by 5:15 p.m. Time commitment is 2-3 hours.

THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY

The **Federalist Society** is pleased to welcome guest speaker **Wesley Hottot** of the

Institute for Justice on **Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Alumni Room. Hottot's work on economic liberty law has been cited by the *Austin American-Statesman*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Houston Chronicle*, *San Antonio Business Journal* and other print, radio, and television outlets in Texas. The Institute for Justice is a public interest law firm litigating property rights, economic liberty and free speech cases in state and federal courts. The Federalist Society will also provide information on summer internships available to members. Don't miss our first meeting of the spring semester!

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE ST. MARY'S LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY
Sponsored by the Hispanic Law Students Association

Early voting for the March 2, 2010 primary election **begins February 16 and ends February 26, 2010.** In order to vote for local Bexar County positions, **one must be registered** in Bexar County as least 30 days prior to voting. The last day to register to be able to vote in the March 2nd primary is **February 1, 2010.** HLSA will have a table to register voters in the Law Classroom building on the afternoons of **January 25th and January 27th.** For more information on the HLSA voter registration, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Ted Santos at tedsantos@yahoo.com or Miguel Vela at Miguel_angel_006@yahoo.com. For complete information on official voter registration and upcoming elections, please visit <http://www.co.bexar.tx.us/elections> or <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/2010dates.shtml>.

CLASS OF 2010 – GRADUATION INFORMATION
ORDERS FOR TAMS, GOWNS, INVITATIONS, AND RINGS

Representatives from **The Herff Jones/Graduation Center** will be in the **Atrium** on **Wednesday, January 27th** and **Thursday, January 28th** from **10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** each day, to take orders for the Class of 2010 for academic regalia (tams, gowns, and hoods), as well as graduation announcements and invitations, plus class rings, which are sold directly by The Herff Jones/Graduation Center. Check your student mailbox for complete ordering information, including prices.

THE SCHOLAR: ST. MARY'S LAW REVIEW ON MINORITY ISSUES
2010 Symposium
Education and Minorities in the Modern Era:
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The Scholar announces its **2010 symposium, *Education and Minorities in the Modern Era: Working Civil Rights into Practice, Policy, and Procedure.*** Speakers will include **Mayor Julián Castro**; **Dr. Elizabeth Garza**, Superintendent for Edgewood ISD; and **Jennifer Solak**, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney for CHILDREN AT RISK Public Policy Law Center in Houston, Texas. A panel discussion focusing on public policy and litigation efforts to address the barriers minority students face in education will be conducted with panelists **Senator Leticia Van dePutte**; Representative **Senfronia Thompson**; Representative **Joaquín Castro**; **Judge Israel**

Ramón, Jr., 430th State District Court in Hidalgo County; and **David G. Hinojosa, Esq.**, Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF).

The event will be held on **Friday, February 12, 2010**, from **11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at **San Antonio Marriott Northwest**. To register or for more information please visit *The Scholar* Office or contact Francisca Perez at fperez1@stmarytx.edu or Andrea Aguilar at aaguilar6@stmarytx.edu. Registration includes a lunch buffet. This is a great opportunity to network with local politicians and practitioners and to support *The Scholar*.

SARAH THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the **Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship is available for any student attending the **2010 Innsbruck program**. Sarah Thompson was a third-year law student when she passed away, and her parents set up this scholarship in her memory. Sarah attended the Innsbruck program in 2004 and was a vocal fan of the program when she returned, encouraging all those around her to attend. The main purpose of this scholarship is to carry on the memory of Sarah, and to allow those who would otherwise not be financially able to attend this wonderful program. Scholarship applications may be picked up from Sr. Grace Walle, LFB 105, or are available on the Innsbruck website.

HAITI DISASTER RELIEF

All Nations Education (ANE) is a 501c3 organization who provides scholarships to young adults in developing countries. Currently ANE is working with Harvard University for Haiti disaster relief and is seeking donations to help fund chartering a plane full of medical supplies and medical personnel. Donations may be safely made through <http://www.razoo.com/story/Haiti-Disaster-Relief>. The link to “Razoo” is a respected and secure online site for 501c3 organizations. 100% of the money received will be used for medical relief. For more information on ANE, please visit: www.allnationseducation.org.

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

Spend your **Spring Break** helping the less fortunate, and enjoy your time with classmates and friends.

New Orleans, Louisiana, March 14-19 – Work with New Orleans area Habitat for Humanity to build new houses to eliminate poverty housing in the New Orleans area. Work is Tuesday through Friday.

McAllen, Texas, March 15-18 – Work with Proyecto Azteca to build houses for low income families. Some migration law work available. Work is Monday through Thursday. Network with area alumni.

Housing and gas expenses will be provided. There are a limited number of spaces available. **For more information**, please contact Sr. Grace Walle at (210) 436-3063, email gwalle@stmarytx.edu, or stop by her office in LFB 105 to sign up.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

If you are a student with an undergrad degree (or at least two years of course work) in engineering, computer science, or the hard sciences (chemistry, biology, physics, some related fields), and are interested in becoming a Patent Agent or Attorney, the **Practising Law Institute** (PLI) invites you to a presentation by Mark Dighton, PLI's Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course. Topics for discussion include: the latest info on the Patent Bar Exam, who can take it, how it works, now that it's on computer, when you should take it (you don't need to...and probably shouldn't...wait until you graduate), how and when the new Rules changes coming out of the Patent Office will impact the Exam, and recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam. Scholarships to PL's other IP programs will also be discussed. The presentation will be held on **Wednesday, January 27, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.** At 12:00 p.m. will discuss **exam information pertinent for law students** and others. At 12:45 p.m. the session will continue for graduate and undergraduate students in the science and engineering fields who want to learn more about careers in the field. The presentation will be held in the **Law Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be served. Law students should RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity, and Undergraduate and Graduate students should RSVP to the Office of Career Services. Please visit us on the web for a wealth of information on the resources we offer: www.patentbarreview.com www.pli.edu.

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ATTENTION 1st YEAR STUDENTS

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understand how to evaluate their exams, both by themselves and in conjunction with their professors. After that, the Scholars and students will work to hone essential law school skills that students were introduced to in the Fall. In each skill area, tutors **will help you identify** what is not working, help you make a plan to change, and help to see the change implemented. While some sessions may be in groups, tutors will also meet with students on an individual basis. If you have questions about the Spring program or about any other part of Academic Support, please contact us at academicsupport@stmarytx.edu or (210) 431-4340. We would love to talk to you.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

The **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library** is offering 20 minute **research appointments** for law students. Are you working on a paper? Confused over how to search some of our databases? Trying to find what study aids are available? Let our experienced Law Librarians help. Suggest the time and day which is most convenient for you and let us help you. Please go to the electronic form at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=lawLibraryResearchGuides> and select your time.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

Nominations and applications for **ABA Law Student Division 2010-2011** leadership positions are now being accepted. There are over 100 available leadership positions (elected and appointed) in the ABA Law Student Division, which provide opportunities for law students to interact with practicing attorneys, advocate the needs of law students and help shape the policy of the ABA Law Student Division. For more information, please visit <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/elections/>.

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Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law announces its 2009-2010 **Trandafir International Business** Writing Competition. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **February 1, 2010**. For more information and contest rules please see http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/html/trandafir_competition.html.

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NEW – National Association of Women Lawyers is seeking entries for the Fifth Annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2010**. For guidelines please visit <http://www.nawl.org/Assets/Documents/SM+Writing+Comp+2009-2010.pdf>.

NEW – Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. The competition is open to all law students. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 30, 2010**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf.

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NEW – The **Lawyer’s Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation** announces the 2010 LCCHP Annual Student Writing Competition in Cultural Heritage Preservation Law. The awards for the 2010 competition are \$1000 for first place and \$500 for second place. Instructions for submission of papers and of faculty supporting nominations may be found at <http://www.culturalheritagelaw.org/education/competition2010>. The deadline for submissions is **June 11, 2010**.

NEW – The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2010 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. Deadline is **June 15, 2010**.

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Law School Atrium

No Appointment Necessary

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No cost to law school community and to dependents age 18+

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BAR SKILLS PREPARATION WORKSHOP

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DEMOCRATIC LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Rock Climbing Tournament

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INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS
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The **College Labor and Employment Lawyers** is pleased to announce their 2009-2010 writing competition for law students. The scope of permissible topics is broad, *i.e.* any aspect of public or private labor or employment law. Students are encouraged to present a a) public policy issue, b) practical implications of a leading case or doctrine, c) comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification, d) comment on a common law doctrine. All law students are eligible to participate. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For competition rules please visit www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Deadline for submission is **May 1, 2010**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXIII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a letter of application. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 522-5801 or email julie.rorie@oscn.net. Deadline to enter is **May 7, 2010**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2010 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 14, 2010**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

The **American Judges Association** (AJA) announces its Twenty-Second Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “The Pluses and Minuses of eDiscovery” or “The Effect of Melendez-Diaz on State Statutory Schemes for Admission of Lab Results..” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2010**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/htdocs/essaycontest.htm>.

The **Paralyzed Veterans of America** (PVA) is proud to announce its 2009-10 annual legal writing competition. The topic this year is: Adjudication within the Department of Veterans Affairs: Judicial Independence, Quality Control, Consumer Perception and the Paradoxes Present in the VA’s System of Administrative Adjudication. Prizes of \$3,000 each will be awarded in two divisions: law student and professional. The contest is open to law students, law school graduates, and law professors. Deadline for submitting entries is **June 1, 2010**. Please visit www.pva.org for more information.

The **Lawyer’s Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation** announces the 2010 LCCHP Annual Student Writing Competition in Cultural Heritage Preservation Law. The awards for the 2010 competition are \$1000 for first place and \$500 for second place. Instructions for submission of papers and of faculty supporting nominations may be found at <http://www.culturalheritagelaw.org/education/competition2010>. The deadline for submissions is **June 11, 2010**.

The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2010 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. Deadline is **June 15, 2010**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 15, 2010**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, cdennis@innsofcourt.org or visit www.innsofcourt.org.

The **Dallas Hispanic Bar Association** Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce

that it will award law school scholarships to deserving students enrolled in a Texas law school during the 2010-2011 school year. The scholarships will be awarded to students who have high academic performance and demonstrated leadership. Applicants will be considered as applications are received effective April 15, 2010. For an application or more information, please visit http://www.dallashispanicbar.com/scholarship_foundation.php. Deadline to apply is **June 15, 2010**.

The **American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers** (ASCAP) announces the 2010 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition. The subject of the competition is Copyright Law and is open to third-year students. Second-year students may compete. However, second-year students who receive awards may not compete in their third-year. Awards will be given at each participating law school. First prize is \$600 and second prize is \$250. First prize in the national competition is \$3,000; second prize is \$2,000; and third prize is \$1,000. For more information, please call ASCAP (212) 621-6280, email NBMC@ASCAP.com or visit their website at <http://www.ASCAP.com>. Entry deadline: **June 30, 2010**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2010 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2010**.

The **Education Law Association** proudly sponsors the George Jay Joseph Education Law Writing Award 2010 competition. Entry deadline is **July 15, 2010**. For purpose, nature, and guidelines of the award, please visit <http://educationlaw.org/nominations.php>.

NEW – National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) presents their 2009-2010 NAPW Law Student Writing Competition. This year's contest is "Birthing Rights as a Matter of Gender Equality. The full description of the contest is available here: [Birthing Rights Prompt](#). The first prize entry will receive \$1000. The second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. Deadline to apply is **December 15, 2010**.

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By VMM

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

ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL
**NINTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON LEGAL MALPRACTICE
AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**
5 CLE Ethics hours available

The *Law Journal* announces its **2010 Symposium** with guest speakers including: Lee Cusenbary, Susan Saab Fortney, Lilian B. Hardwick, Nancy B. Rapoport, Chief Justice Catherine Stone, and Edward L. Wilkinson.

The event will be held on **Friday, February 19, 2010** from **8:00 a.m.** to **4:00 p.m.** at **The Plaza Club** in the Frost Bank Tower, 100 W. Houston, Suite 2100. **To register** or for more information please see <http://www.stmaryslawjournal.org/pdfs/brochure.pdf> or contact Renee Higgins, Business Manager at rhiggins@stmarytx.edu or Collanne Bramblett-West, Symposium Editor at cbramblett-west@gmail.com. Registration includes breakfast and a lunch buffet. This is a great opportunity to network with local practitioners.

MARDI GRAS PARTY

The **Student Bar Association** and **Law Ministry** invite you to a **Mardi Gras** celebration on **Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 4:00 p.m.** in the **Law Plaza**. All faculty, staff, and students are invited. Grab your mask, beads, feathers, and friends and join us for food, drink, and fun to celebrate **Mardi Gras**. In the event of rain, Mardi Gras will be moved to the Law Alumni Room.

**ASH WEDNESDAY
MARKS THE START OF LENT**

The **Season of Lent** begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010**. A Mass will be held at **12:00 p.m.** in the **Law Alumni Room** and will include the traditional imposition of ashes, calling us to observe a Holy Lent. A lenten lunch will follow.

A second imposition of ashes will be held at **5:15 p.m. in the Law Plaza**. A simple Lenten dinner will follow.

As a **reminder** to anyone hosting events during the **Lent Season**, Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday) through Friday, April 2 (Good Friday), Catholics are required to fast and refrain from eating meat on Friday's during Lent.

**CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY
Scholarship Announcement**

The **Christian Legal Society (CLS)** will hold its first meeting on **Wednesday, February 17, 2010** from **12:00 to 1:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium**. CLS Attorney Chapter President Charles Weisinger will be in attendance to announce the **3rd Annual Christian Legal Society Essay Scholarship**. Hope to see you there.

**OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT
Bar Exam Prep Program Sessions - Spring 2010**

The Office of Academic Support will present a series of **Bar Skills Preparation Workshops** during the Spring semester. If you are not able to attend the scheduled sessions, you may find **audio** and **PowerPoints** on the **Academic Support TWEN** site.

MBE	Wed., 2/17	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	LC104
Texas Essay Exam	Tue., 2/23	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	LC104
MPT/P&E	Tue., 3/02	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	LC103
MBE	Wed., 3/10	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	LC104
Multiple-Choice Workshop	Thu., 3/11	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	LC101
Texas Essay Exam	Wed., 3/24	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	LC104

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Come join APALSA as we welcome in the **Year of the Tiger** in the **Alumni Room, Thursday, February 18, 2010** at **12:00 p.m.** Also find out information on the upcoming MedMal Bowl and the China program at this time. All students are welcome to join us. There will be no meeting. Just food, fellowship, fortune cookies, and fun!

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVE
FEBRUARY MEETING**

Restorative Justice Initiative will hold its general meeting on **Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Robert Rios of the **Boerne Police Department** will address using restorative justice with juveniles. Food will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend.

**ALMA L. LOPEZ LAW STUDENT
WOMAN IN LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Nominations are now being accepted for the **Alma L. Lopez Law Student Woman In Leadership Award**. The award recipient will be honored at the Women's History Month celebration at the Law School on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. Faculty, staff, student organizations, and individuals are encouraged to submit letters of nomination to Sr. Grace no later than **Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** For more information, or for any questions, please contact Sr. Grace in person, LFB 105, by telephone at (210) 436-3063, or by email at gwall@stmarytx.edu.

**WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION
Mentor & Mentee Networking Event**

Women's Law Association (WLA) will be hosting a **Mentor & Mentee Networking Event** with the Bexar County Women's Bar Association (BCWBA) on **Thursday, February 18, 2010** from **5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** at **Mama Margie's** located at I-10 & Wurzbach. All law students are invited to attend. Members of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association will be in attendance. Last year we had more attorneys than students! BCWBA & WLA will give out 2 drink tickets and will provide appetizers for all students and attorneys in attendance. Hope to see you there!

16TH ANNUAL PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL

The **16th Annual People's Law School** will take place on **Saturday, February 20, 2010**, from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the **Law Classroom Building**. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Qualified local attorneys will share their experience in a series of classes relating to the areas of elder law, family law, and business law. A joint project of the San Antonio Bar Foundation and St. Mary's University School of Law, the event is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** and **ADMISSION IS FREE**. Student volunteers are needed to perform various tasks throughout the day. If you are interested, please go to the Pro Bon TWEN site for more detailed information.

**FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS
IN SAN ANTONIO**

**Semesters: Summer 2010, Fall 2010, and Spring 2011
Deadline: 4:00 PM Wednesday February 24, 2010**

Applications are now being accepted for pre-graduation judicial internships with four federal judges who have chambers in San Antonio. This is the only time that applications will be solicited for internships with these courts during the next three semesters. *Successful candidates typically have a strong academic record.*

Eligibility of Full-Time and Part-Time Students: Students may apply for any internship that will commence in a semester after the student has completed 31 hours of course work. Thus, a first-year full-time student may apply for an internship that will take place in the summer between first and second year, or during any subsequent semester. A first-year part-time student may applying for a judicial internship that commences in spring of the student's second year or later.

The United States Court of Appeals

There are two different internships available with judges on the Fifth Circuit. One is a four-credit, graded internship; the other is a two-credit pass/fail internship.

The Honorable Emilio M. Garza, a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, will offer four-credit graded internship positions to two students during each semester.

The Honorable Edward C. Prado, a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, will offer two-credit pass/fail internship positions to one student during each semester.

The United States District Court

At the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, two or three positions will be available each semester with the Honorable Xavier Rodriguez during each semester. United States District Court interns are required to work 120 hours during the semester at the federal courthouse at Hemisfair Plaza in downtown San Antonio. Interns will earn two pass/fail credits.

The United States Magistrate Court

At the United States Magistrate Court, one internship with the Honorable Pamela Mathy is available during each semester.

Applications

Interested students should submit an application to Professor Vincent R. Johnson. Please give your application materials to Ms. Maribel Garcia on the second floor of the Raba Law Faculty Building. Questions can be directed to Professor Johnson at: vjohnson@stmarytx.edu.

An application should include:

(1) One federal court internship form, available from Ms. Maribel Garcia or on the law school website. The form asks a student to indicate which judges the student would like to be considered by and which semesters the student is available to serve in an internship. You only need to submit one form, regardless of the number of judges for which you are submitting applications

(2) For each judge by whom a candidate would like to be considered:

- One resume, including cumulative GPA and current class rank;
- One cover letter in business-letter format (date; return address, judge's address, proper salutation (e.g., Dear Judge Garza). In terms of tone, the letter should be restrained, professional, factual, and confident.
- Please staple the cover letter to the front of the resume. Please do not use special folders or bindings; they will be removed before the applications are sent to the judges.

(3) Applicants for a U.S. Court of Appeals internship with Judge Emilio Garza should, if possible, furnish one writing sample (*e.g.*, a Legal Writing memo or brief, a copy of an exam essay, a law journal comment, etc.). Writing samples should not be included for the other courts.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

What do lawyers really do? On TV and in the movies, lawyers are always in the courtroom or in the library. Have you ever wondered what a typical day is like for real lawyers? **Come hear a panel of local litigators** discuss what lawyers really do. Panelists include lawyers in civil and criminal practice; with private and government employers; and officing solo, large firm, and in-house. **Moderated by United States District Judge Fred Biery.** Presented by the San Antonio Bar Association and the San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Join us on **Thursday, February 25, 2010, 12:00 p.m., Alumni Room.** Lunch will be served. Please RSVP in the **Events Section of Symplicity.**

BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION Rock Climbing Tournament

Are you comfortable living on the edge? Have you ever won \$100 in less than an hour? You might be able to win at the **Rock Climbing Tournament.** The **Black Law Student**

Association is hosting a rock climbing tournament on campus on **February 27, 2010** to commemorate **Black History Month** and anyone may compete for the cash prize. Participant registration is \$10 per person and everyone is welcome to compete (including non-students). **To sign up**, please pick up a registration form at Carrel 119 or from the flyers posted on the bulletin boards **on or before February 22**. Please come on out and cheer your colleagues on as they hang tough for the prize!

INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS July 4-31, 2010

The online application for the China summer program is now available on the law school website. To apply, go to <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=instituteChineseLawBusiness> and click on Application Information. The suggested application deadline is April 1, 2010. Students interested in attending the China program this summer can follow developments and updates on Facebook. The page is <http://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Antonio-TX/St-Marys-University-Institute-on-Chinese-Law-and-Business/274945868786?ref=ts>. For questions or more information, please contact Professor Bob Hu (rhu@stmarytx.edu) or Professor Vincent Johnson (vjohnson@stmarytx.edu).

SARAH THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the **Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship is available for any student attending the **2010 Innsbruck program**. Sarah Thompson was a third-year law student when she passed away, and her parents set up this scholarship in her memory. Sarah attended the Innsbruck program in 2004 and was a vocal fan of the program when she returned, encouraging all those around her to attend. The main purpose of this scholarship is to carry on the memory of Sarah, and to allow those who would otherwise not be financially able to attend this wonderful program. Scholarship applications may be picked up from Sr. Grace Walle, LFB 105, or are available on the Innsbruck website.

INNSBRUCK PROGRAM July 5 - August 6, 2010

There will be an information session and update on **March 8, 2010** at **12:00 p.m.** and **5:15 p.m.** for part-time students. Both sessions will be held in **law classroom 104**. Professors Reamey and Reams will be reviewing the latest developments and provide up-to-date information as the program celebrates its **25th year!** Pizza will be served. Students interested in coming to Innsbruck are encouraged to attend the information session.

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

Spend your **Spring Break** helping the less fortunate, and enjoy your time with

classmates and friends.

New Orleans, Louisiana, March 14-19 – Work with New Orleans area Habitat for Humanity to build new houses to eliminate poverty housing in the New Orleans area. Work is Tuesday through Friday.

McAllen, Texas, March 15-18 – Work with Proyecto Azteca to build houses for low income families. Some migration law work available. Work is Monday through Thursday. Network with area alumni.

Housing and gas expenses will be provided. There are a limited number of spaces available. **For more information**, please contact Sr. Grace Walle at (210) 436-3063, email gwalle@stmarytx.edu, or stop by her office in LFB 105 to sign up.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

The **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library** is offering 20 minute **research appointments** for law students. Are you working on a paper? Confused over how to search some of our databases? Trying to find what study aids are available? Let our experienced Law Librarians help. Suggest the time and day which is most convenient for you and let us help you. Please go to the electronic form at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=lawLibraryResearchGuides> and select your time.

HAITI DISASTER RELIEF

All Nations Education (ANE) is a 501c3 organization who provides scholarships to young adults in developing countries. Currently ANE is working with Harvard University for Haiti disaster relief and is seeking donations to help fund chartering a plane full of medical supplies and medical personnel. Donations may be safely made through <http://www.razoo.com/story/Haiti-Disaster-Relief>. The link to “Razoo” is a respected and secure online site for 501c3 organizations. 100% of the money received will be used for medical relief. For more information on ANE, please visit: www.allnationseducation.org.

WEBCASTING OF TEXAS SUPREME COURT ORAL ARGUMENTS

St. Mary’s Law School hosts the **live webcasting of the Texas Supreme Court’s oral arguments**. Under an agreement with the Texas Office of Court Administration, the University supplies the technological support and personnel for the project. This is a wonderful opportunity for the public at large and our law school community to **see and hear the arguments live** — over the internet. St. Mary’s is one of only a handful of law schools in the nation that provide this unique access to live webcasting of oral arguments.

You can access the arguments from a link on the home page of the law school’s website

and from the Advocacy Programs pages on the law school's website. From those same links you can access archived oral arguments that have been broadcast since Spring 2007. When you access the page for the webcasting (hosted by Mediasite) you can also access links to the briefs filed in the case and the lower courts' opinions (pdf). The arguments are also now available in iTunes.

The next set of oral arguments will be held on **February 16, 17 and 18, 2010**. The arguments on February 18th will be held at the University of Texas School of Law. Each side has 20 minutes for oral argument. Please take advantage of this unique educational opportunity.

If you have any questions about the webcasting of the arguments, please contact Professor Schlueter.

The following summaries for the arguments for February were prepared by the Court's staff attorney for public information and reflect his judgment alone on facts and legal issues and in no way represent the Court's opinion about case merits.

February 16, 2010

09-0257

City of Dallas v. Heather Stewart

(from Dallas County and the Fifth District Court of Appeals, Dallas)

The issue in this takings claim over a house the city demolished as a nuisance is whether res judicata or collateral estoppel attaches to a final determination by a legislatively created, quasi-judicial board. In this case the Urban Rehabilitation Standards Board declared Stewart's house a nuisance after years of standing vacant and in disrepair. As Stewart appealed the standards board's nuisance determination to the trial court, the city demolished the house under authority granted by Local Government Code chapters 54 and 214. Stewart then pressed an unconstitutional-takings claim, arguing the city took her property without fair compensation. In response the city pleaded that the takings claim depended on relitigating the standards board's nuisance finding, but Stewart failed to appeal that specifically to the trial court. After a trial, a jury found the city had unconstitutionally taken Stewart's property and awarded damages. The trial court rejected the city's res judicata defense. The court of appeals affirmed.

09-0264

In re Allied Chemical Corp., et al.

(from Hidalgo County and the 13th District Court of Appeals, Corpus Christi/Edinburg)

The issue is whether the trial court abused its discretion by scheduling interrogatories of more than 1,800 plaintiffs and intervenors at a rate that would last there and a half years and by a sequence plaintiffs determined. In this, the third discovery mandamus petition in a toxic-tort case, Allied and other defendants argue that the trial court abused its discretion by an interrogatory schedule that could coerce settlement by allowing plaintiffs to hide weak toxic exposure cases. They claim that the plaintiffs' scheduling interrogatory answers after consulting with the same expert is needless and violates Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 193.4's reasonable time for discovery. The trial court imposed a schedule shorter by 16 years than the plaintiffs

proposed. The court of appeals affirmed.

09-0269

Jefferson State Bank v. Christina C. Lenk

(from Bexar County and the Fourth District Court of Appeals, San Antonio)

Principal issues in this case involving estate funds paid to an imposter administrator are (1) whether a bank can rely under the Probate Code on fraudulent administration letters to give the imposter administrator access to the decedent's account and (2) whether the bank's making bank statements available started time running to bar any action on an unauthorized transaction. In this case an administrator for two estates sued for money a onetime Bexar County probate clerk took from the estates using fraudulent letters of administration. The bank argues that the letters were "facially valid" and protected it from liability and bank statements were given by a receiver to the court-appointed administration more than a year before suit she demanded payment from the bank. The bank contends that her payment demand was beyond the Uniform Commercial Code's one-year repose. The trial court granted summary judgment for the bank. The court of appeals reversed.

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08-0941

The Travelers Insurance Co. v. Barry Joachim

(from Lubbock County and the Seventh District Court of Appeals, Amarillo)

The issue is whether, after a nonsuit, the trial court's order dismissing a case with prejudice for failing to prosecute it is a final-merits determination that bars a later suit based on res judicata. In this case Travelers sought dismissal of Joachim's second suit against it because the trial court in the first suit dismissed it in an order barring refiling. Travelers argues that dismissal of the first suit with prejudice, though otherwise improper, became a decision on the merits when Joachim failed to challenge it. Instead of challenging the order in the first suit, Joachim filed an identical claim in a second court. After the trial court initially denied Travelers' summary-judgment motion, based on res judicata, another judge on reconsideration granted the motion. The court of appeals reversed, holding that dismissal of a case for want of prosecution was not a merits determination and could not be ordered with prejudice.

08-0964

Edwards Aquifer Authority and State of Texas v. Burrell Day and Joel McDaniel

(from Atascosa County and the Fourth District Court of Appeals, San Antonio)

Principal issues are (1) whether landowners within the Edwards Aquifer boundaries own the groundwater under their property and (2) whether water from an artesian well that flowed into a reservoir constituted water controlled by state regulations or by the Edwards Aquifer Authority. This appeal arises from Day and McDaniel's challenge to the aquifer authority's limited irrigation permit on water they sought to pump from a reservoir on their property. In an appeal from the aquifer authority's permit ruling, the trial court sided with Day and McDaniel, deciding that the reservoir water was aquifer water subject to the authority's control. The court of appeals

reversed, holding in part that the reservoir water was groundwater and the landowners had a vested right to aquifer water beneath their land.

February 18, 2010

08-0995

In re Columbia Valley Healthcare System, L.P.

(from Cameron County and the 13th District Court of Appeals, Corpus Christi/Edinburg)

The issue is whether a legal assistant who worked on the other side of case disqualifies her new law firm when the extent of her involvement in the case was allegedly administrative. In this medical-malpractice case attorneys for a hospital's owners moved to disqualify the plaintiffs' law firm because one of its legal assistants had been employed by the hospital's lead counsel, responsible for filing privileged documents pertaining to the hospital and handling investigative material and documents pertaining to strategy and settlement. Before she left the hospital's law firm she signed a confidentiality agreement that obligated her not to work on any matter that she previously worked on for the law firm. The counsel who hired her admonished her not to work on cases she worked on at the previous firm, although she filed correspondence involving the malpractice case and did other work, including rescheduling a docket conference, handling correspondence and calls concerning it and copying the plaintiffs' son's birth certificate and Social Security records. The trial court denied the disqualification motion. The appeals court affirmed.

08-1066

Michael T. Jelinek, M.D., and Columbia Rio Grande Healthcare, L.P.

v. Francisco Casas and Alfredo DeLeon Jr.

(from Hidalgo County and the 13th District Court of Appeals, Corpus Christi/Edinburg)

Principal issues are (1) whether the hospital preserved error in this medical-malpractice case when the claimed error concerns an instruction that is not in the record and (2) whether an expert report assessing the doctor's alleged negligence was inadequate for inferring support for the care standard and for causation. After first suing for wrongful death, Casas amended the petition to claim suffering and mental distress because his wife, after bowel surgery for a perforated colon and with a known infection, did not get antibiotics for four days because the hospital did not automatically renew her prescription. At one point in this lapse odor from the infection was so great fans were used to dissipate it. At trial, the hospital contends, it offered an "unavoidable accident" instruction that the court denied. But the instruction was not in the record. Jelinek, who prescribed the antibiotics but was on vacation when the prescription expired, argues that the expert report did not address how his deviation from the applicable care standard proximately caused Mrs. Casas' suffering and mental distress. The appeals court affirmed a jury award for Casas, holding that the claimed instructional error was not preserved, and affirmed the trial court on the expert report on Jelinek's alleged negligence.

09-0236

State of Texas v. K.E.W.

(from Galveston County and the First District Court of Appeals, Houston)

The principal issue in this challenge to an involuntary commitment order was whether the appeals court correctly applied the clear-and-convincing standard to assess likelihood of serious harm to others. K.E.W., suffering schizophrenia and at times agitated, came to a mental-health clinic looking for a specific staff member whom he said he wanted to impregnate. Aliens implanted a computer chip in him, he explained, because he was chosen to populate a new human race. The trial court ordered him committed, but the appeals court held that his talk without more than agitation was not an overt act that was clear and convincing evidence of serious harm to himself or others. The state argues that the court of appeals only needed to find a scintilla of evidence to support the commitment order and not an elevated review standard.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

The 2010 **Bert W. Levit** Essay Contest, sponsored by the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability of the American Bar Association is now accepting entries. The winner will be awarded a prize of \$5,000. Postmark deadline for entries is **February 19, 2010**. Contest rules and information are posted online at www.abanet.org/legalservices/lpl/levit.html.

The **ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund** is accepting applications through **March 1, 2010** for \$5,000 financial assistance. Applications may be downloaded at <http://www.abanet.org/fje>.

The Bankruptcy Litigation Committee of the **American Bankruptcy Institute** (ABI) is pleased to invite students to participate in its Second Annual ABI Bankruptcy Law Student Writing Competition. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. For guidelines and more information please go to <http://www.abiworld.org/journalsubmission>. Deadline to apply is **March 1, 2010**.

Law Students for Reproductive Justice and the Center for Reproductive Rights' Law School Initiative are accepting submissions for the 5th annual Sarah Weddington Prize. The theme this year is Reproductive Rights as Human Rights. Winning authors will receive \$750 first place, \$500 second place, and \$250 third place. Deadline to apply is **March 1, 2010**.

The Journal of Business & Securities Law is now accepting submissions for the Elliot A. Spoon Business Law Writing Competition. Submit a journal style article on any current topic concerning business or securities law. The selected winner will receive a \$500 check. The competition is open to any law student. For more information email jbsl@msu.edu. Deadline to apply is **March 5, 2010**.

The **Cameron County Bar Association** will award a \$3,000 scholarship fund for financial assistance. Applicants must be a current resident of Cameron County or attended a high school in Cameron County for at least 2 academic years. Application deadline is **March 12, 2010**.

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SAN ANTONIO YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

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BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Black History Month Events

African Americans in the Legal Profession – This is the first year BLSA has embarked on such a ground-breaking event. This event will allow our members to man tables in the classroom building to pass out pamphlets related to those pioneers who have laid the foundation for us to influence the field of studying law. **Monday, February 22, 2010.**

Round Table Discussion – This event will engage and ignite intellectual minds in a cordial dialog as to issues that affect minorities in the community. This event will take place in the Alumni Room, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., **Wednesday, February 24, 2010.**

Cultural Extravaganza – In honor of the Somali Bantu Refugee's located in the San Antonio area. There will be entertainment with a few surprise guest appearances and an opportunity to personally meet a few of the refugee's. Join us at the Barbara Jordan Center, 2803 E. Commerce Street, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., **Thursday, February 25, 2010.**

BLSA Wii Play Game Night & Cookout – Everyone is invited to a night of fun with food and games including a Wii competition. Join us in the Alumni Room, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., **Friday, February 26, 2010.**

Rock Climbing Tournament – BLSA's first Rock Climbing Tournament, University Convocation Center, 3:00 p.m., **Saturday, February 27, 2010.**

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVE FEBRUARY MEETING

Restorative Justice Initiative will hold its general meeting on **Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Robert Rico of the **Boerne Police Department** will address using restorative justice with juveniles. Food will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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Fourth Court of Appeals – Mark your calendar to join us for lunch with the Fourth Court of Appeals Justices on **Tuesday, March 23, 2010**. More information to follow.

Picturing Mary – “Traditions and Interpretations of the Annunciation in Christian Art” by Todd Hanneken, Ph.D. and “Mary: Handmaid or Bondwoman? Recovering what has been Lost in Translation” by Sr. Anne O’Leary, P.B.V.M., Ph.D., **Thursday, March 25, 2010**, 12:00 p.m., University Conference Room A.

Justice Interrupted – Women and Global Social Responsibility, Professor Elvia Arriola, **Wednesday, March 31, 2010**, 12:00 p.m., Bill Greehey School of Business, Room 106, Lunch provided.

RACE JUDICATA

The **International Legal Honors Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi**, Tarlton Inn, invites students, faculty, administrators, friends, and family to participate in the annual **Race Judicata**, a 5K run/walk around the St. Mary’s campus on **Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.** Phi Delta Phi will have tables set up for registration in the Law Classroom building one week prior to the event. Registration fee is \$10 which provides each participant with a Race Judicata T-shirt and refreshments after the race. All **proceeds will benefit** St. Mary’s Center for Legal and Social Justice. Pets are welcomed and encouraged. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

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**FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS
IN SAN ANTONIO**

**Semesters: Summer 2010, Fall 2010, and Spring 2011
Deadline: 4:00 PM Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

Applications are now being accepted for pre-graduation judicial internships with four federal judges who have chambers in San Antonio. This is the only time that applications will be solicited for internships with these courts during the next three semesters. *Successful candidates typically have a strong academic record.*

Eligibility of Full-Time and Part-Time Students: Students may apply for any internship that will commence in a semester after the student has completed 31 hours of course work. Thus, a first-year full-time student may apply for an internship that will take place in the summer between first and second year, or during any subsequent semester. A first-year part-time student may applying for a judicial internship that commences in spring of the student's second year or later.

The United States Court of Appeals

There are two different internships available with judges on the Fifth Circuit. One is a four-credit, graded internship; the other is a two-credit pass/fail internship.

The Honorable Emilio M. Garza, a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, will offer four-credit graded internship positions to two students during each semester.

The Honorable Edward C. Prado, a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, will offer two-credit pass/fail internship positions to one student during each semester.

The United States District Court

At the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, two or three positions will be available each semester with the Honorable Xavier Rodriguez during each semester. United States District Court interns are required to work 120 hours during the semester at the federal courthouse at Hemisfair Plaza in downtown San Antonio. Interns will earn two pass/fail credits.

The United States Magistrate Court

At the United States Magistrate Court, one internship with the Honorable Pamela Mathy is available during each semester.

Applications

Interested students should submit an application to Professor Vincent R. Johnson. Please give your application materials to Ms. Maribel Garcia on the second floor of the Raba Law Faculty Building. Questions can be directed to Professor Johnson at: vjohnson@stmarytx.edu.

An application should include:

(1) One federal court internship form, available from Ms. Maribel Garcia or on the law school website. The form asks a student to indicate which judges the student would like to be considered by and which semesters the student is available to serve in an internship. You only need to subject one form, regardless of the number of judges for which you are submitting applications

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- One resume, including cumulative GPA and current class rank;
- One cover letter in business-letter format (date; return address, judge's address, proper salutation (e.g., Dear Judge Garza). In terms of tone, the letter should be restrained, professional, factual, and confident.
- Please staple the cover letter to the front of the resume. Please do not use special folders or bindings; they will be removed before the applications are sent to the judges.

(3) Applicants for a U.S. Court of Appeals internship with Judge Emilio Garza should, if possible, furnish one writing sample (e.g., a Legal Writing memo or brief, a copy of an exam essay, a law journal comment, etc.). Writing samples should not be included for the other courts.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

What do lawyers really do? On TV and in the movies, lawyers are always in the courtroom or in the library. Have you ever wondered what a typical day is like for real lawyers? **Come hear a panel of local litigators** discuss what lawyers really do. Panelists include lawyers in civil and criminal practice; with private and government employers; and officing solo, large firm, and in-house. **Moderated by United States District Judge Fred Biery.** Presented by the San Antonio Bar Association and the San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Join us on **Thursday, February 25, 2010, 12:00 p.m., Alumni Room.** Lunch will be served. Please RSVP in the **Events Section of Symplicity.**

INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS

July 4-31, 2010

The online application for the China summer program is now available on the law school website. To apply, please go to <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=instituteChineseLawBusiness> and click on Application Information. The suggested application **deadline is April 1, 2010.** Students interested in attending the China program this summer can follow developments and updates on Facebook. The web page is <http://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Antonio-TX/St-Marys-University-Institute-on-Chinese-Law-and-Business/274945868786?ref=ts>. For questions or for more information, please contact Professor Bob Hu (rhu@stmarytx.edu) or Professor Vincent Johnson (vjohnson@stmarytx.edu).

SARAH THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the **Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship.** This scholarship is available for any student wishing to attend the **2010 Innsbruck program.** Sarah Thompson was a third-year law student when she passed away, and her parents set up this scholarship in her memory. Sarah attended the Innsbruck program in 2004 and was a vocal fan of the program when she returned, encouraging all those around her to attend. The main purpose of this scholarship is to carry on the memory of Sarah, and to allow those who would otherwise not be financially able to attend this wonderful program. Scholarship applications may be picked up from Sr. Grace Walle, LFB 105, or are available on the Innsbruck website.

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Spend your **Spring Break** helping the less fortunate, and enjoy your time with classmates and friends.

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WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Election Day volunteers are needed at all **Bexar County polling locations**. Volunteers may work **Tuesday, March 2, 2010** from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** For more details please visit <http://www.facebook.com/n/?event.php&eid=344333007436&mid=1ed7ae8G2b984c24G535bb37G7>.

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2010 LOYOLA PATENT LAW INTERVIEW PROGRAM

Loyola University Chicago School of Law is hosting the **2010 Patent Law Interview Program** on Thursday, July 29 and Friday, July 30 in Chicago, Illinois. This is a nationwide interview program that targets law employers, rising 2L and 3L students, and students in Intellectual Property LL.M programs.

Last year roughly 90 employers, 170 law schools, and 1,800 law students from across the country participated in the program. **The program is entirely pre-selected**, which means that students submit resumes and bid on interviews with the employers they are interested in, and employers then review the resumes of the students who bid on them and select the students they wish to interview at the program. Last year, less than half of the participating students were selected for interviews, but many students were selected for **multiple interviews**.

Students with undergraduate or graduate **degrees in engineering** or a **technical science** should consider registering for the program. You do not need to be patent bar eligible to register, although the vast majority of employers participating in the program are seeking patent bar eligible students.

For more information on the program, please refer to the program website at http://www.luc.edu/law/career/Patent_Program_-_Stu.html.

Online student registration is now open and will **CLOSE on Monday, March 8, 2010**. Please note that Loyola does not accept late registration. To register, click on the “Register Now” link on the web page. At this stage of registration, you will only need to enter some basic information (you will upload your resume and bids on interviews later in the semester). Please note that our school is listed alphabetically as St. Mary’s University School of Law on the registration form’s drop down menu of law schools.

There is a **non-refundable \$35 dollar registration fee** which you must pay by credit card to complete your online registration. Please have your credit card read when you register.

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By VMM

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INNSBRUCK PROGRAM

July 5 - August 6, 2010

There will be an information session and update for the Innsbruck Program on **March 8, 2010** at **12:00 p.m.** and **5:15 p.m.** for part-time students. Both sessions will be held in **law classroom 104**. Professors Reamey and Reams will be reviewing the latest developments and provide up-to-date information as the program celebrates its **25th year!** Pizza will be served. Students interested in coming to Innsbruck are encouraged to attend the information session.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Dean Charles Cantú and the **Associate Deans** will be present to discuss law school issues and to answer questions at two **Town Hall** meetings. The first meeting will be held on **Monday, March 8, 2010** from **12:30 – 1:30 p.m.** in **Law Classroom 102**. The second meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 10** from **5:15 – 6:00 p.m.** in **Law Classroom 104**. See you then!

REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY

2010 LOYOLA PATENT LAW INTERVIEW PROGRAM

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Last year roughly 90 employers, 170 law schools, and 1,800 law students from across the country participated in the program. **The program is entirely pre-selected**, which means that

students submit resumes and bid on interviews with the employers they are interested in, and employers then review the resumes of the students who bid on them and select the students they wish to interview at the program. Last year, less than half of the participating students were selected for interviews, but many students were selected for **multiple interviews**.

Students with undergraduate or graduate **degrees in engineering** or a **technical science** should consider registering for the program. You do not need to be patent bar eligible to register, although the vast majority of employers participating in the program are seeking patent bar eligible students.

For more information on the program, please refer to the program website at http://www.luc.edu/law/career/Patent_Program_-_Stu.html.

Online **student registration** is now open and will **CLOSE on Monday, March 8, 2010**. Please note that Loyola does not accept late registration. To register, click on the "Register Now" link on the web page. At this stage of registration, you will only need to enter some basic information (you will upload your resume and bids on interviews later in the semester). Please note that our school is listed alphabetically as St. Mary's University School of Law on the registration form's drop down menu of law schools.

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OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT Bar Exam Prep Program Sessions - Spring 2010

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CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY Scholarship Announcement and Attorney/Student Mixer

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LINDA AND DAVE SCHLUETER FIRST YEAR MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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Please note, no cell phones, backpacks, headgear, i.e. hats, food or drink, cameras and recording devices will be allowed.

2010 RENNA AND JEFF EMBRY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Renna and Jeff Embry, as well as the Board of Advocates, would like to **congratulate the team of Ashley Bower and Joey Caputo**, the winners of the 2010 Renna and Jeff Embry Mock Trial Competition! The Embry’s and the Board of Advocates would also like to **congratulate the team of Theresa Scioli and Joseph Haeggquist** for making it to the final round. Finally, **congratulations to Mr. Haeggquist** for being named the best speaker for the Final Round. The final round is available on demand at the following website:
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**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS
IN THE CLASS OF 2011 AND 2012**

Please attend one of the below listed **MANDATORY FALL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**. The sessions will last **approximately 30 minutes** and will provide valuable information and dates for this Fall’s upcoming recruitment season. Your attendance at ONE session is **required** to participate in the **recruiting program**.

- **March 22nd, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m., Alumni Room**
- **March 24th, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m., LC102**
- March 30th, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m., LF108
- March 30th, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room
- March 31st, 12:00 - 12:30 p.m., Alumni Room
- April 8th, 5:00 - 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is **Women's History Month** – All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend events planned in the month of March.

Fourth Court of Appeals Visit to St. Mary's – The Women's Law Association in coordination with Law Ministry and Law Administration are hosting a luncheon for members of the Fourth Court of Appeals on **Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. This will include a presentation of the Chief Justice (retired) Alma Lopez Woman in Leadership Award and a presentation by Chief Justice Catherine Stone. Join us as we celebrate the many women leaders at the law school who will be recognized for their contributions.

Feast of Annunciation – Faculty, staff, and students are invited to celebrate the Feast of Annunciation on **Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.** in the **University Center Conference Room A**. There will be presentations by Todd Hanneken, Ph.D. on "Traditions and Interpretations of the Annunciation in Christian Art" and by Sr. Anne O'Leary, P.B.V.M., Ph.D. on "Mary: Handmaid or Bondwoman? Recovering what has been Lost in Translation." A discussion will follow the presentations and lunch will be provided.

Justice Interrupted: Women and Global Social Responsibility – Faculty, staff, and students are invited to a presentation by Professor of Law Elvia Arriola on **Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 12:00 p.m., Bill Greehey School of Business, Room 106**, Lunch will be provided. Professor Arriola is a Law Professor at **Northern Illinois University** and is visiting at St. Mary's for the Spring 2010 term. She is the founder and Executive Director of **Women on the Border, Inc.**, a nonprofit educational research project dedicated to the empowerment of workers and families in *maquiladoras* by advancing public awareness of the impact of globalization on health, safety, labor, and human rights at the United States – Mexico border. This event is **co-sponsored** by the Greehey School of Business and Women's History Month Committee.

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT
Bar Exam Prep Program Sessions - Spring 2010

The Office of Academic Support presents a series of **Bar Skills Preparation Workshops** during the Spring semester. If you are not able to attend the scheduled sessions, you may find **audio** and **PowerPoints** on the **Academic Support TWEN site**.

Texas Essay Exam	Wed., 3/24	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	LC104
The Writing Program	Tue., 4/06	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	LC103
Multiple-Choice Workshop	Tue., 4/13	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	LC103

**DELIVERY OF GRADUATION INVITATIONS
AND RE-ORDERS**

Delivery of graduation invitations ordered in January will be available for pick-up on **Wednesday, March 24, 2010**, between **10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium**. **Re-orders** will be taken at this time and will be ready in early April. You may also contact **The Graduation Center** directly at (210) 829-7393 or www.herff-jones.com/college if you are not able to pick up your items on this day or if you wish to place a new order. Invitation orders placed on-line **are mailed** directly to the student, and are **not available** for pick-up on this date.

**RESEARCH ROUND-UP:
A REFRESHER COURSE IN CONDUCTING LEGAL RESEARCH**

The Law Library staff will present a workshop on **Thursday, March 25, 2010, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**, in Law Library **Room 224**. The workshop is especially designed for students who will work in summer jobs. Even if you do not have a summer job yet, you are still welcome to attend. The outline of the workshop is below. Refreshments will be provided and prize drawings will be held. You may sign up on TWEN under the course name (Research Round-Up) or stop by the Circulation desk

2:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Registration / Introductory Remarks
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.	General Law / Databases (Tim Wilson) – Topics to include basic Internet searches, databases featured on our site, etc.
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3:30 - 3:35 p.m.	Break
3:35 - 4:00 p.m.	Lexis-Nexis – Efficient researching
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Federal Materials (Charlie Finger/Stacy Fowler) – Topics to include Thomas, GPO access, basic refresher on Federal research, forms, etc.
4:30 - 4:35 p.m.	Break
4:35 - 5:00 p.m.	Westlaw – Skills towards summer jobs.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS INTERNSHIP

A **summer internship** with the Staff Attorney's Office at the **Court of Criminal Appeals** in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2010. Students who are selected for the program will **work under the supervision of staff attorneys** on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should **send a resume and a cover letter** to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The **deadline to submit your application** is **12:00 noon on Friday, March 26, 2010**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

HISPANIC LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The **Hispanic Law Student Association Spring Banquet** will be held on **Friday, March 26, 2010** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Riverwalk, 111 Pecan Street East, San Antonio, 78205. The banquet is free to all paid members and \$35 for student guest. Please encourage your employers to attend and buy a table for this event. Tables are \$500 or \$60 per professional.

ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order – which is **open only to third-year law students** provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select **ten new members** each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the Faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. The applications will be posted on his office door. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 23, 2010. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Schlueter) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. All **completed applications must be returned** to Professor Schlueter's office no later than **NOON on Friday, March 26, 2010**.

**U. S. MARINE JAG CORPS PROGRAM
INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Come learn about opportunities to practice law with the **U.S. Marine Corps** on **Friday, March 26, 2010, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room**. Panelists Lt. Col. Al Charanza, Reserve Staff Judge Advocate and former Officer in charge of Legal Assistance, Gary Bushell, Former Military Judge, and Lt. Justin Yarborough, 3L, St. Mary's University School of Law, Officer Candidate School 2008, will be **available to answer questions** about the Marines JAG Corps program specifically and the Marines in general. **Lunch will be served. Please RSVP** by Wednesday, March 24, 2010 on the EVENTS section of Symplicity under WORKSHOPS. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

INTERESTED IN JOINING LAW REVIEW?

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues invites all current 1Ls and 2Ls to apply to become **Staff Writers** for 2010-2011. Applications will be **available** in *The Scholar* office, **Law Library 217** through **March 26, 2010**. For questions, please contact *The Scholar* at lawscholar@stmarytx.edu or (210) 431-4229.

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Jeff Kuhnenn
Executive Editors

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Andrew Kerner
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Congratulations to those selected. The 2009-2010 Scholar Editorial Board & Staff appreciates each member's dedication to the *Scholar's* mission.

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
4TH ANNUAL ALUMNI OPEN

The **School of Law** will host it's **4th Annual Alumni Open Golf Tournament** on **Saturday, March 27, 2010** at the **Silverhorn Golf Club of Texas, 1100 W. Bitters Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78216, 8:00 a.m.** Entry Fee is \$80. Players will receive one free round of golf and one month club membership in addition to tournament participation. Proceeds will benefit the Autism Treatment Center of Texas. **Breakfast and lunch will be provided.** Prizes and contests for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishes, longest drive and closest to the tee. Various sponsorship and donation levels are available. For additional information on sponsorship and registration, please contact Sean Caporaletti, (210) 367-2675 or email scaporal@gmail.com.

RACE JUDICATA

The **International Legal Honors Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi**, Tarlton Inn, invites students, faculty, administrators, friends, and family to participate in the annual **Race Judicata**, a 5K run/walk around the St. Mary's campus on **Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.** Phi Delta Phi will have tables set up for registration in the Law Classroom building one week prior to the event. Registration fee is \$10 which provides each participant with a Race Judicata T-shirt and refreshments after the race. All **proceeds will benefit** St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Pets are welcomed and encouraged. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

READY FOR THE REAL WORLD?

The Law Practice Management Committee, State Bar of Texas presents a workshop, **"Planning to Conquer the Real World of Private Practice," Saturday, March 27, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Atrium.** Speakers include Debra Bruce, Lawyer-Coach, LLC; Erich Birch, Birch Becker & Moorman, LLP; Al Harrison, Harrison Law Office PC; and Anthony Ng, Dillon & Yudell, LLP. This event is **open to all St. Mary's law students.** Lunch will be served. **Please RSVP** on the EVENTS section of Symplicity under WORKSHOPS.
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REGISTRATION

First year students who are rising 2Ls are **required to attend** one of two meetings on registration on **Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. in LC 102.** Information about the core, the bar, registration and other material will be presented.

INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS
July 4-31, 2010

The online application for the China summer program is now available on the law school website. To apply, please visit the site online at: <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=instituteChineseLawBusiness> and click on Application Information. The suggested application **deadline is April 1, 2010**. Students interested in attending the China program this summer can follow developments and updates on Facebook. The web page is <http://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Antonio-TX/St-Marys-University-Institute-on-Chinese-Law-and-Business/274945868786?ref=ts>. For questions or for more information, please contact Professor Bob Hu (rbhu@stmarytx.edu) or Professor Vincent Johnson (vjohnson@stmarytx.edu).

NOW ON TWEN
CHINA SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATES

As the **registration** process continues for **The Institute on Chinese Law and Business** summer program, you may use the **TWEN** site to keep informed on the latest information such as visas and travel. Please visit the site for the latest developments on the summer program.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR 2Ls AND 3Ls

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
JAMES DERRICK III CONSTITUTIONAL LAW DEBATE

James Derrick III Constitutional Law Debate is open to all first-, second-, third-year, day and evening students. **Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Big prize money will be awarded. The family of James Derick III (Jimi) has established a memorial Constitutional Law contest as a tribute to their son who was a second-year law student at St. Mary's School when he died in 2002. This year, the topic is: *Are specialty motor vehicle license plates issued by a state government subject to viewpoint neutrality restrictions imposed by the First Amendment?* This is a single elimination debate. More information regarding the contest will follow from the **Board of Advocates**. For questions, please contact Theresa Scioli at TheresaScioli@yahoo.com.

SUMMER HOUSING

Summer Housing applications are currently available on the Residence Life website (www.stmarytx.edu/reslife). **Deadline** to apply to the Student Life Office, University Center is **Friday, April 23, 2010**. Costs are outlined as follows:

Housing Cost – \$620 per summer session
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from Travis County and the Third District Court of Appeals, Austin

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The Supreme Court of Texas has **final jurisdiction** over civil matters in Texas. The Court, seated in Austin, periodically hears arguments outside of Austin. **The sessions are open to the public.**

The proceedings will be **webcast live** on the St. Mary’s webpage at www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=supremeCourtWebcasts. Archived arguments are available on the St. Mary’s website in non-iTunes format.. Since 2006, **St. Mary’s School of Law and the Supreme Court of Texas have partnered** to provide the Court’s oral arguments to the public through access to live and archived webcasts.

Please note, no cell phones, backpacks, headgear, i.e. hats, food or drink, cameras and recording devices will be allowed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EAP MOOT COURT TEAM

The **St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Team continued to shine on a national stage** at the recent American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition held in Boston, Massachusetts. EAP Moot Court members **Marion Reilly (2L), Heather Haywood (2L) and Trevor Hall (2L)** (Team 241) and **Elizabeth Hernandez (2L), Carolyn Skogman (3L) and Sarah Blackstone (3L)** (Team 120) competed against 30 other teams from law schools in states all over the country, including Florida, Texas, California, New York, Ohio, Illinois, Arizona, Colorado, Michigan, Georgia, Arkansas, Virginia and Indiana. **St. Mary's was one of only two** schools to achieve the remarkable feat of having both of their teams reach the final round of the competition in their respective brackets. This marks the fourth time in five years that a **St. Mary's team has been named a Regional Finalist at this prestigious competition**, and the third time in five years that **both** St. Mary's teams reached the finals round (St. Mary's has won the competition three times in those five years). Worthy of individual note, St. Mary's students **Marion Reilly (2L) and Elizabeth Hernandez (2L) both brought strong briefs** to the competition, and **Marion Reilly was additionally recognized as one of the ten best advocates** at the tournament. **Congratulations and thanks to Professor Poole**, who coached the teams, and the students for their hard work and dedication to the EAP Moot Court Team which continues to add to the success and tradition that is St. Mary's advocacy.

LINDA AND DAVE SCHLUETER FIRST YEAR MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Dean Charles E. Cantú is pleased to announce that **Professor David and Linda Schlueter** have **pledged a gift of \$20,000.00** to the St. Mary’s University School of Law. The gift will be used to fund awards to the winners and finalists of the annual **Linda and Dave Schlueter First Year Moot Court Competition**. All students at St. Mary's are required to

participate in a moot court competition in their first spring semester. This competition, which is run by the School's **Board of Advocates**, is the culmination of a brief-writing process and is a part of the legal writing classes. This early exposure allows students an advocacy-oriented perspective that enhances the traditional first-year coursework.

**FEDERAL COURT INTERNSHIPS - SUMMER 2010, FALL 2010, and SPRING 2011
FOURTH COURT of APPEALS INTERNSHIPS - SUMMER 2010 and FALL 2010**

Applications for federal court internships were solicited in February. All of the judges (Garza, Prado, Rodriguez, Mathy, and Nowak) have made their decisions. Students who were offered positions were recently notified by e-mail.

The Texas Court of Appeals that sits in San Antonio (the Fourth Court of Appeals) is now accepting applications for Summer and Fall 2010 positions. Detailed information can be found on the Judicial Internship page of the law school website (law.stmarytx.edu) under Centers & Programs. (Click the Fourth Court of Appeals link at the bottom of the Judicial Internship page.) Alternatively, check the Career Services Job Bank.

Students selected for internships may register for two pass-fail credits in exchange for 120 hours of work for the court. Professor Vincent R. Johnson can assist students selected by the court with the registration process.

Apply directly to the Clerk of the Court. The application **deadline is March 31, 2010**. The Court requires interns to be familiar with WordPerfect software. The Computer Administration department at the law school can load WordPerfect onto your laptop without charge.

2010 RENNA AND JEFF EMBRY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Renna and Jeff Embry, as well as the Board of Advocates, would like to **congratulate the team of Ashley Bower and Joey Caputo**, the winners of the 2010 Renna and Jeff Embry Mock Trial Competition! The Embry's and the Board of Advocates would also like to **congratulate the team of Theresa Scioli and Joseph Haeggquist** for making it to the final round. Finally, **congratulations to Mr. Haeggquist** for being named the best speaker for the Final Round. The final round is available on demand at the following website:

<http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=advocacyPrograms#boardOfAdvocates>

**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS
IN THE CLASS OF 2011 AND 2012**

Please attend one of the below listed **MANDATORY FALL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**. The sessions will last **approximately 30 minutes** and will provide valuable information and dates for this Fall's upcoming recruitment season. Your

attendance at ONE session is **required** to participate in the **recruiting program**.

- **March 22nd, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m., Alumni Room**
- **March 24th, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m., LC102**
- March 30th, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m., LF108
- March 30th, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room
- March 31st, 12:00 - 12:30 p.m., Alumni Room
- April 8th, 5:00 - 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room

Please contact Suzanne Patrick at spatrick@stmarytx.edu with questions. Attendance will be taken. Please RSVP in the EVENTS section of Symplicity under WORKSHOPS. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Interested in running as the Student Bar Association (SBA)

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 2L or 3L Senator
- 2L or 3L Honor Court Justice
- or as an ABA, SBOT, or SAYLA representative?

Come to a **mandatory informational meeting** to learn more and receive the application to run for office! Informational meetings will be held as follow:

Tuesday, March 23rd at 12:00 p.m. in Raba 108

Tuesday, March 23rd at 5:15 p.m. in Raba 107

Wednesday, March 24th at 12:00 p.m. in Raba 108

Applications are due on March 26, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.

Contact Josh Whitworth at jwhitworth@gmail.com if you are unable to attend a meeting. For additional information you may go to the SBA website at www.stmarysba.com.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is **Women's History Month** – All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend events planned in the month of March.

Fourth Court of Appeals Visit to St. Mary's – The Women's Law Association in coordination with Law Ministry and Law Administration are hosting a luncheon for members of the Fourth Court of Appeals on **Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. This will include a presentation of the Chief Justice (retired) Alma Lopez Woman in Leadership Remarks by Retired Chief Justice Alma Lopez and Chief Justice Catherine Stone. Join us as we celebrate the many women leaders at the law school who will be recognized for their contributions.

Feast of Annunciation – Faculty, staff, and students are invited to celebrate the Feast of Annunciation on **Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.** in the **University Center Conference Room A**. There will be presentations by Todd Hanneken, Ph.D. on “Traditions and Interpretations of the Annunciation in Christian Art” and by Sr. Anne O’Leary, P.B.V.M., Ph.D. on “Mary: Handmaid or Bondwoman? Recovering what has been Lost in Translation.” A discussion will follow the presentations and lunch will be provided.

Justice Interrupted: Women and Global Social Responsibility – Faculty, staff, and students are invited to a presentation by Professor of Law Elvia Arriola on **Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 12:00 p.m., Bill Greehey School of Business, Room 106**, Lunch will be provided. Professor Arriola is a Law Professor at **Northern Illinois University** and is visiting at St. Mary's for the Spring 2010 term. She is the founder and Executive Director of **Women on the Border, Inc.**, a nonprofit educational research project dedicated to the empowerment of workers and families in *maquiladoras* by advancing public awareness of the impact of globalization on health, safety, labor, and human rights at the United States – Mexico border. This event is **co-sponsored** by the Greehey School of Business and Women's History Month Committee.

**OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT
Bar Exam Prep Program Sessions - Spring 2010**

The Office of Academic Support presents a series of **Bar Skills Preparation Workshops** during the Spring semester. If you are not able to attend the scheduled sessions, you may find **audio** and **PowerPoints** on the **Academic Support TWEN** site.

Texas Essay Exam	Wed., 3/24	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	LC104
The Writing Program	Tue., 4/06	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	LC103
Multiple-Choice Workshop	Tue., 4/13	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	LC103

**DELIVERY OF GRADUATION INVITATIONS
AND RE-ORDERS**

Delivery of graduation invitations ordered in January will be available for pick-up on **Wednesday, March 24, 2010, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium**. **Re-orders** will be taken at this time and will be ready in early April. You may also contact **The Graduation Center** directly at (210) 829-7393 or www.herff-jones.com/college if you are not

able to pick up your items on this day or if you wish to place a new order. Invitation orders placed on-line **are mailed** directly to the student, and are **not available** for pick-up on this date.

**RESEARCH ROUND-UP:
A REFRESHER COURSE IN CONDUCTING LEGAL RESEARCH**

The Law Library staff will present a workshop on **Thursday, March 25, 2010, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**, in Law Library **Room 224**. The workshop is especially designed for students who will work in summer jobs. Even if you do not have a summer job yet, you are still welcome to attend. The outline of the workshop is below. Refreshments will be provided and prize drawings will be held. You may sign up on TWEN under the course name (Research Round-Up) or stop by the Circulation desk

2:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Registration / Introductory Remarks
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.	General Law / Databases (Tim Wilson) – Topics to include basic Internet searches, databases featured on our site, etc.
2:45 - 3:30 p.m.	Texas Refresher (Mike Martinez/Katie Stein) – Topics to include legislative history, TX forms, Internet sources such as portals, SOS, etc.
3:30 - 3:35 p.m.	Break
3:35 - 4:00 p.m.	Lexis-Nexis – Efficient researching
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Federal Materials (Charlie Finger/Stacy Fowler) – Topics to include Thomas, GPO access, basic refresher on Federal research, forms, etc.
4:30 - 4:35 p.m.	Break
4:35 - 5:00 p.m.	Westlaw – Skills towards summer jobs.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS INTERNSHIP

A **summer internship** with the Staff Attorney's Office at the **Court of Criminal Appeals** in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2010. Students who are selected for the program will **work under the supervision of staff attorneys** on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should **send a resume and a cover letter** to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The **deadline to submit your application** is **12:00 noon on Friday, March 26, 2010**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

STUDENTS FOR DEATH PENALTY TRUTH

A mass intercollegiate **protest against the death penalty** will take place on **Friday, March 26, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.**, in front of the San Fernando Cathedral, **115 Main Plaza**, San Antonio, Texas, 78205. This event is sponsored by **Students for Death Penalty Truth** and includes students from The University of Texas at San Antonio, University of the Incarnate Word, Trinity University, Our Lady of the Lake University, and St. Mary's University. The protest's aim is to inform the public about the disparities of the death penalty and to promote repeal. The protest will also focus on the numerous cases, like that of Cameron Todd Willingham that show compelling evidence that Texas has executed innocent people. This effort is organized in conjunction with the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and the San Antonio Peace Center.

HISPANIC LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The **Hispanic Law Student Association Spring Banquet** will be held on **Friday, March 26, 2010** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Riverwalk, 111 Pecan Street East, San Antonio, 78205. The banquet is free to all paid members and \$35 for student guest. Please encourage your employers to attend and buy a table for this event. Tables are \$500 or \$60 per professional.

ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order – which is **open only to third-year law students** provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select **ten new members** each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the Faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. The applications will be posted on his office door. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 23, 2010. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Schlueter) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. All **completed applications must be returned** to Professor Schlueter's office no later than **NOON on Friday, March 26, 2010**.

U. S. MARINE JAG CORPS PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Come learn about opportunities to practice law with the **U.S. Marine Corps** on **Friday, March 26, 2010, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room**. Panelists Lt. Col. Al Charanza, Reserve Staff Judge Advocate and former Officer in charge of Legal Assistance, Gary Bushell, Former Military Judge, and Lt. Justin Yarborough, 3L, St. Mary's University School of Law, Officer Candidate School 2008, will be **available to answer questions** about the Marines JAG Corps

program specifically and the Marines in general. **Lunch will be served. Please RSVP** by Wednesday, March 24, 2010 on the EVENTS section of Symplicity under WORKSHOPS. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

INTERESTED IN JOINING LAW REVIEW?

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues invites all current 1Ls and 2Ls to apply to become **Staff Writers** for 2010-2011. Applications will be **available** in *The Scholar* office, **Law Library 217** through **March 26, 2010**. For questions, please contact *The Scholar* at lawscholar@stmarytx.edu or (210) 431-4229.

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

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues is **pleased to announce** that the following individuals have been selected for the **2010-2011 Editorial Board**:

Jennifer Abodeely
Editor in Chief

Kent Harkness
Jeff Kuhnenn
Executive Editors

Emmanuel Garcia
Symposium/Managing Editor

Emily Ray
Solicitation Editor

Sarah Galvan
Carson Guy
Andrew Kerner
Associate Editors

Congratulations to those selected. The 2009-2010 Scholar Editorial Board & Staff appreciates each member's dedication to the *Scholar's* mission.

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW 4TH ANNUAL ALUMNI OPEN

The **School of Law** will host its **4th Annual Alumni Open Golf Tournament** on **Saturday, March 27, 2010** at the **Silverhorn Golf Club of Texas, 1100 W. Bitters Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78216, 8:00 a.m.** Entry Fee is \$80. Players will receive one free round of golf and one month club membership in addition to tournament participation. Proceeds will benefit

the Autism Treatment Center of Texas. **Breakfast and lunch will be provided.** Prizes and contests for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishes, longest drive and closest to the tee. Various sponsorship and donation levels are available. For additional information on sponsorship and registration, please contact Sean Caporaletti, (210) 367-2675 or email scaporal@gmail.com.

RACE JUDICATA

The **International Legal Honors Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi**, Tarlton Inn, invites students, faculty, administrators, friends, and family to participate in the annual **Race Judicata**, a 5K run/walk around the St. Mary's campus on **Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.** Phi Delta Phi will have tables set up for registration in the Law Classroom building one week prior to the event. Registration fee is \$10 which provides each participant with a Race Judicata T-shirt and refreshments after the race. All **proceeds will benefit** St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Pets are welcomed and encouraged. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues and **PEDRO SERRANO DEDICATION AWARD**

Please join us for this year's **12th Annual Awards and Alumni Banquet** to be held on **Saturday, March 27, 2010, 6:00 p.m., San Antonio Marriott Northwest, 3233 N.W. Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas, 78213**, (210) 377-3900, \$35 per person.

At this year's banquet, *The Scholar* Editorial Board of Vol. 9 and Vol. 10 will present the **PEDRO SERRANO DEDICATION AWARD** to an outstanding Volume 12 staff writer. Pedro Serrano served as a Comments Editor for *The Scholar* for Volume 9. He passed away on July 19, 2009.

Everyone is welcome! If you would like to attend, contact Francisca at (210) 431-4229 or at fperez1@stmarytx.edu.

READY FOR THE REAL WORLD?

The Law Practice Management Committee, State Bar of Texas presents a workshop, **"Planning to Conquer the Real World of Private Practice," Saturday, March 27, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Atrium.** Speakers include Debra Bruce, Lawyer-Coach, LLC; Erich Birch, Birch Becker & Moorman, LLP; Al Harrison, Harrison Law Office PC; and Anthony Ng, Dillon & Yudell, LLP. This event is **open to all St. Mary's law students.** Lunch will be served. **Please RSVP** on the EVENTS section of Symplicity under WORKSHOPS.

<https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

REGISTRATION

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about the core, the bar, registration and other material will be presented.

2ND INFORMATION SESSION INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS

The **April 1st deadline for application to the China summer program** is fast approaching. Professors Vincent Johnson and Bob Hu will **meet with interested students on Thursday, April 1, 2010, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in LC103**. They will give the latest updates on the China Summer Program, discuss visas and travel options, and answer questions from students. Food will be provided.

The online application for the China summer program is available. To apply, please visit the site online at: <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=instituteChineseLawBusiness> and click on Application Information. The suggested application **deadline is April 1, 2010**. Students interested in attending the China program this summer can follow developments and updates on Facebook. The web page is <http://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Antonio-TX/St-Marys-University-Institute-on-Chinese-Law-and-Business/274945868786?ref=ts>. For questions or for more information, please contact Professor Bob Hu (rhu@stmarytx.edu) or Professor Vincent Johnson (vjohnson@stmarytx.edu).

As the **registration** process continues for **The Institute on Chinese Law and Business** summer program, you may use the **TWEN** site to keep informed on the latest developments.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR 2Ls AND 3Ls

The Office of Academic Support is **seeking exemplary second- and third-year law** students to serve as **Academic Scholars** for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. **Scholars should be:** interested in teaching basic law school skills to a diverse group of 1Ls; conscientious and creative; and able to demonstrate academic achievement. **Scholars are expected to:** hold weekly classes or office hours to meet with students on a one-on-one basis; participate in training during the year; and, submit regular records of teaching activities. The position of Academic Scholar is a paid position. **Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2010**. For an application and more information, see the Office of Academic Support web page at www.stmarytx.edu/law/academicsupport or call (210) 431-4340.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! JAMES DERRICK III CONSTITUTIONAL LAW DEBATE

James Derrick III Constitutional Law Debate is open to all first-, second-, third-year, day and evening students. **Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Big prize money will be awarded. The family of James Derick III (Jimi) has established a memorial Constitutional Law contest as a tribute to their son who was a second-year law student at St. Mary's School when he died in 2002. This year, the topic is: *Are specialty motor vehicle license plates issued by a state government subject to viewpoint neutrality*

restrictions imposed by the First Amendment? This is a single elimination debate. More information regarding the contest will follow from the **Board of Advocates**. For questions, please contact Theresa Scioli at TheresaScioli@yahoo.com.

SUMMER HOUSING

Summer Housing applications are currently available on the Residence Life website (www.stmarytx.edu/reslife). **Deadline** to apply to the Student Life Office, University Center is **Friday, April 23, 2010**. Costs are outlined as follows:

Housing Cost – \$620 per summer session
Meal Plan Cost = \$350 per summer session
Summer Session I – June 1 - July 8
Summer Session II – July 9 - August 13

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

Entries for The Symposium XXIII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded. For entry criteria, please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 522-5801 or email julie.rorie@oscn.net. Entries must be received by **March 31, 2010**.

The **Berks County Community Foundation** is now accepting applications for the Howard Fox Memorial Law Scholarship Award of \$3,000. The award is presented annually to a Berks County, Pennsylvania resident embarking on his/her second year of law school. For an application please visit www.bccf.org. Applications will be accepted through **April 1, 2010**.

The **Center for Real Estate Studies and Real Estate LL.M. Program** at New York Law School present the First Annual NYLS Real Estate Law Writing Competition. This competition is designed to encourage scholarship on all aspects of real estate and land use law. \$1,000 First Prize and \$500 Honorable Mention. Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2010**. For complete rules, please visit www.nyls.edu/CRES/WritingCompetition.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXIII **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 522-5801 or email julie.rorie@oscn.net. Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2010**.

St. Mary's University School of Law is a member of the **Energy & Mineral Law**

Foundation (E&MLF). As a benefit, students studying energy, environmental, natural resource, or mineral law are eligible to apply for scholarship assistance. Applications are now being accepted through **April 1, 2010**. For more information please visit www.emlf.org.

The **Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas Chapter** is accepting applications for the BLASK Fellowship Grants for summer federal interns. Grants up to \$2,000 are available for a limited number of law students who serve as legal interns for a minimum of six weeks during the summer of 2010 in the offices of a federal court or agency located within the Southern District of Texas. Eligibility – full-time students at any accredited law school who have completed at least 30 hours of course work by June 1, 2010; at the time of application, have a GPA which ranks in the top half of the applicant’s law school class; and have secured or will secure an internship with a federal court or agency within the district. Send a resume with your GPA and class rank together with a letter identifying your federal employers, dates, of employment, and other stipends or awards received; describing your interest in federal public service; and discussing any special circumstances to: fba.southtx@gmail.com. For additional inquiries contact Rudy Sustaita at Rudy.sustaita@eoc.gov. **Deadline to apply is Friday, April 2, 2010.**

Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers is pleased to announce its 2010 Brief-Writing Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA’s meeting in San Francisco on August 7, 2010. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email platen@cooley.edu or call (517) 371-5140, et. 2607. Deadline to submit briefs is **April 16, 2010**.

National Association of Women Lawyers is seeking entries for the Fifth Annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women’s rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2010**. For guidelines please visit <http://www.nawl.org/Assets/Documents/SM+Writing+Comp+2009-2010.pdf>.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. The competition is open to all law students. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 30, 2010**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf.

The **College Labor and Employment Lawyers** is pleased to announce their 2009-2010 writing competition for law students. The scope of permissible topics is broad, *i.e.* any aspect of public or private labor or employment law. Students are encouraged to present a a) public policy

issue, b) practical implications of a leading case or doctrine, c) comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification, d) comment on a common law doctrine. All law students are eligible to participate. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For competition rules please visit www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Deadline for submission is **May 1, 2010**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXIII **Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a letter of application. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 522-5801 or email julie.rorie@oscn.net. Deadline to enter is **May 7, 2010**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2010 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 14, 2010**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the seventeenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing* in the United States. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. Deadline for submission is **May 14, 2010**.

The **National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys** is pleased to present the Fifth Annual NAELA Elder Law Writing Competition offering a \$1,500 cash prize for the best article submitted. The second place winner receives \$1,000 cash and the third place winner receives \$500 cash. Deadline to submit articles is **May 31, 2010**. For contest guidelines please visit www.naela.org.

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By VMM

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

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INNSBRUCK DEADLINE APPROACHING

The recommended **deadline for registering** in this year's 25th Anniversary Innsbruck program is **April 1**. You may complete the application on-line at the program's website: <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=innsbruckprogram#applyingandtuition> or by downloading and completing a paper application. Completed applications should be given to Ms. Catherine Mery in the Law School's Admissions Office. Credits earned in the Innsbruck program count just as if you had taken them on the home campus (but you won't have the Alps in San Antonio!). Many special events are planned for this year's anniversary program, so don't miss this opportunity. If you have **questions about the program** or the **registration process**, don't hesitate to contact either of the co-directors, Prof. Barney Reams or Prof. Geary Reamey, or the program's assistant, Ms. Caroline Buckley.

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online at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=instituteChineseLawBusiness> and click on Application Information. The suggested application **deadline is April 1, 2010**. Students interested in attending the China program this summer can follow developments and updates on Facebook. The web page is <http://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Antonio-TX/St-Marys-University-Institute-on-Chinese-Law-and-Business/274945868786?ref=ts>. As the **registration** process continues for **The Institute on Chinese Law and Business** summer program, you may use the **TWEN** site to keep informed on the latest developments. For questions or for more information, please contact Professor Bob Hu (rhu@stmarytx.edu) or Professor Vincent Johnson (vjohnson@stmarytx.edu).

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**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS
IN THE CLASS OF 2011 AND 2012**

Please attend one of the below listed **MANDATORY FALL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**. The sessions will last **approximately 30 minutes** and will provide valuable information and dates for this Fall's upcoming recruitment season. Your attendance at ONE session is **required** to participate in the **recruiting program**.

- **March 30th, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m., LF108**
- **March 30th, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room**
- **March 31st, 12:00 - 12:30 p.m., Alumni Room**
- **April 8th, 5:00 - 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room**

THEMIS BAR REVIEW

Come out to meet **Themis** on **Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 11:30 a.m.**, in the **Atrium** of the Law Administration Building. All law students are invited. Lunch will be provided.

**FEDERAL COURT INTERNSHIPS
Summer 2010, Fall 2010, and Spring 2011
AND
FOURTH COURT of APPEALS INTERNSHIPS
Summer 2010 and Fall 2010**

Applications for federal court internships were solicited in February. All of the judges (Garza, Prado, Rodriguez, Mathy, and Nowak) have made their decisions. Students who were offered positions were recently notified by e-mail.

The **Texas Court of Appeals** that sits in San Antonio (the Fourth Court of Appeals) is now accepting applications for Summer and Fall 2010 positions. Detailed information can be found on the Judicial Internship page of the law school website (law.stmarytx.edu) under Centers & Programs. (Click the Fourth Court of Appeals link at the bottom of the Judicial Internship page.) Alternatively, check the Career Services Job Bank.

Students selected for internships may register for two pass-fail credits in exchange for 120 hours of work for the court. Professor Vincent R. Johnson can assist students selected by the court with the registration process.

Apply directly to the Clerk of the Court. The application **deadline is Wednesday, March 31, 2010**. The Court requires interns to be familiar with WordPerfect software. The Computer Administration department at the law school can load WordPerfect onto your laptop without charge.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Justice Interrupted: Women and Global Social Responsibility – Faculty, staff, and students are invited to a presentation by Professor of Law Elvia Arriola on **Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 12:00 p.m., Bill Greehey School of Business, Room 106**, Lunch will be provided. Professor Arriola is a Law Professor at **Northern Illinois University** and is visiting at St. Mary's for the Spring 2010 term. She is the founder and Executive Director of **Women on the Border, Inc.**, a nonprofit educational research project dedicated to the empowerment of workers and families in *maquiladoras* by advancing public awareness of the impact of globalization on health, safety, labor, and human rights at the United States – Mexico border. This event is **co-sponsored** by the Greehey School of Business and Women's History Month Committee.

PASCHAL TRIDUUM SERVICES

The **Triduum** is the three days before **Easter** and begins on Holy Thursday, April 1. Below is the schedule for **Paschal Triduum services** to be held at St. Mary's University, Guadalupe Chapel. Law Ministry invites everyone to celebrate Holy Week 2010.

April 1, Holy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
April 2, Good Friday, 3:00 p.m.
April 3, Holy Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
April 4, Easter Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

CALLING ALL 3Ls

Graduating? Do you want to be sure you have all your hours documented for your Pro Bono and/or Community Service Certificate(s)? The **DEADLINE** for submitting your name to the Pro Bono Certificate List or to the Community Service Certificate List is **Monday, April 5, 2010**. Please email your name and hours of service for each certificate type to kthurmond@mail.stmarytx.edu by April 5, 2010 so that we may verify our list and confirm your status as a certificate recipient at graduation.

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT Bar Exam Prep Program Sessions - Spring 2010

The Office of Academic Support presents a series of **Bar Skills Preparation Workshops** during the Spring semester. If you are not able to attend the scheduled sessions, you may find **audio** and **PowerPoints** on the **Academic Support TWEN site**.

The Writing Program	Tue., 4/06	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	LC103
Bar Boot Camp	Sat., 4/10	10:00 - 2:00 p.m.	LC104
SBA Bar Bowl	Mon., 4/12	12:30 p.m	LC101-102
Multiple-Choice Workshop	Tue., 4/13	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	LC103

LEGAL WRITING WORKSHOP

The Office of Career Services and the Office of Academic Support present the **Legal Writing Workshop** on **Tuesday, April 6, 2010 from 12:00 - 12:50 p.m. in LC103**. A second workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 from 4:45 - 5:25 p.m. in LC104. Both workshops will **last approximately 50-minutes** and will be beneficial to all students who currently have or are seeking legal jobs. Presenters are **Faye Bracey**, Assistant Dean of Career Services and Adjunct Professor of Law, **Kathy Tullos**, Director of Academic Support Services, and **Bonnie Roberts**, Professor of Law and Director of Legal Writing Program. **Please RSVP** on the St. Mary's Symplicity website <https://law-stmarytx.-csm.symplicity.com/students/> and select the "Events" tab and then "Workshops."

**ATTENTION CLASS OF 2011
JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS AFTER GRADUATION**

Do you think you have an interest in doing a clerkship after graduation? If so, you are invited to attend either of the below listed sessions to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors Marks, Klein, and Johnson will be there to discuss the process and answer questions.

Sessions will be on **Wednesday, April 7, 2010** at 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the Alumni Room. **Please RSVP** on the St. Mary's Symplicity website <https://law-stmarytx.-csm.symplicity.com/students/> and select the "Events" tab and then "Workshops."

**FEDERALIST SOCIETY
Presents
Professor J. Budziszewski**

The **Federalist Society** is proud to announce the final event of the year – **Professor J. Budziszewski of the University of Texas at Austin**, a nationally-renown authority on the tradition of **Natural Law**, will join us for a presentation of **Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 12:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room**. Professor Budziszewski received his Ph.D. from Yale in 1981, and is a professor in the departments of Government and Philosophy at the University of Texas at Austin. He is an ethical philosopher and the author of *What We Can't Know: A Guide* (2003), *The Revenge of Conscience: Politics and the Fall of Man* (1999), and *Written on the Heart: The Case for Natural Law* (1997). Lunch will be served.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR 2Ls AND 3Ls

The Office of Academic Support is **seeking exemplary second- and third-year law**

students to serve as **Academic Scholars** for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. **Scholars should be:** interested in teaching basic law school skills to a diverse group of 1Ls; conscientious and creative; and able to demonstrate academic achievement. **Scholars are expected to:** hold weekly classes or office hours to meet with students on a one-on-one basis; participate in training during the year; and, submit regular records of teaching activities. The position of Academic Scholar is a paid position. **Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2010.** For an application and more information, see the Office of Academic Support web page at www.stmarytx.edu/law/academicsupport or call (210) 431-4340.

FIESTA FAREWELL

Fiesta Farewell will honor the **Class of 2010** as “Almost Alumni” on **Monday, April 19, 2010**. The program **will begin at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Law School Plaza**. Remarks will be given by Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., L.L.M., Dean and St. Mary’s University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law. Presentation of various awards and Blessing of Third Year Students will be given. Everyone is invited to a fiesta lunch and service awards. Graduation picture will follow the program. All graduating seniors are asked to dress appropriately for the photo op.

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

The Scholar: St. Mary’s Law Review on Minority Issues is **pleased to announce** that the following individuals have been selected for the **2010-2011 Editorial Board**:

Jennifer Abodeely
Editor in Chief

Kent Harkness
Jeff Kuhnhen
Executive Editors

Emmanuel Garcia
Symposium/Managing Editor

Emily Ray
Solicitation Editor

Sarah Galvan
Carson Guy
Andrew Kerner
Associate Editors

Congratulations to those selected. The 2009-2010 Scholar Editorial Board & Staff appreciates each member’s dedication to the *Scholar’s* mission.

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TRYOUTS FOR MOCK TRIAL TEAMS (EAP)

Each year the Law School sends **teams to participate in regional and national advocacy competitions** — mock trial, moot court, and negotiations. The coaches for those respective teams hold **interviews and tryouts** during the Spring semester to select students to participate in those competitions during the next school year.

The application procedures for the EAP Mock Trial teams will begin shortly. If you are **interested in being considered** for the next year's mock trial teams, you should fill out an application — which can be picked up from Professor Schlueter (LFB 270) — and turn it back in to him not later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2010**. When you turn in your application, you should sign up for a 10-minute interview, which will be conducted by the mock trial coaches and assistant coaches. Interviews will be conducted April 12–15, 2010.

Those selected to go on to the next stage of the selection process will be **announced at the Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 23, 2010. Those students will be required to attend a Mock Trial Academy, to be held shortly before the fall semester begins. That academy will familiarize students with basic litigation techniques and styles. Following the academy, brief tryouts will be held to select the mock trial teams and alternates to go to specific competitions.

If you have any questions about the tryout procedures, please contact either Adjunct Professor Kenneth Bell at kenbelllaw@gmail.com or Adjunct Professor Nicole Thornbro at nicolethornbro@hotmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! JAMES DERRICK III CONSTITUTIONAL LAW DEBATE

James Derrick III Constitutional Law Debate is open to all first-, second-, third-year, day and evening students. **Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Big prize money will be awarded. The family of James Derick III (Jimi) has established a memorial Constitutional Law contest as a tribute to their son who was a second-year law student at St. Mary's School when he died in 2002. This year, the topic is: *Are specialty motor vehicle license plates issued by a state government subject to viewpoint neutrality restrictions imposed by the First Amendment?* This is a single elimination debate. More information regarding the contest will follow from the **Board of Advocates**. For questions, please contact Theresa Scioli at TheresaScioli@yahoo.com.

SUMMER HOUSING

Summer Housing applications are currently available on the Residence Life website (www.stmarytx.edu/reslife). **Deadline** to apply to the Student Life Office, University Center is **Friday, April 23, 2010**. Costs are outlined as follows:

Housing Cost – \$620 per summer session

Meal Plan Cost = \$350 per summer session
Summer Session I – June 1 - July 8
Summer Session II – July 9 - August 13

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

St. Mary's Law Journal is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the following year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top twelve writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the remaining applicants with the top twelve grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top twelve weighted scores (50% GPA and 50% writing score) will be selected for a total of thirty-six Staff Writer invitees.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls on the last day of 1L finals, **Thursday, May 6**. 1Ls may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application deadline is **Friday, May 28**. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of **Friday, May 28 or earlier** or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, May 28 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to **Justin Roberts** at justincroberts@gmail.com.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

Entries for The Symposium XXIII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded. For entry criteria, please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 522-5801 or email julie.rorie@oscn.net. Entries must be received by **March 31, 2010**.

The **Berks County Community Foundation** is now accepting applications for the

Howard Fox Memorial Law Scholarship Award of \$3,000. The award is presented annually to a Berks County, Pennsylvania resident embarking on his/her second year of law school. For an application please visit www.bccf.org. Applications will be accepted through **April 1, 2010**.

The **Center for Real Estate Studies and Real Estate LL.M. Program** at New York Law School present the First Annual NYLS Real Estate Law Writing Competition. This competition is designed to encourage scholarship on all aspects of real estate and land use law. \$1,000 First Prize and \$500 Honorable Mention. Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2010**. For complete rules, please visit www.nyls.edu/CRES/WritingCompetition.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXIII **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 522-5801 or email julie.rorie@oscn.net. Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2010**.

St. Mary's University School of Law is a member of the **Energy & Mineral Law Foundation** (E&MLF). As a benefit, students studying energy, environmental, natural resource, or mineral law are eligible to apply for scholarship assistance. Applications are now being accepted through **April 1, 2010**. For more information please visit www.emlf.org.

The **Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas Chapter** is accepting applications for the BLASK Fellowship Grants for summer federal interns. Grants up to \$2,000 are available for a limited number of law students who serve as legal interns for a minimum of six weeks during the summer of 2010 in the offices of a federal court or agency located within the Southern District of Texas. Eligibility – full-time students at any accredited law school who have completed at least 30 hours of course work by June 1, 2010; at the time of application, have a GPA which ranks in the top half of the applicant's law school class; and have secured or will secure an internship with a federal court or agency within the district. Send a resume with your GPA and class rank together with a letter identifying your federal employers, dates, of employment, and other stipends or awards received; describing your interest in federal public service; and discussing any special circumstances to: fa.southtx@gmail.com. For additional inquiries contact Rudy Sustaita at Rudy.sustaita@eoc.gov. **Deadline to apply is Friday, April 2, 2010.**

Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers is pleased to announce its 2010 Brief-Writing Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 7, 2010. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email platen@cooley.edu or call (517) 371-5140, et. 2607. Deadline to submit briefs is **April 16, 2010**.

National Association of Women Lawyers is seeking entries for the Fifth Annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2010**. For guidelines please visit <http://www.nawl.org/Assets/Documents/SM+Writing+Comp+2009-2010.pdf>.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. The competition is open to all law students. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 30, 2010**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf.

The **College Labor and Employment Lawyers** is pleased to announce their 2009-2010 writing competition for law students. The scope of permissible topics is broad, *i.e.* any aspect of public or private labor or employment law. Students are encouraged to present a a) public policy issue, b) practical implications of a leading case or doctrine, c) comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification, d) comment on a common law doctrine. All law students are eligible to participate. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For competition rules please visit www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Deadline for submission is **May 1, 2010**.

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The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the seventeenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing* in the United States. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. Deadline for submission is **May 14, 2010**.

The **National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys** is pleased to present the Fifth Annual NAELA Elder Law Writing Competition offering a \$1,500 cash prize for the best article submitted. The second place winner receives \$1,000 cash and the third place winner receives

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By VMM

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

PUTTIN' ON THE WRITZ

The **Student Bar Association** invites all students, faculty, administration, friends, and family of St. Mary's Law to attend this year's "Puttin' on the Writz" talent variety show. This year's theme is **Law School Musical** and will be held at the **Josephine Theatre on Friday, April 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** All proceeds will benefit the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. We will also be raffling off a Westlaw Gift Basket with 2500 WESTLAW points, an IPOD NANO with BARBRI LECTURES, Fine Wine, and many more items. Tickets will be on sale all week and will be sold at the door as well. Please come out to support our Clinical Programs and enjoy a **GREAT show.**

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certificate worth **1/2 off your BARBRI tuition.**

Strategy is the key; you want to bid high enough to out-bid your competition and win the bid, while still bidding low enough to maximize your potential savings. Since BARBRI tuition is currently running around \$2745 (depending upon when you locked your price), the half off coupon is worth approximately \$1350.

RULES: All bids must be higher than \$850 to be considered. Only one bid per student. The highest bidder will win the certificate. **All bids must be received on Thursday, April 8, 2010 – no earlier, no later.** Email your bid to Kirsten Ruehman at kruehman@hotmail.com on April 8th. You will receive an email confirmation from Kirsten that your bid was received by 9:00 a.m. on April 9, 2010. The winner will be announced in the next *Witan*.

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ATTENTION CLASS OF 2011 JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS AFTER GRADUATION

Do you think you have an interest in doing a clerkship after graduation? If so, you are invited to attend either of the below listed sessions to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors Marks, Klein, and Johnson will be there to discuss the process and answer questions.

Sessions will be on **Wednesday, April 7, 2010** at 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the Alumni Room. **Please RSVP** on the St. Mary's Symplicity website <https://law-stmarytx.-csm.symplicity.com/students/> and select the "Events" tab and then "Workshops."

FEDERALIST SOCIETY
Presents
Professor J. Budziszewski

The **Federalist Society** is proud to announce the final event of the year – **Professor J. Budziszewski of the University of Texas at Austin**, a nationally-renown authority on the tradition of **Natural Law**, will join us for a presentation of **Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. Professor Budziszewski received his Ph.D. from Yale in 1981, and is a professor in the departments of Government and Philosophy at the University of Texas at Austin. He is an ethical philosopher and the author of *What We Can't Know: A Guide* (2003), *The Revenge of Conscience: Politics and the Fall of Man* (1999), and *Written on the Heart: The Case for Natural Law* (1997). Lunch will be served.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS
IN THE CLASS OF 2011 AND 2012

Please attend one of the below listed **MANDATORY FALL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**. The sessions will last **approximately 30 minutes** and will provide valuable information and dates for this Fall's upcoming recruitment season. Your attendance at **ONE** session is **required** to participate in the **recruiting program**.

- April 8th, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR 2Ls AND 3Ls

The Office of Academic Support is **seeking exemplary second- and third-year law** students to serve as **Academic Scholars** for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. **Scholars should be:** interested in teaching basic law school skills to a diverse group of 1Ls; conscientious and creative; and able to demonstrate academic achievement. **Scholars are expected to:** hold weekly classes or office hours to meet with students on a one-on-one basis; participate in training during the year; and, submit regular records of teaching activities. The position of Academic Scholar is a paid position. **Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2010.** For an application and more information, see the Office of Academic Support web page at www.stmarytx.edu/law/academicsupport or call (210) 431-4340.

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TRYOUTS FOR MOCK TRIAL TEAMS (EAP)

Each year the Law School sends **teams to participate in regional and national advocacy competitions** — mock trial, moot court, and negotiations. The coaches for those respective teams hold **interviews and tryouts** during the Spring semester to select students to participate in those competitions during the next school year.

The application procedures for the EAP Mock Trial teams will begin shortly. If you are **interested in being considered** for the next year's mock trial teams, you should fill out an application — which can be picked up from Professor Schlueter (LFB 270) — and turn it back in to him not later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2010**. When you turn in your application, you should sign up for a 10-minute interview, which will be conducted by the mock trial coaches and assistant coaches. Interviews will be conducted April 12–15, 2010.

Those selected to go on to the next stage of the selection process will be **announced at the Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 23, 2010. Those students will be required to attend a Mock Trial Academy, to be held shortly before the fall semester begins. That academy will familiarize students with basic litigation techniques and styles. Following the academy, brief tryouts will be held to select the mock trial teams and alternates to go to specific competitions.

If you have any questions about the tryout procedures, please contact either Adjunct Professor Kenneth Bell at kenbelllaw@gmail.com or Adjunct Professor Nicole Thornbro at nicoletornbro@hotmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! JAMES DERRICK III CONSTITUTIONAL LAW DEBATE

James Derrick III Constitutional Law Debate is open to all first-, second-, third-year, day and evening students. **Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Big prize money will be awarded. The family of James Derick III (Jimi) has established a memorial Constitutional Law contest as a tribute to their son who was a second-year law student at St. Mary's School when he died in 2002. This year, the topic is: *Are specialty motor vehicle license plates issued by a state government subject to viewpoint neutrality restrictions imposed by the First Amendment?* This is a single elimination debate. More information regarding the contest will follow from the **Board of Advocates**. For questions, please contact Theresa Scioli at TheresaScioli@yahoo.com.

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SUMMER HOUSING

Summer Housing applications are currently available on the Residence Life website (www.stmarytx.edu/reslife). **Deadline** to apply to the Student Life Office, University Center is **Friday, April 23, 2010**. Costs are outlined as follows:

Housing Cost – \$620 per summer session
Meal Plan Cost = \$350 per summer session
Summer Session I – June 1 - July 8
Summer Session II – July 9 - August 13

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INNSBRUCK

If you want to participate in the **Innsbruck Program** but don't have the money, you still may be able to go. **Financial aid is available** and the allotments include the costs of travel and housing, as well as tuition and books. For more information, see **Mr. Dave Krause** in the Office of Financial Assistance. In addition, the **Emiliano Infante Segura Scholarship** has been established to aid students who would benefit from an international study experience and would not otherwise have the means to do so. The scholarship is sponsored by Mr. Segura's son, **Emil Infante**, a graduate of the Law School and **alumnus of the Innsbruck Program** who is a successful international lawyer. A short essay is all that is required to apply, and the **deadline is May 3, 2010**. If you would like more information about the scholarship, please contact Professor Geary Reamey at greamey@stmarytx.edu or ext. 2233.

ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL WRITE-ON COMPETITION

St. Mary's Law Journal is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff

Writers for the following year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top twelve writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the remaining applicants with the top twelve grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top twelve weighted scores (50% GPA and 50% writing score) will be selected for a total of thirty-six Staff Writer invitees.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of 1L finals, **Thursday, May 6**. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application deadline is **Friday, May 28**. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of **Friday, May 28 or earlier** or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, May 28 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to **Justin Roberts** at justincroberts@gmail.com.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers is pleased to announce its 2010 Brief-Writing Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 7, 2010. Plaques will be awarded to the author and his or her school. For questions or more information, please email platen@cooley.edu or call (517) 371-5140, et. 2607. Deadline to submit briefs is **April 16, 2010**.

National Association of Women Lawyers is seeking entries for the Fifth Annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2010**. For guidelines please visit <http://www.nawl.org/Assets/Documents/SM+Writing+Comp+2009-2010.pdf>.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. The competition is open to all law students. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed

50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 30, 2010**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf.

The **College Labor and Employment Lawyers** is pleased to announce their 2009-2010 writing competition for law students. The scope of permissible topics is broad, *i.e.* any aspect of public or private labor or employment law. Students are encouraged to present a a) public policy issue, b) practical implications of a leading case or doctrine, c) comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification, d) comment on a common law doctrine. All law students are eligible to participate. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For competition rules please visit www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Deadline for submission is **May 1, 2010**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXIII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a letter of application. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 522-5801 or email julie.rorie@oscn.net. Deadline to enter is **May 7, 2010**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2010 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 14, 2010**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the seventeenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing* in the United States. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. Deadline for submission is **May 14, 2010**.

The **National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys** is pleased to present the Fifth Annual NAELA Elder Law Writing Competition offering a \$1,500 cash prize for the best article submitted. The second place winner receives \$1,000 cash and the third place winner receives \$500 cash. Deadline to submit articles is **May 31, 2010**. For contest guidelines please visit www.naela.org.

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Second Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “The Pluses and Minuses of eDiscovery” or “The Effect of Melendez-Diaz on State Statutory Schemes for Admission of Lab Results..” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2010**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/htdocs/essaycontest.htm>.

The **Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)** is proud to announce its 2009-10 annual legal writing competition. The topic this year is: Adjudication within the Department of Veterans Affairs: Judicial Independence, Quality Control, Consumer Perception and the Paradoxes Present in the VA's System of Administrative Adjudication. Prizes of \$3,000 each will be awarded in two divisions: law student and professional. The contest is open to law students, law school graduates, and law professors. Deadline for submitting entries is **June 1, 2010**. Please visit www.pva.org for more information.

The **Lawyer's Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation** announces the 2010 LCCHP Annual Student Writing Competition in Cultural Heritage Preservation Law. The awards for the 2010 competition are \$1000 for first place and \$500 for second place. Instructions for submission of papers and of faculty supporting nominations may be found at <http://www.culturalheritagelaw.org/education/competition2010>. The deadline for submissions is **June 11, 2010**.

The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2010 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. Deadline is **June 15, 2010**.

The **American Inns of Court** presents the Warren E. Burger prize, \$5,000 for the winning unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Entry deadline is **June 15, 2010**. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Dennis at (800) 233-3590, ext. 104, cdennis@innsofcourt.org or visit www.innsofcourt.org.

The **Dallas Hispanic Bar Association** Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce that it will award law school scholarships to deserving students enrolled in a Texas law school during the 2010-2011 school year. The scholarships will be awarded to students who have high academic performance and demonstrated leadership. Applicants will be considered as applications are received effective April 15, 2010. For more information, please visit http://www.dallashispanicbar.com/scholarship_foundation.php. Deadline is **June 15, 2010**.

The **American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP)** announces the 2010 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition. The subject of the competition is Copyright Law and is open to third-year students. Second-year students may compete. However, second-year students who receive awards may not compete in their third-year. [Awards will be given at each participating law school](#). First prize is \$600 and second prize is \$250. First prize in the national competition is \$3,000; second prize is \$2,000; and third prize is \$1,000. For more information, please call ASCAP (212) 621-6280, email NBMC@ASCAP.com or visit their website at <http://www.ASCAP.com>. Entry deadline: **June 30, 2010**.

The **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr.** Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2010 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second

prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2010**.

The **University of Alberta, Faculty of Law** is pleased to support an annual international award for the best essay written by a law student on a topic relating to law and the Holocaust. Award is \$500. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2010**. For details please visit: <http://www.law.ualberta.ca/currentstudents/financialsupport/undergraduate/holocaust.php>

The **Education Law Association** proudly sponsors the George Jay Joseph Education Law Writing Award 2010 competition. Entry deadline is **July 15, 2010**. For purpose, nature, and guidelines of the award, please visit <http://educationlaw.org/nominations.php>.

Call For Student Papers – **Terasem Movement** 6th Annual Colloquium on the Law of Futuristic Persons. For more information, please visit <http://www.terasemcentral.org/pr/2008%20TL4%20Call%20for%20Student%20Papers.pdf>
Deadline to apply is **September 10, 2010**.

National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) presents their 2009-2010 NAPW Law Student Writing Competition. This year's contest is "Birthing Rights as a Matter of Gender Equality. The full description of the contest is available here: [Birthing Rights Prompt](#). The first prize entry will receive \$1000. The second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. Deadline to apply is **December 15, 2010**.

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By VMM

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

MOCK TRIAL TEAM INTERVIEWS BEGIN TODAY

The **Mock Trial Team** (EAP) interviews will begin today **Monday, April 12** through Wednesday, April 17, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in **Room 224** of the Sarita Kenedy East **Law Library**. Interviews will run approximately 10 minutes and will be conducted by the Mock Trial Team coaches.

DEADLINE TODAY BRIDGES TO LIFE GRADUATION

Bridges to Life (BTL) graduation will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2010. Anyone interested in attending the graduation may contact Jesse Sprague at jessi_sprague@hotmail.com with your full name and state issue as it appears on your driver's license and your telephone number. **Deadline to submit information is today, Monday, April 12.**

We will meet in the law classroom building and depart at approximately 5:00 p.m. What is BTL? It is rehabilitation, reconciliation, and community safety. BTL brings healing to victims of crime, reduces recidivism among offender graduates of the program, and helps make our community a safer place. Based on the principles of Restorative Justice, the BTL program takes crime victims into the prison system with the intent of reducing crime in the community and reducing the recidivism of the offenders who complete the program. BTL accomplishes its goal of empowering victims and rehabilitating inmates by educating offenders about the impact that their actions have had, not only on their families, but also on the families of the victims, their friends, and the community at large. The spiritual mission to BTL is to minister to victims of crime and to inmates to show them the transforming power of God's love and forgiveness. The

healing process for wounded spirits must include a spiritual dimension. BTL welcomes offenders and volunteers of all faiths and religions.

AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
Meeting Today

The **American Trial Lawyers Association** (ATLA) will meet **Monday, April 12, 2010** at **5:15 p.m.** in the **Atrium** of the Law Administration building. ATLA will **elect officers** and reconstitute the student organization at this time. The **group will focus on** trial lawyering skills for both plaintiffs' and defendants' counsels and tort law issues in America today. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

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Congratulations to Cari Rangel, winner of the James Derrick III Constitutional Law Debate and **runner-up Nick Morrell.**, first year law student. A special thank you goes out to all who participated in the competition and to the Board of Advocates for their hard work. Thank you also to Becky Milliken and James Derick II, Jimi's family who have supported this competition.

Congratulations to Andy Olivo, the BARBRI Disocunt Lucky Bidder! Thanks to all who placed a bid.

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Savings up to \$150 to one lucky bidder

If you enjoyed our last auction, we encourage you to try again. This time we are taking **online bids** for a KAPLAN Discount coupon worth **\$500 off a Complete Course Enrollment**. The award may go to any 1L, 2L, or 3L, so long as the student is not enrolled in any Kaplan PMBR course at the time the award is given. If you have already paid for your course tuition, you are not eligible to bid and receive a refund. If you have placed your deposit to lock your price, you are eligible to bid.

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Call For Student Papers – **Terasem Movement** 6th Annual Colloquium on the Law of Futuristic Persons. For more information, please visit <http://www.terasemcentral.org/pr/2008%20TL4%20Call%20for%20Student%20Papers.pdf>
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National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) presents their 2009-2010 NAPW Law Student Writing Competition. This year's contest is "Birthing Rights as a Matter of Gender Equality. The full description of the contest is available here: [Birthing Rights Prompt](#). The first prize entry will receive \$1000. The second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. Deadline to apply is **December 15, 2010**.

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By VMM

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FIESTA FAREWELL

Fiesta Farewell will honor the **Class of 2010** as “Almost Alumni” on **Monday, April 19, 2010**. The program will begin at **12:00 p.m.** in the **Law School Plaza**. Remarks will be given by Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., L.L.M., Dean and St. Mary’s University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law. Presentation of various awards and Blessing of Third Year Students will be given. Everyone is invited to a fiesta lunch and service awards. Graduation picture will follow the program. All graduating seniors are asked to dress appropriately for the photo op.

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2010 BARRISTER'S BALL

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The **Board of Advocates** and the **EAP Moot Court, Mock Trial** and **Negotiation** teams will announce their selection of new members. Further, the **Order of the Barristers** new

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The Student Bar Association's **cab reimbursement program** applies for this evening's event. **Please join us** for a great meal and come out to recognize your fellow students for their advocacy related accomplishments. Tickets will **remain on sale through April 23rd** in the Law Classroom Building.

FEDERALIST SOCIETY 2010-2011 OFFICERS

Congratulations to the Federalist Society's 2010-11 officers. **William Knight** will serve as President, **Robert Gunn** and **Holly Martin** will serve as co-Vice Presidents, **Jason Pagel** will serve as Secretary, and **Nicholas Morrell, Melody Otto,** and **Jenna Reblin** will serve on the Board of Advisors.

NEW MATERIALS AVAILABLE Office of Academic Support Library

The Office of Academic Support has additional **new study materials** for checkout by students who want to **improve** their law school performance. These materials **include** Emmanuel's Outlines, Examples & Explanations, Q&A Series, Emmanuel's Flash Cards, and Texas Law Cards. Please feel free to come by our offices (Raba 106E) to see what we have and take advantage of our free lending service

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A PRESENTATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS ANNOUNCEMENT

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By VMM

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STUDENT LOCKERS

It is time to **renew** your rental locker agreement. Please stop by room 105 in the Law Administration building to renew your agreement. The **2010-2011 renewal fee is \$35**. Checks should be made payable to the Student Bar Association. If you will not be renewing your agreement, please **return your locker key** and pick up your deposit check no later than **May 14, 2010**. Checks for any key not returned will be deposited for payment on **May 31, 2010** and lockers will be emptied on **June 1, 2010**. Third year students who need their locker for bar purposes, please email bgonzales@stmarytx.edu so that your locker items are not discarded nor your check cashed.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADUATION APPAREL

The Graduation Center will be in the **Atrium** of the Law Administration building on **Wednesday, April 28** and **Thursday, April 29** between **10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** on both days to distribute **graduation apparel**. These are the only days and time that your hoods, tams, and gowns will be issued by the Graduation Center at the law school. The Law School does **NOT** issue graduation apparel. To make other arrangements, please contact the Graduation Center at (210) 829-7393.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Sarah Thompson Scholarship and Law Campus Ministry is pleased to announce that **Mayra Jimenez** and **Jami Nance** are the recipients of the Sarah Thompson scholarship for the Innsbruck Program. We are able to provide these scholarships because of the continued generosity of the Thompson family. Congratulations to each of these students.

Thank you and kudos to Professor **Richard Flint** for the BBQ fundraiser for the Innsbruck program. Professor Flint also made a generous donation which has now become the Flint Fund. We are now able to help another student attend the Innsbruck program. Congratulations to Jenna Reblin who is the recipient of this fund.

TEXAS LIBRARY SNAPSHOT DAY Zooming in on You

The **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library** is joining libraries across the state in participating in “**Texas Library Snapshot Day**” on **Wednesday, April 28, 2010** to show the importance of academic, public, school, and special libraries to the state of Texas. On April 28, our law library will compile statistics, student and faculty comments, photographs, and other data chronicling a typical library day. The results collected will be added to those of other libraries across Texas to show how libraries provide invaluable services to Texans.

Library Assistant, Liana Morales will be interacting with students and faculty, as well as taking photographs and other data throughout the day. “Texas Library Snapshot Day” is a project of the Texas Library Association and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. **Visit your library and support lifelong learning!**

A PRESENTATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Hispanic Law Alumni Association** is proud to announce the availability of **law school scholarships** and **bar study grants** for 2L/3L students. The scholarship and grant awards will be based on merit and proven financial need. The completed applications are **due on April 20, 2010 no later than 5:00 p.m.**, by email attachment. Recipients of the awards and grants will be selected shortly thereafter by committee process and award monies will be disbursed at the annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner. This year the **dinner will take place on May 1, 2010** at the Marriott Plaza San Antonio. The honorees are: The Honorable Senator Carlos Truan (Retired) and The Honorable Senator Leticia Van de Putte. Any questions regarding the application process for either the scholarships or the grant should be directed to: Professor Mike Martinez Jr. at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu.

SUMMER HOUSING

Summer Housing applications are currently available on the Residence Life website (www.stmarytx.edu/reslife). **Deadline** to apply to the Student Life Office, University Center is **Friday, April 23, 2010**. Costs are outlined as follows:

Housing Cost – \$620 per summer session
Meal Plan Cost = \$350 per summer session
Summer Session I – June 1 - July 8

Summer Session II – July 9 - August 13

2010 CITIZENSHIP DAY FAIR

Volunteers are being sought for the first **2010 Citizenship Day Fair**. Volunteers will assist qualified U.S. permanent residents to complete their applications for U.S. Citizenship in English, Spanish or other languages. The fair will be held on **Saturday, May 1, 2010** from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the **Benavides Learning and Leadership Development Center, Las Palmas Library** at **515 Castroville Road**, San Antonio, Texas, 78237. The Citizenship Day Fair will allow for an exciting and interesting volunteer opportunity to provide a great service to our community in addition to learning more about immigration laws and policies. The event will be covered by a wide range of media outlets including Univision and Telemundo. Our press release and announcements can now be seen or heard on most major television channels and radio stations. Persons interested in participating or for more information should email Dustin J. O’Quinn at doquinn@fosterquan.com with your full name, contact email address, contact telephone number with area code, and languages spoken. Individuals who speak only English are also encouraged to volunteer.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INNSBRUCK

If you want to participate in the **Innsbruck Program** but don’t have the money, you still may be able to go. **Financial aid is available** and the allotments include the costs of travel and housing, as well as tuition and books. For more information, see **Mr. Dave Krause** in the Office of Financial Assistance. In addition, the **Emiliano Infante Segura Scholarship** has been established to aid students who would benefit from an international study experience and would not otherwise have the means to do so. The scholarship is sponsored by Mr. Segura’s son, **Emil Infante**, a graduate of the Law School and **alumnus of the Innsbruck Program** who is a successful international lawyer. A short essay is all that is required to apply, and the **deadline is May 3, 2010**. If you would like more information about the scholarship, please contact Professor Geary Reamey at greamey@stmarytx.edu or ext. 2233.

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

St. Mary’s Law Journal is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the following year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top twelve writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the remaining applicants with the top twelve grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top twelve weighted scores (50% GPA and 50% writing score) will be selected for a total of thirty-six Staff Writer invitees.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of 1L finals, **Thursday, May 6**. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application deadline is **Friday, May 28**. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of **Friday, May 28 or earlier** or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, May 28 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to **Justin Roberts** at justincroberts@gmail.com.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

National Association of Women Lawyers is seeking entries for the Fifth Annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2010**. For guidelines please visit <http://www.nawl.org/Assets/Documents/SM+Writing+Comp+2009-2010.pdf>.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. The competition is open to all law students. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 30, 2010**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf.

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The **Intellectual Property Law Section** of the State Bar of Texas announces the Women and Minority Scholarship. For more information about the competition, please visit http://www.texasbariplaw.org/docs/Minority_scholarship_app_form_2010.pdf.

Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 1, 2010**.

National Center for Nonsmokers' Rights announces its legal research and advocacy contest. To participate, law students need only submit a 1000 word summary of their idea or proposal for a novel legal action aimed at protecting the rights of nonsmokers. Prizes include \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second and \$1,000 for third place. Complete rules and entry forms are available online at <http://nosmokingcontest.org>. Deadline to enter is **May 1, 2010**.

DRI is now accepting applications for their annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship Program** open to incoming second and third-year African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian, Native American and female law students. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded. Applications must be received no later than **May 3, 2010**. For complete information on the scholarship requirements and details on how to apply please visit the DRI website at www.dri.org.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXIII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues and the need for scholarship in a letter of application. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 522-5801 or email julie.rorie@oscn.net. Deadline to enter is **May 7, 2010**.

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The **National Law Review (NLR)** Law Student Writing Competition is seeking articles for publication on **Banking and Financial Law**. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. **Deadline to enter is May 24, 2010.**

Permian Basin Area Foundation is pleased to announce the Judge Lucius Bunton Memorial Law Scholarship Fund. Applicants must be a resident of one of the following counties upon his/her graduation: Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio,

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The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Second Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “The Pluses and Minuses of eDiscovery” or “The Effect of Melendez-Diaz on State Statutory Schemes for Admission of Lab Results..” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2010**. For more information, please go to <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/essayrules.pdf>.

The **National LGBT Bar Association** announces the Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition. This competition recognizes and encourages law student scholarship on the legal issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex persons. First place is \$1,000 cash prize. For details please visit www.lgbtbar.org/competition.html. Deadline to apply is **June 1, 2010**.

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