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WITAN St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue 1 – August 22, 2016

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A Special Message from Dean Sheppard

Welcome to the new school year! This will be a great year for St. Mary's Law, and I hope it will be a great year for you. We welcome new J.D., M.Jur., and LL.M. students. You will have a great experience at St. Mary's.

Returning students will notice new orientation programs tailored just for your class. And there are new bulletin boards in every building. You will know what you need to know, before you need to know it.

We are proud of the performance of our bar students this February and this July. The February students' scores jumped 22% from last year. We expect the examinees who just finished their July exams to have excelled, too. Our goal is to help each and every J.D. student be ready to pass the bar on your first attempt. Reaching that goal, though, depends on how much work you invest in your own success.

Please welcome new Professors Zoe Niesel and David Hague, and welcome back Professor André Hampton, who returns to law after his service as Provost. And, you will enjoy meeting our new Law Success and Legal Writing faculties. Joining us as Law Success Instructors are T.K. Floyd, Josh Childress, Stephen Perez, and Jennifer Spreng. Joining us as Legal Writing Instructors are Regina Stone-Harris, Phillip Lynch, Caleb Rackley, and Claire Hargrove. Also, this year we have a new Associate Dean for the School of Law – Professor Amy Hardberger.

The faculty, staff, and I look forward to a great year, with leadership by your Student Bar and opportunities for you to learn and stay engaged. Here are two, in October:

- **Red Mass** is on Thursday, October 6 in San Fernando Cathedral. Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion will welcome you.
- The **Texas Court of Criminal Appeals** will hear arguments in two live cases at the law school, on Wednesday, October 19.

You will benefit from attending both events. In the meantime, a world-class faculty is waiting to challenge you; I hope you enjoy it.

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IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE ENROLLED IN THE ABA, please reply to deanforlawstudentaffairs@stmarytx.edu no later than this week Friday, August 26, 2016 with the following information: • Student First Name • Student Last Name • Email Address • Law School Admission Date (mm/dd/yyyy) • Anticipated Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

1L Mandatory Meeting with Texas Board of Law Examiners

A mandatory meeting with the Texas Board of Law Examiners Ms. Lori Adelman, Director, Character and Fitness, is set to address 1L students on Wednesday, August 31, 4:00 p.m. in LC101-102-103. Mark your calendar to be in attendance.

Office of Law Success

The former Office of Academic Affairs is now the Office of Law Success. It can be found in RABA 107. Professor Zoe Niesel is the new director and she is assisted by five Law Success Instructors. As part of the new programming, below are two classes to consider adding to your schedule.

MPT Course: one (1) credit hour course directed at the MPT -- the Multistate Performance Test -- a component of the Bar Exam on which St. Mary's graduates historically have severely underperformed. So that current 3L students can take advantage of this new course two of these new classes have been added, officially called Experiential Legal Analysis. (Tuesdays from 7:25 – 9:05 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 – 10:50 a.m.)

Bar Prep for Credit: The best time to take the Bar Preparation course may be in the fall of the 3L year (not in the spring, when students traditionally have taken it). By taking the class in the fall, students identify areas of concern for Bar Exam preparation a semester earlier and have the spring semester of their 3L year to work with the Office of Law Success on ways of addressing those concerns. Two of these Bar Exam Preparation classes have been added to the fall schedule if you wish to add one. (Mondays from 3:00-4:50 p.m., and Wednesdays from 6:00-7:50 p.m.)

If you have any questions about these courses, please reach out to Professor Niesel at zniesel@stmarytx.edu.

Practice Credit Program Office Hours

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Amanda Rivas, arivas@stmarytx.edu to set an appointment during her office hours at Career Services: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines. Fall enrollment priority deadline is Friday, August 26, 2016. Start planning for spring NOW.

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Student Organizations

Law School RSO President's Meeting

The Student Bar Association (SBA) will host a mandatory President's meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Atrium. All law organizations Presidents and Risk Management Officers must be present at this meeting in order to be eligible for funding for the academic year. For more information, contact Ciara Perritano, SBA President at cperritano@mail.stmarytx.edu.

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Ministry

Join Us for Mass of the Holy Spirit – Opening of School Liturgy

Our community gathers at the beginning of each new academic year to pray for wisdom and celebrate together. Please join us for this time-honored tradition, opening of school liturgy to be held Wednesday, August 24, 2016, 11:15 a.m., Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 159 Camino Santa Maria. To accommodate your attendance at Mass, all 11:20 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. classes are cancelled. For more information please contact University Ministry, university.ministry@stmarytx.edu or 210.436.3213.

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Center for Legal and Social Justice Opening Ceremony

The Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLASJ) will host their opening ceremony on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. The CLSJ is located at [2507 N.W. 36th Street](#). The CLSJ is a former retreat house of the Marianist Sisters, located less than one mile from main campus. In 1996, it became part of St. Mary's University, and now houses the St. Mary's legal clinics, the Pro Bono Program and the Practice Credit Program. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Marisa Santos at msantos@stmarytx.edu or 210.431.5703.

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Section Lunches this Week

Attention all 1L students. 1L section lunches will be held in the RABA building Foyer. Stop in to meet and greet your section and enjoy a free lunch. Also join Law Ministry to hear about various law school event, programs and studying abroad. Section C will meet Monday, August 29 at 12:00 p.m. Section B will meet Tuesday, August 30 at 12:00 p.m. Section A will meet Wednesday, August 31 at 12:00 p.m. and Section D will meet Thursday, September 1 at 5:00 p.m.

2L and 3L Lunch

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Law Phonathon Program – Development Associates Wanted

The Office of University Advancement is seeking Development Associates. Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts. Funds raised through Phonathon are used in a variety of law school areas, including scholarships and academic departments. Students gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies, in the judiciary, or in private practice. This will allow associates to build a professional network. To see a position description [click here](http://tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate) or for more information please contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu.

Pro Bono Program Events and Surveys

With the start of the new school year, the Pro Bono Program invites you to join your fellow classmates at service events around the community! With seven events in September alone, there is an opportunity for students of any year and any area of interest. Join the Pro Bono/Public Service TWEN page to sign up today. The Pro Bono Program also asks for your help in completing two surveys. Visit <http://bit.do/motto> and <http://bit.do/pbpsurvey> today and speak up. For more information please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Mock Interviews with Professor Grenardo

Professor Grenardo conducts mock interviews every Friday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. or on dates and times that students schedule with Professor Grenardo. The mock interview and feedback take 30 minutes total. If you are interested, simply email Professor Grenardo at dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu to schedule a date and time that are convenient for you.

64th Annual Red Mass – A Legacy of Faith and Law

St. Mary's University and School of Law Dean Stephen M. Sheppard, J.S.D., invite members of the legal community from all faiths to join in the celebration of Red Mass, marking the beginning of the judicial and academic year. Red Mass will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016. The Processional

will begin at 5:45 p.m. and Mass at 6:00 p.m., San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205. The Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The Honorable Sandee Bryan Marion, Chief Justice of the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals, will offer welcome remarks. Reception to follow at The Plaza Club, Frost Bank Tower, 100 W. Houston Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205. Red Mass is a tradition coordinated annually by St. Mary's University School of Law, the Catholic Lawyers Guild of San Antonio and representatives from San Antonio's legal organizations, the judiciary and the Texas Legislature. For additional information, please contact Sister Grace Walle, F.M.I., St. Mary's University School of Law Chaplain, at 210.436.3063 or gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

Grand Finale of the Henry B. Gonzalez

St. Mary's University School of Law invites you on May 3, 2017 to join in concluding the celebration of Henry B. Gonzalez's centennial. To pay tribute to the Honorable Henry B, as he was affectionately known, the School of Law will premiere a short film on his life and exhibit selections from his family's private collection. This centennial tribute to Texas' beloved statesman also launches the Law School's decade-long public history project to commemorate its own centennial in 2027. The film will be shown 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Alumni Room. For more information, contact Ofilia Rodarte, Law Dean's Office at 210.436.3530.

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Academic Support

TLAP Presentation: Ten Tips to Happiness that Every Law Student Should Know

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Student Veterans Organization

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Theology, Beer and Root Beer

St. Mary's Law Ministry and the St. Thomas More Society will host a meet-and-greet with law students and professors and a discussion on Conflict Transformation: A Focus on Faith with Provost Aaron Tyler, Ph.D. The event will be held Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at The Pub at St. Mary's.

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American Constitution Society – Texas Voter ID Law Panel

Welcome back students. Please join the American Constitution Society and the League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 as they host a panel discussion on the Texas Voter ID Law and its impact in this year's presidential election. The panel includes four San Antonio area professionals, including St. Mary's University Professor Henry Flores, and will be moderated by our esteemed Professor Al Kauffman. The event is from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the San Antonio Central Library, 600 Soledad Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205. Admission is

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SBA Battle of the Rattles

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Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkships Workshop with The Honorable Henry Bemporad and The Honorable David Ezra

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Texas Court of Criminal Appeals – Oral Arguments

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St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Teams Garner State and National Recognition in October

EAP Moot Court teams participated in both a national and state moot court competition during the month of October, and came away from both tournaments with individual and team accolades.

At the 10th Annual Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition, a national moot court tournament sponsored by Emory School of Law and including a total of 30 teams from across the country, the St. Mary's team of William "Billy" Calve (3L) and Sophia George (2L) reached the **semi-final round**. A second team comprised of Christopher Hamblin (2L) and Alexandra Pine (2L) also participated at this national competition.

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People's Law School

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The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Thursday, March 23, 2017. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing. Students having questions about the program should contact Professor Schmolesky by e-mail at jschmolesky@stmarytx.edu or by calling his office 210.431.2275.

Spring Break Service Trip Sign-Up Still Available

It is not too late to sign up for Spring Break service trips March 3 -17, 2017. Volunteer opportunities in legal nonprofit sites, and/or with judges in San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Houston, Rio Grande Valley,

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Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

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

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event. Email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu to request a copy of the Law School approval form. **A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials.** Once your request has been approved, you must also complete the St. Mary's University's "Speakers and Award Recipients Approval Form" found online at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-campus-form/>.

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New Tobacco Use Policy On Campus - Effective Now

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

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

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

Student Competition

WINNERS - 2017 Federal Bar Association Moot Court Competition

The winners of the 2015 FBA Moot Court Competition are Jean Phillips (2L) and Lindsey Bradley (2L). Finalists are Chris Hamblin (2L) and Joel Barrera (2L) with best speaker going to Chris Hamblin. **The Board of Advocates** (BOA) would like to thank their sponsor, the San Antonio Chapter of the Federal

Bar Association and the judges for the competition; The Honorable Xavier Rodriguez, Stephanie De Sola and Michael Paul. Please join the BOA in congratulating these students for a job well done!

International IP Moot Court Competition in China

Every year over a dozen teams from China, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States compete in this event. A team of St. Mary's students joined the competition last year. This year's competition will be Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Beijing University of Foreign Languages, Beijing, China. We are looking for a team of four students to attend this year's competition. Team members will work on a Chinese trademark law issue and submit a brief. Students will meet with a coach regularly for competition preparation. Students are responsible for their own travel expenses. However a stipend of \$250 will be paid to each team member to help with expenses. Please contact Professor Bob Hu by email at rhu@stmarytx.edu if interested.

Notices

Mock Interviews with Professor Grenardo

Professor Grenardo conducts mock interviews every Friday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. or on dates and times that students schedule with Professor Grenardo. The mock interview and feedback take 30 minutes total. If you are interested, simply email Professor Grenardo at dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu to schedule a date and time that are convenient for you.

Do You Need a Break?

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

Practice Credit Program (Externship) Office Hours

Practice Credit Program (Externship) is a course that allows you to earn credit while learning from seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel externship. Start planning for Summer and Fall NOW. Contact Amanda Rivas, arivas@stmarytx.edu to set an appointment during her office hours at Career Services: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

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

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

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

Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in RABA 208. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call (210) 431-4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu to set up an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has produced a quick video about how TLAP can assist law students navigate the pressures of law school. The video is on their web page at <http://www.texasbar.com/tlapisthere>.

Ministry

Ash Wednesday Mass and Distribution of Ashes

The blessing and distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday will be held March 1, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Fr. Jim Tobin will preside. A light Lenten lunch will follow. Fr. Tobin will be available in Sister Grace's office, LFB 105 beginning at 9:00 a.m. for Confession.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

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

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

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

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State Bar of California, Criminal Law Section. \$1,500 and three \$500 honorable mention. [Marshall M. Schulman Writing Competition](#). Deadline is February 28, 2017.

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Howard C. Schwab. \$1,500, \$750, \$350. http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html. Deadline is April 14, 2017.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics. \$2,500. http://www3.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf. Deadline is April 29, 2017.

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Announcements

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

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Innsbruck Scholarship Applications Now Available

INTERESTED IN STUDYING ABROAD IN INNSBRUCK THIS UPCOMING SUMMER? Don't forget to apply to the scholarships currently available: The Flint Fund, The Sarah K. Thompson Memorial Fund, The Clayton&Ramirez, PLLC Law Innsbruck Scholarship, and The Founders "Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck" Scholarship. Hard copies of the application can be picked up from Sr. Grace Walle's Office (Raba 105). Digital copies are found on the St. Mary's Law Innsbruck page: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/austria/>. All applications are due to Sr. Grace no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017. Please submit either a hard copy to her office or via e-mail to gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

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Liturgy and Worship Schedule

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Jackson Lewis LLP and ITT Chicago-Kent of Law. \$3,000 and two \$1,000.
<https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. Deadline is February 28, 2017.

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State Bar of Texas. Diversity in the Profession Committee Bar Exam Prep Scholarship. Deadline is March 1, 2017.

American Bar Association. Legal Opportunity Scholarship for 1Ls only.\$5,000.
<http://www.ambar.org/ABALOS>. Deadline is March 2, 2017.*

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http://www.americanbar.org/groups/lawyers_professional_liability/awards.html. Deadline is March 3, 2017.

Cameron County Bar Association. \$2,500. <http://ccbatexas.blogspot.com/p/scholarship.html>. Deadline is March 17, 2017.*

Law School Admission Council. \$5,000 each for 1L, 2L, 3/4L. <http://www.lsac.org/docs/default-source/jd-docs/lsac-writing-competition-memo-2017.pdf>. Deadline is March 31, 2017.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000 scholarships.
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Howard C. Schwab. \$1,500, \$750, \$350.
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Austin Bar Foundation and Austin LGBT Bar Association. Contact Daniel Collins, dcollins.dc@gmail.com, Treasurer, Austin LGBT Bar Association for more information. Two \$3,000 scholarships. Deadline is May 1, 2017.

International Association of Defense Counsel. \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500. <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications-news/publications/Legal-Writing-Contest/>. Deadline is May 19, 2017.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500.
<http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/images/pdfs/WRITINGCOMPETITIONRULES2016-2017.pdf>. Deadline is June 15, 2017.

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Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation and the American College of Tax Counsel. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. <http://www.tannenwald.org/2017-Competition-Announcement>. Deadline is July 5, 2017.

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

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

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

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

Congratulations

St. Mary's Moot Court Team Advances to the National Finals of the 2017 ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition

Over the weekend, St. Mary's EAP Moot Court competed in the American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The ABA NAAC is the largest moot court tournament in the United States, with approximately 200 law schools competing in six regions for the opportunity to reach Chicago and participate in the National Finals of this most prestigious event. Two St. Mary's teams: William "Billy" Calve (3L), Sophia George (2L), and Devin DeBruyn (3L) **and** Gary Hillier (2L), Cali Franks (2L), and Alex Pine (2L) competed in the St. Louis Regional, battling against teams from such schools as UCLA, San Diego, Faulkner, LSU, Loyola, Drake, Washington University, New Mexico, Chapman, Minnesota, MSU and Indiana. The team of Hillier / Franks / Pine just missed the semi-final break, while the team of **Calve / George / DeBruyn** made the break, defeating UCLA in the semi-finals and San Diego in the finals to be crowned **Regional Champion**. **Mr. Calve** was further honored with the designation as "**Best Oral Advocate**" of the St. Louis Regional. The win qualifies St. Mary's for the National Finals of the ABA NAAC in Chicago, and provides the team with the opportunity to defend last year's title of National Champion. Mr. Ricky J. Poole (JD, 90), coach of the moot court team, expressed his gratitude to the advocates: "All of these students worked extremely hard to prepare for this competition. I am honored to coach them and I am extremely proud of their accomplishments on behalf of their law school."

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

Last month, the EAP Moot Court Team participated in the Andrews Kurth Kenyon Moot Court National Championship, a moot court tournament held annually in Houston, Texas and open to the top sixteen (16) moot court programs in the country. **St. Mary's** qualified for this invitational through its recent designation as the **10th Best Moot Court Program** in the United States. The team of William "Billy" Calve (3L), Sophia George (2L), and Kathryn Kluge (2L) competed on behalf of the law school. **Mr. Calve** was recognized as the **Best Oral Advocate** at the tournament, beating out advocates from such programs as South Texas, Texas Tech, Stetson, Georgetown, University of Georgia, Chicago-Kent, Regent, UC Hastings and Baylor. Coach Poole congratulates the St. Mary's Moot Court Team, and Mr. Calve in particular, for their efforts: "Tournaments like this one simply confirm that St. Mary's continues to produce some of the best advocates in the nation. Our designation as a Top-10 Moot Court Program is a reflection of the commitment to advocacy displayed by St. Mary's on all levels, from administration to faculty to students. Mr. Calve's particular accomplishments are a tribute to his

immense natural talent and continued dedication and hard work. It is truly a joy to coach these fine students."

Student Organizations

New Student Organization: Public Interest Law Foundation

Join the new student organization dedicated to the public interest. The Public Interest Law Foundation is a new student organization devoted to supporting St. Mary's University School of Law students' involvement in public interest work during the academic year.

The Foundation will unite public interest-minded students at the Law School by hosting special events, such as an employer-student networking reception, mentoring programs, a public interest law career fair, guest speakers, and social events.

To take part in this new student organization, contact Ayssa Palacios at apalacios2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Events

Theology, Beer and Rootbeer: Electoral Colleges Panel

The St. Thomas More Society and Law Ministry invite you to Theology, Beer and Rootbeer, a discussion on the Electoral Colleges. The event will be Monday, February 27, 2017, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at The Pub. Professors of Law Colin Marks and Professor of Law Geary Reamey will speak. This event is open to undergraduate, graduate, law students and professors with the discussion to begin at 7:00 p.m. and Q&A to follow.

Lunch & Learn Commercial Litigation

Bring your lunch and the Office of Career Services will provide the treats as Professor Colin Marks shares his experience as a commercial litigator and his insights for students interested in commercial and business litigation. Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Office of Career Services. Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity.

Women in Law Leadership Awards

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE WOMEN IN LAW AWARDS! Do you know a female St. Mary's law student with strong leadership qualities? Nominate her for The Alma L. Lopez "Women In Law" Student Leadership Award or The Catherine M. Stone "Rock of Justice" Award. Indicate a few sentences as to why you are nominating this law student and submit it by Thursday, March 9, 2017, 8:00 p.m. to Sr. Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu. NO self-nominations please. Nominees will be recognized at the Women in Law reception, Law Alumni Room, Thursday, March 30th, following the Fourth Court of Appeals' Oral Arguments.

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 up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty's Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning February 20th. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the Barristers' Ball on Friday, April 21, 2017. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full-time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor 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 Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

Announcements

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 17/18 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2017 will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are encouraged to complete the 2017-2018 FAFSA in the month of February in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the March 1st deadline. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include **St. Mary's school code 003623**. Please note that the 17/18 FAFSA will require 2015 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at 210.436.3141.

Innsbruck Scholarship Applications Now Available

INTERESTED IN STUDYING ABROAD IN INNSBRUCK THIS UPCOMING SUMMER? Don't forget to apply to the scholarships currently available: The Flint Fund, The Sarah K. Thompson Memorial Fund, The Clayton&Ramirez, PLLC Law Innsbruck Scholarship, and The Founders "Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck" Scholarship. Hard copies of the application can be picked up from Sr. Grace Walle's Office (Raba 105). Digital copies are found on the St. Mary's Law Innsbruck page: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/austria/>. All applications are due to Sr. Grace no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017. Please submit either a hard copy to her office or via e-mail to gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

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The United States Court of Appeals

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The United States District Court

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Law Journal Staff Writers Selected for Publication and Credit with Honors

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

COMMENTS TO BE PUBLISHED

Marshall Bowen, *Migratory Avian Jurisprudence: Grounding the Circuits on the MBTA*, 49 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2017-2018).

David Brewster, *The Lasting Impacts of Mass Consumerism and the Disposable Culture: A Proposition for the Development of Plastic Shopping Bag Bans in Texas Law*, 49 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2017-2018).

Lydia Fearing, *Better Briefs*, 49 ST. MARY'S J. LEGAL MAL. & ETHICS (forthcoming 2017-2018).

Luke Harle, *A Status Update for Texas Voir Dire: Advocating for Pre-Trial Internet Investigation of Prospective Jurors*, 49 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2017-2018).

Erin Janssen, *Hearsay in the Smiley Face: Analyzing the Use of Emojis as Evidence*, 49 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2017-2018).

Mark McPherson, *Plata o Plomo: Effect of Mexican Transnational Criminal Organizations on the American Criminal Justice System*, 49 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2017-2018).

Eduardo Mendoza, *Network Investigation Techniques: Government Hacking and the Need for Adjustment in the Third-Party Doctrine*, 49 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2017-2018).

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Zoe Russell, *Comment: First They Came for the Child Pornographers*, 49 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2017-2018).

Martha A. Salas, *Holding Ridesharing Companies Accountable in Texas*, 49 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2017-2018).

COMMENTS: CREDIT WITH HONORS

Trevor Deason, *The Texas Borrowing Statute: A Practitioner's Guide to Understanding the Equal Protection Challenge* (2017) (for credit).

Kathryn Kluge, *Taking Energy Resources Away* (2017) (for credit).

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Allies: Quality time with positive family & friends

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Well-Balanced Meals: Fresh fruits, vegetables, water

Exercise: Walk around

Let Go: You cannot control everything

Laugh: It is your best medicine

Mandarin Chicken Pasta Salad

<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/143555/mandarin-chicken-pasta-salad/?internalSource=staff%20pick&referringId=16376&referringContentType=recipe%20hub&clickId=cardslot%202>

Ingredients

53 min [6 servings](#) [425 cal](#)

These nearby stores have ingredients on sale!

- 1 teaspoon finely chopped, peeled fresh ginger
 - 1/3 cup rice vinegar
 - 1/4 cup orange juice
 - 1/4 cup vegetable oil
 - 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
 - 1 (1 ounce) package dry onion soup mix
 - 2 teaspoons white sugar
 - 1 clove garlic, pressed
 - 1 (8 ounce) package bow tie (farfalle) pasta
 - 1/2 cucumber - scored, halved lengthwise, seeded, and sliced
 - 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
 - 1/2 cup coarsely chopped red onion
 - 2 diced Roma tomatoes
 - 1 carrot, shredded
 - 1 (6 ounce) bag fresh spinach
 - 1 (11 ounce) can mandarin orange segments, drained
 - 2 cups diced cooked chicken
 - 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted
 - Add all ingredients to list
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 3. To make the salad, toss the cucumber, bell pepper, onion, tomatoes, carrot, spinach, mandarin oranges, chicken, and almonds with the pasta. Pour the dressing over the salad mixture, and toss again to coat evenly. Serve immediately.

Events

Going Solo? Law Firm in a Box/Legal Mapmaker

Join the Office of Career Services on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library to learn more about Law Firm in a Box/Legal Mapmaker. Baylor University designed this legal incubator to have online resources available to new lawyers who plan to have a solo practice. The full program is two days and takes place in August. St. Mary's Law School is bringing a modified presentation to the law school campus. Topics to be discussed include: developing a business plan; marketing; technology and website development. Door prize-\$100 Visa Gift Card - must be present to win! Please RSVP in Symplicity.

Women in Law Leadership Awards

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE WOMEN IN LAW AWARDS! Do you know a female St. Mary's law student with strong leadership qualities? Nominate her for The Alma L. Lopez "Women In Law" Student Leadership Award or The Catherine M. Stone "Rock of Justice" Award. Indicate a few sentences as to why you are nominating this law student and submit it by Thursday, March 9, 2017, 8:00 p.m. to Sr. Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu. NO self-nominations please. Nominees will be recognized at the Women in Law reception, Law Alumni Room, Thursday, March 30th, following the Fourth Court of Appeals' Oral Arguments.

Spring Clean-Up Project

The Women's Law Association and Hispanic Law Association invite you to participate in their "Spring Clean-Up" project. They will collect items for San Antonio Threads, a local non-profit for at risk youth. Items to donate are deodorant, body wash, hairbrushes, mascara, clothing for teenage boys and girls (such as shirts, jeans, dresses, baseball caps, boxers, socks, and plus size clothing. Clothing must be new or gently used. Items will be collected through March 10th. A donation box is available in Raba and in the Law Classroom building.

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 up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty's Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning February 20th. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the Barristers' Ball on Friday, April 21, 2017. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full-time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor 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 Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

Announcements

Fourth Court of Appeals Oral Arguments

The School of Law will host the Fourth Court of Appeals on Thursday, March 30, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Law Classroom Building Courtroom. They will hear oral arguments in one appeal before the following panel of justices: Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, Justice Karen Angelini, and Justice Irene Rios. The following case will be presented:

Charles Edward Reed, Jr.; Amos E. Reed, III, Individually and as Representative of the Estate of Delores Perrin; Curtis Cullen Smith, Trustee of the Laura Dossett Smith Family Trust; et al. v. Maltsberger/Storey Ranch, LLC; Storey Minerals, Ltd.; Tom O Hanks; Karen R. Hanks; and TK Hanks Royalties, LP – In this appeal, this Court must determine whether the oil and gas deed at issue conveyed a mineral interest or a royalty interest. If the deed conveyed a royalty interest, this Court must determine whether the deed conveyed a 1/4 floating royalty interest or 1/32 fixed royalty interest. Finally, this Court is being asked to determine whether issues on appeal have been preserved for appellate review.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 17/18 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2017 will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are encouraged to complete the 2017-2018 FAFSA in the month of February in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the March 1st deadline. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include **St. Mary's school code 003623**. Please note that the 17/18 FAFSA will

require 2015 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at 210.436.3141.

Innsbruck Scholarship Applications Now Available

INTERESTED IN STUDYING ABROAD IN INNSBRUCK THIS UPCOMING SUMMER? Don't forget to apply to the scholarships currently available: The Flint Fund, The Sarah K. Thompson Memorial Fund, The Clayton&Ramirez, PLLC Law Innsbruck Scholarship, and The Founders "Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck" Scholarship. Hard copies of the application can be picked up from Sr. Grace Walle's Office (Raba 105). Digital copies are found on the St. Mary's Law Innsbruck page: <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/austria/>. All applications are due to Sr. Grace no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017. Please submit either a hard copy to her office or via e-mail to gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

Court of Criminal Appeals Internship

Deadline: Noon Thursday, March 23, 2017

A summer internship with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2017. 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 addressed 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 for applications is 12 noon on Thursday, March 23, 2017. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing. Students having questions about the program should contact Professor Schmolesky by e-mail at jschmolesky@stmarytx.edu or by calling his office 210.431.2275.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

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

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event. Email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu to request a copy of the Law School approval form. **A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials.** Once your request has been approved, you must also complete the St. Mary's University's "Speakers and Award Recipients Approval Form" found online at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-campus-form/>.

Apply Now: Development Associates for St. Mary's University School of Law

Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts. Funds raised through Phonathon are used in a variety of law school areas, including scholarships and academic departments. Students gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies, in the judiciary, or in private practice. This will allow associates to build a professional network. Associates must commit to 2 calling shifts a week over a 3-week period according to their availability and will be paid \$9.00 per hour. For more information contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu. Please see <http://tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate>.

New Tobacco Use Policy On Campus - Effective Now

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

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

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

Student Competition

International IP Moot Court Competition in China

Every year over a dozen teams from China, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States compete in this event. A team of St. Mary's students joined the competition last year. This year's competition will be Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Beijing University of Foreign Languages, Beijing, China. We are looking for a team of four students to attend this year's competition. Team members will work on a Chinese trademark law issue and submit a brief. Students will meet with a coach regularly for competition preparation. Students are responsible for their own travel expenses. However a stipend of \$250 will be paid to each team member to help with expenses. Please contact Professor Bob Hu by email at rhu@stmarytx.edu if interested.

Notices

Clinical Program and Externship Information Sessions

All students are invited to attend the below listed information sessions for the Clinical Program and Externships. Join the CLSJ to learn how you can gain hands-on experience as a student attorney in courses for credit. Four information sessions will be held in the Law Plaza or the RABA Building, depending on weather conditions.

Wednesday, March 8

5:00-7:00pm

Tuesday, March 21

12:00-2:00pm

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Submission of Pro Bono and Public Service Hours

Class of 2017: graduation is around the corner! Please submit any and all outstanding records of pro bono and public service. Beginning with the entering class of 2014, graduates must complete and submit 100 hours of pro bono and/or public service work to be eligible for recognition at commencement. The **deadline for submitting paperwork will be Friday, March 31st**. You may send time sheets directly to gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu or drop them off at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Do not delay!

Bible Study

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

Mock Interviews with Professor Grenardo

Professor Grenardo conducts mock interviews every Friday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. or on dates and times that students schedule with Professor Grenardo. The mock interview and feedback take 30 minutes total. If you are interested, simply email Professor Grenardo at dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu to schedule a date and time that are convenient for you.

Do You Need a Break?

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

Practice Credit Program (Externship) Office Hours

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University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

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<http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/food-recipes/healthy/a42194/honey-soy-glazed-salmon-with-peppers-recipe/>

TOTAL TIME: 0:25

PREP: 0:05

COOK: 0:20

LEVEL: Easy
SERVES: 4

Ingredients

- 2 large peppers, seeded and thinly sliced
- 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp. toasted sesame oil, divided
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3 tbsp. soy sauce
- 2 tbsp. honey
- 2 tsp. grated peeled fresh ginger
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 4 fillets salmon (5 oz. each)
- 3 c. cooked brown rice
- fresh basil, for garnish

Directions

1. On large rimmed baking sheet, toss peppers with onion, 1 tablespoon sesame oil and salt. Roast in 425 degree F oven 20 minutes or until tender.
2. In 2-quart baking dish, whisk soy sauce, honey, 1 tablespoon sesame oil, ginger and black pepper; add salmon turning to coat. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until cooked through.
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Nutrition Information (per serving): About 505 calories, 36 g protein, 51 g carbs, 17 g fat (3 g saturated fat), 5 g fiber, 875 mg sodium.

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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 for applications is 12 noon on Thursday, March 23, 2017. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing. Students having questions about the program should contact Professor Schmolesky by e-mail at jschmolesky@stmarytx.edu or by calling his office 210.431.2275.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

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

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All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event. Email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu to request a copy of the Law School approval form. **A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials.** Once your request has been approved, you must also complete the St. Mary's University's "Speakers and Award Recipients Approval Form" found online at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-campus-form/>.

Apply Now: Development Associates for St. Mary's University School of Law

Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts. Funds raised through Phonathon are used in a variety of law school areas, including scholarships and academic departments. Students gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies, in the judiciary, or in private practice. This will allow associates to build a professional network. Associates must commit to 2 calling shifts a week over a 3-week period according to their availability and will be paid \$9.00 per hour. For more information contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu. Please see <http://tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate>.

New Tobacco Use Policy On Campus - Effective Now

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

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

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

Student Competition

International IP Moot Court Competition in China

Every year over a dozen teams from China, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States compete in this event. A team of St. Mary's students joined the competition last year. This year's competition will be Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Beijing University of Foreign Languages, Beijing, China. We are looking for a team of four students to attend this year's competition. Team members will work on a Chinese trademark law issue and submit a brief. Students will meet with a coach regularly for competition preparation. Students are responsible for their own travel expenses. However a stipend of \$250 will be paid to each team member to help with expenses. Please contact Professor Bob Hu by email at rhu@stmarytx.edu if interested.

Notices

Clinical Program and Externship Information Sessions

All students are invited to attend the below listed information sessions for the Clinical Program and Externships. Join the CLSJ to learn how you can gain hands-on experience as a student attorney in courses for credit. Four information sessions will be held in the Law Plaza or the RABA Building, depending on weather conditions.

Tuesday, March 21
12:00-2:00pm

Thursday, March 23
5:00-7:00pm

For more information please contact Marisa Santos at msantos@stmarytx.edu or visit <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/center-legal-social-justice/>.

2017-2018 Center for Terrorism Law Research Fellow Applications Now Available

Applications for the 2017-2018 Center for Terrorism Law Research Felows are now open. Applications are available on TWEN or in the Center for Terrosim Law office in RABA. Deadline to apply is no later than April 8, 2017. Please email resume and completed applications to Alec Dudley at adudley@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Submission of Pro Bono and Public Service Hours

Class of 2017: graduation is around the corner! Please submit any and all outstanding records of pro bono and public service. Beginning with the entering class of 2014, graduates must complete and submit 100 hours of pro bono and/or public service work to be eligible for recognition at commencement. The **deadline for submitting paperwork will be Friday, March 31st**. You may send time sheets directly to gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu or drop them off at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Do not delay!

Bible Study

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

Mock Interviews with Professor Grenardo

Professor Grenardo conducts mock interviews every Friday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. or on dates and times that students schedule with Professor Grenardo. The mock interview and feedback take 30 minutes total. If you are interested, simply email Professor Grenardo at dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu to schedule a date and time that are convenient for you.

Do You Need a Break?

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

Practice Credit Program (Externship) Office Hours

Practice Credit Program (Externship) is a course that allows you to earn credit while learning from seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel externship. Start planning for Summer and Fall NOW. Contact Amanda Rivas, arivas@stmarytx.edu to set an appointment during her office hours at Career Services: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

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

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

Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in RABA 208. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu to set up an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has produced a quick video about how TLAP can assist law students navigate the pressures of law school. The video is on their web page at <http://www.texasbar.com/tlapisthere>.

Ministry

40 Days of Lent and Service

40 Days of Lent and Service is March 4th through April 8th. Be a part of the St. Mary's University commitment to service. You may view the complete schedule on Gateway at www.gateway.stmarytx.edu

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University

community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

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

Cameron County Bar Association. \$2,500. <http://ccbatexas.blogspot.com/p/scholarship.html>. Deadline is March 17, 2017.

Law School Admission Council. \$5,000 each for 1L, 2L, 3/4L. <http://www.lsac.org/docs/default-source/jd-docs/ljac-writing-competition-memo-2017.pdf>. Deadline is March 31, 2017.

Hispanic Law Alumni Association. [2017 hlaa scholarship application.docx](#) 17.02 KB · DOCX_ Deadline is March 31, 2017.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000 scholarships. <http://www.texastaxsection.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=245>. Deadline is April 7, 2017.

Howard C. Schwab. \$1,500, \$750, \$350. http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html. Deadline is April 14, 2017.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics. \$2,500. http://www3.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf. Deadline is April 29, 2017.

Hispanic Bar Association of Austin. Scholarship amounts vary. hispanicscholar.org/apply. Deadline is April 30, 2017.

Austin Bar Foundation and Austin LGBT Bar Association. Contact Daniel Collins, dcollins.dc@gmail.com, Treasurer, Austin LGBT Bar Association for more information. Two \$3,000 scholarships. Deadline is May 1, 2017.

International Association of Defense Counsel. \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500. <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications-news/publications/Legal-Writing-Contest/>. Deadline is May 19, 2017.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/images/pdfs/WRITINGCOMPETITIONRULES2016-2017.pdf>. Deadline is June 15, 2017.

American Bar Association. Criminal Justice Section. http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.authcheckdam.pdf \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2017.

American Inns of Court. \$5,000. <http://home.innsofcourt.org/burgerprize>. Deadline is July 1, 2017.

Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation and the American College of Tax Counsel. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. <http://www.tannenwald.org/2017-Competition-Announcement>. Deadline is July 5, 2017.

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

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

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

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

Student Organizations

American Constitution Society presents: The U.S. Supreme Court and Trump – Making the Supreme Court Great Again?

Welcome back from Spring Break. The American Constitution Society (ACS) will be hosting attorney Jason Steed, Partner, Bell Nunnally & Martin, LLP on campus to speak on last year's Supreme Court term, Judge Neil Gorsuch's nomination, and President Trump's overall impact on the Court. This event is co-sponsored by the local lawyer chapter, former St. Mary's alumni and other attorneys who will also be in attendance. Join the ACS on Thursday, March 23, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Alumni room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library for a wonderful opportunity to learn and network. Free lunch will be provided. For more information please contact William Macdaniel at wmacdaniel@mail.stmarytx.edu or visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org>.

***The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* Meet & Greet**

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The Scholar: Vol. 20 Application Information

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice provides current first- and second-year students an opportunity to be a part of a unique journal experience. *The Scholar* welcomes applications from students interested in learning and writing about the legal, political, and social issues that affect underrepresented communities. Applications are available beginning Monday, March 20, 2017 and are due Sunday, April 2, 2017 by 11:59 p.m. The applicants awarded the highest scores after anonymous grading will be contacted no later than Wednesday, April 5, 2017 and notified of their interview time via email. Interviews will occur beginning Saturday, April 8, 2017 through

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St. Mary's Board of Advocates Invites 3L Students to be Judges for 1L Moot Court

St Mary's Board of Advocates (BOA) invites all 3L students to sign-up to be 1L Moot Court Judges. These spots are first come first served with the caveat that you MUST be a 3L. *Journal, Scholar, Clinic, and EAP* are preferred but not required. Please check your schedule before committing and let BOA know at least 48-hours in advance of the round in the event of an emergency and you need to cancel. To sign up, please go here: <http://www.volunteersignup.org/MCRY9>. For more information please contact Misty Deatherage at misty.deatherage@gmail.com.

New Student Organization: Public Interest Law Foundation

Join the new student organization dedicated to the public interest. The Public Interest Law Foundation is a new student organization devoted to supporting St. Mary's University School of Law students' involvement in public interest work during the academic year.

The Foundation will unite public interest-minded students at the Law School by hosting special events, such as an employer-student networking reception, mentoring programs, a public interest law career fair, guest speakers, and social events.

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- 2 large peppers (orange and yellow)
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- salt
- pepper
- 8 oz. sugar snap peas
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- To keep this lemony spring chicken dish lean and luscious, sear the meat in a little oil first, then just add water: It keeps the meat and vegetables from sticking to the pan — and helps make a flavorful sauce.

Directions

1. From lemon, grate 1 teaspoon peel; set aside. Into pie plate, squeeze 1 tablespoon juice. Add chicken; turn to coat.
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A summer internship with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2017. 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 addressed 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 for applications is 12 noon on Thursday, March 23, 2017. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing. Students having questions about the program should contact Professor Schmolesky by e-mail at jschmolesky@stmarytx.edu or by calling his office 210.431.2275.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

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

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event. Email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu to request a copy of the Law School approval form. **A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials.** Once your request has been approved, you must also complete the St. Mary's University's "Speakers and Award Recipients Approval Form" found online at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-campus-form/>.

Apply Now: Development Associates for St. Mary's University School of Law

Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts. Funds raised through Phonathon are used in a variety of law school areas, including scholarships and academic departments. Students gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies, in the judiciary, or in private practice. This will allow associates to build a professional network. Associates must commit to 2 calling shifts a week over a 3-week period according to their availability and will be paid \$9.00 per hour. For more information contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu. Please see <http://tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate>.

New Tobacco Use Policy On Campus - Effective Now

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

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

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Tuesday, March 21
12:00-2:00pm

Thursday, March 23
5:00-7:00pm

For more information please contact Marisa Santos at msantos@stmarytx.edu or visit <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/center-legal-social-justice/>.

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

Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in RABA 208. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu to set up an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has produced a quick video about how TLAP can assist law students navigate the pressures of law school. The video is on their web page at <http://www.texasbar.com/tlapisthere>.

Ministry

40 Days of Lent and Service

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Liturgy and Worship Schedule

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

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

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

Law School Admission Council. \$5,000 each for 1L, 2L, 3/4L. <http://www.lsac.org/docs/default-source/jd-docs/lisac-writing-competition-memo-2017.pdf>. Deadline is March 31, 2017.

Hispanic Law Alumni Association. [2017 hlaa scholarship application.docx](#) 17.02 KB · DOCX_ Deadline is March 31, 2017.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000 scholarships. <http://www.texastaxsection.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=245>. Deadline is April 7, 2017.

Howard C. Schwab. \$1,500, \$750, \$350. http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html. Deadline is April 14, 2017.

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics. \$2,500. http://www3.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf. Deadline is April 29, 2017.

Hispanic Bar Association of Austin. Scholarship amounts vary. hispanicscholar.org/apply. Deadline is April 30, 2017.

Austin Bar Foundation and Austin LGBT Bar Association. Contact Daniel Collins, dcollins.dc@gmail.com, Treasurer, Austin LGBT Bar Association for more information. Two \$3,000 scholarships. Deadline is May 1, 2017.

International Association of Defense Counsel. \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500. <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications-news/publications/Legal-Writing-Contest/>. Deadline is May 19, 2017.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/images/pdfs/WRITINGCOMPETITIONRULES2016-2017.pdf>. Deadline is June 15, 2017.

American Bar Association. Criminal Justice Section. http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.authcheckdam.pdf \$2,500. Deadline is July 1, 2017.

American Inns of Court. \$5,000. <http://home.innsocourt.org/burgerprize>. Deadline is July 1, 2017.

Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation and the American College of Tax Counsel. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. <http://www.tannenwald.org/2017-Competition-Announcement>. Deadline is July 5, 2017.

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

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

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

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

Congratulations

St. Mary's Advocate Shines at International Moot Court Competition

This month, St. Mary's law students competed in the New Orleans Regional Round of the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition. 2L Cyra Dumitru and 3Ls William "Sumner" Macdaniel, Svetlana Sumina, and Mary Larakers were selected by Prof. Robert Summers and Adjunct Professor and Coach Marion Reilly to compete on behalf of St. Mary's. Cyra Dumitru was recognized as a top advocate at the tournament, receiving the coveted "First Speaker" designation from all but one judge in every round of the competition. Congratulations to Coach Reilly and her team.

St. Mary's EAP Mock Trial Team

Reaches Semi-Final Round of AAJ Regional Competition

The St. Mary's School of Law EAP Mock Trial team proudly represented our school in the Regional Round of the American Association of Justice (AAJ) Mock Trial Tournament this month. The team, consisting of 3L Advocates Eric Meza, Richard "Dutchy" Dutchover, and Abasi Major, along with 2L witness Alexandra Zepeda was coached by Adjunct Professor Jason Goss, and broke through to the semi-finals after beating both South Texas and Baylor in the preliminary rounds. In the semi-finals, St. Mary's lost in a hard fought contest against a second Baylor team. Last year's and this year's final featured Baylor and South Texas, and this St. Mary's team had to beat both schools in the preliminary rounds to advance. This was the final competition for advocates Meza, Dutchover, and Major who worked hard for years to represent St. Mary's at the highest level of national mock trial competition. During their career, they were finalists in a national competition in Michigan and were part of the 2015 national champion squad, as well as Semi-Finalists in many others. Their coaches and faculty advisors are extremely proud of their work ethic and success as part of the EAP Mock Trial team, and wish them all the best in what is sure to be stellar legal careers after graduation.

St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Team Advances to

Final Round of FBA National Competition, Sweeps All Top Individual Honors

The St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Team traveled to Washington, DC last weekend to compete against schools from all over the country in the 22nd Annual Federal Bar Association Thurgood Marshall Memorial National Moot Court Competition. EAP students Devin deBruyn (3L) and Kathryn Kluge (2L) reached the semi-final round of this prestigious tournament, while William "Billy" Calve (3L) and Sophia George (2L) advanced to the Finals, finishing second out of the forty original teams vying for this coveted National Title. In addition to their team accomplishments, Devin deBruyn was recognized as having the Second Best Brief at the competition, as well as being the Second Best Advocate in the Preliminary Rounds. Billy Calve won the "trifecta" of individual awards - Best Overall Brief, Best Advocate in the Preliminary Rounds and Best Advocate in the Final Round. This Final Round appearance by Calve and George marks the fourth year in a row that St. Mary's has reached the finals at this national competition, with St. Mary's winning the championship three out of the last four years. EAP Moot Court Coach Ricky J. Poole congratulates these advocates on their incredible success at FBA and looks forward to coaching Calve, George and deBruyn again next month at the ABA National Finals in Chicago.

Excellence in Pro Bono Legal Service Award

Congratulations to **Brian Wortham, 2L** for receiving the AT&T Excellence in Pro Bono Legal Service Award. 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. **Mr. Wortham** will provide legal and administrative support to the San Antonio Bar Association's Community Justice Program ("CJP") by serving as a student intern.

Announcements

Fourth Court of Appeals Oral Arguments

The School of Law will host the Fourth Court of Appeals on Thursday, March 30, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Law Classroom Building Courtroom. They will hear oral arguments in one appeal before the following panel of justices: Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, Justice Karen Angelini, and Justice Irene Rios. The following case will be presented:

Charles Edward Reed, Jr.; Amos E. Reed, III, Individually and as Representative of the Estate of Delores Perrin; Curtis Cullen Smith, Trustee of the Laura Dossett Smith Family Trust; et al. v. Maltzberger/Storey Ranch, LLC; Storey Minerals, Ltd.; Tom O Hanks; Karen R. Hanks; and TK Hanks Royalties, LP - In this appeal, this Court must determine whether the oil and gas deed at issue conveyed a mineral interest or a royalty interest. If the deed conveyed a royalty interest, this Court must determine whether the deed conveyed a 1/4 floating royalty interest or 1/32 fixed royalty interest. Finally, this Court is being asked to determine whether issues on appeal have been preserved for appellate review.

Catholic Lawyer's Guild of San Antonio St. Thomas More Law Student Leadership Award

Are you a 3L Catholic Law student? The San Antonio Catholic Lawyer's Guild is providing a St. Thomas More Law Student Leadership Scholarship. There will be a monetary prize for the recipient who best addresses the criteria of this scholarship and writes to the issue of the essay. Applications can be picked up from Sr. Grace Walle's Law Ministry board. They must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2017, to Sandra Garant, Attorney at Law, via e-mail at mrs.garant@gmail.com.

Clinic Enrollment

If you are interested in taking a Clinic next year, each of the fall semester Clinics currently has a spot or two left open or a relatively short waitlist. Apply soon before all spots are gone!

For summer, the Immigration and Human Rights Clinic (IHRC) has a few spots open. The summer IHRC will focus on assisting women and children detained at the Karnes City detention center, most of whom fled situations of violence in Central America and are seeking asylum. Students will, for example, prepare these women for their "credible fear" interviews required as part of the asylum process. (Note that the class start time for this course has been adjusted to eliminate some previous schedule conflicts with other courses. And, if the limit on credit hours per session appears to prevent you from enrolling in this course, you may see Dean Hardberger to discuss the possibility of a waiver of this limit.)

For all fall and summer Clinics, a simple online application is required. Attendance at a pre-registration session is also required (Wednesday, March 29, at 12:00 or 5:00 p.m.) If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, contact Marisa Santos at lawclinics@stmarytx.edu or (210) 431-5703.

Fiesta Farewell: Graduation Pictures and Service Awards for 3L's

The St. Mary's University School of Law Ministry invites all graduates, faculty and staff to the Fiesta Farewell on Monday, April 10, 2017, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Law School Plaza. Join us for an afternoon fiesta celebration as we celebrate the end of the semester and recognize the achievements of our 3L students. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact Sr. Grace Walle, at gwalle@stmarytx.edu or <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=56647>.

Class of 2017 Group Photo

The Class of 2017 group photo will take place on Monday, April 10, 2017, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. in the Law Courtyard. Please arrive promptly and dress in business attire.

Student Organizations

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice **Meet & Greet**

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice invites all interested, perspective staff writers to an open house Meet & Greet on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to ask any of the current and incoming board members questions about the editing and writing process. We can answer specific questions and give you an overview of life as a staff writer. You may come and go as you please. Snacks will be provided. For more information please contact Cynthia Alanis at calanis@mail.stmarytx.edu or visit the website at <http://www.scholarlawreview.org>.

The Scholar: Vol. 20 Application Information

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice provides current first- and second-year students an opportunity to be a part of a unique journal experience. *The Scholar* welcomes applications from students interested in learning and writing about the legal, political, and social issues that affect underrepresented communities. Applications are now available and are due Sunday, April 2, 2017 by 11:59 p.m. The applicants awarded the highest scores after anonymous grading will be contacted no later than Wednesday, April 5, 2017 and notified of their interview time via email. Interviews will occur beginning Saturday, April 8, 2017 through Monday, April 10, 2017. For more information please contact Cynthia Alanis at calanis@mail.stmarytx.edu or visit the website at <http://www.scholarlawreview.org>.

The St. Mary's Law Journal: Informational Meeting

The St. Mary's Law Journal extends an invitation to all qualified 1Ls interested in becoming Staff Writers for the Law Journal to two informational sessions held on Wednesday, April 5, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in the Law Library Alumni Room, and Thursday, April 6, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Both of these events are unique opportunities to learn more about the Staff Writer role and the Write-On Competition. Food and drinks will be provided. For more information please contact Daniela Mondragon at dmondragon@mail.stmarytx.edu or visit our website www.stmaryslawjournal.org. For future updates follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryslawjournal/>.

The St. Mary's Law Journal: Writing Competition

The St. Mary's Law Journal is excited to announce its annual Write-On Competition for qualified first- and second-year students interested in becoming Staff Writers for 2017-2018 academic year. The write-on packet, including instructions and all necessary research materials, will be available at the Law Journal office (Law Library 2nd floor) starting Friday, May 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. The deadline to return completed packets will be Friday, June 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Submissions must be made at the Law Journal office no later than the deadline. For more information, contact Eduardo Mendoza at emendoza15@mail.stmarytx.edu, or visit our website www.stmaryslawjournal.org.

New Student Organization: Public Interest Law Foundation

Join the new student organization dedicated to the public interest. The Public Interest Law Foundation is a new student organization devoted to supporting St. Mary's University School of Law students' involvement in public interest work during the academic year.

The Foundation will unite public interest-minded students at the Law School by hosting special events, such as an employer-student networking reception, mentoring programs, a public interest law career

fair, guest speakers, and social events.

To take part in this new student organization, contact Ayssa Palacios at apalacios2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Health & Wellness

Recipe of the week: Zesty Lemon-Herb Baked Flounder

These tender flounder fillets, seasoned with lemon slices and crushed croutons, make for a satisfying meal.

TOTAL TIME: 0:20

LEVEL: Easy

YIELD: 4 servings

Ingredients

- 1 ¼ lb. flounder filets
 - 1 medium lemon, thinly sliced
 - 3 tbsp. melted butter
 - ½ c. Italian – seasoned croutons
 - Chopped parsley, for garnish
- Sautéed greens and dinner rolls for serving

Directions

1. In 3-quart baking dish, arrange flounder fillets in single layer; season with 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Top with lemon; drizzle with 3 tablespoons melted butter. Bake at 450°F 12 to 15 minutes, until fish just turns opaque in center.
2. Pulse Italian- seasoned croutons in food processor until coarsely crushed; sprinkle over flounder. Garnish with chopped parsley. Serve with sautéed greens and dinner rolls.

Nutritional information (fish only): About 190 calories, 16 g protein, 5 g carbs, 12 g fat (6 g saturated fat), 605 mg sodium

Wellness Week

All students are invited to Wellness Week 2017. Enrich your mind, body & soul and enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life!

MONDAY, MARCH 27TH TLAP Mental Health Panel • Lunch is provided

WHAT: What every law student should know about Mental Health and Substance Abuse pitfalls
WHEN: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: LC 104

TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH Chair Massages & Paletas

WHAT: Enjoy a free massage from a certified massage therapist while you cool off with a frozen Paleta
WHEN: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: Law Library Alumni Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH Breakfast Buffet with Fr. Tobin & Puppies with the Deans

WHAT: Stop by for a healthy, hearty breakfast buffet and meet with Fr. Tobin for a prayer, confession, or to receive a blessing on your upcoming exams
And in the afternoon, relieve some stress with PUPPIES
WHEN: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; Puppies @ 12:00 p.m.
WHERE: Raba Atrium; Puppies in the Law School Courtyard

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH Field Day

WHAT: Inflatable obstacle course, frisbee, football, and more.
WHEN: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
WHERE: Lawn in front of Raba / Next to Law Classroom Building

Wellness week is sponsored by the Health and Wellness Association, Law Campus Ministry, Student Bar Association, and the Office of Law Success.

Events

The Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society Event: Fourth Court Mixer

Guests of Honor will be the Justices of the Fourth Court of Appeals. Wednesday, April 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Cafe Dijon, 555 East Basse Road #113. \$15 student tickets include admission, hors d'oeuvres, and a cocktail. Business attire.

Barrister's Ball

Join the Board of Advocates on April 21, 2017 for a Barrister's Ball Fiesta. Cocktail hour begins and 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and an awards ceremony. The event will be held from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m., at the Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209. Tickets will be \$45 and sold by members of the Board of Advocates. Barrister's Ball honors the accomplishments of advocates and

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Innsbruck Scholarship Applications Now Available

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St Mary's EAP Mock Trial: National Quarter Finalists at South Texas Challenge

St. Mary's EAP students once again represented the school well and achieved great success at the 6th Annual South Texas Mock Trial Challenge. This past weekend, a team composed of Eric Botello 3L, Charles Maddox 2L, Maria Fernandez Merlo 2L, Elizabeth Russell 2L and Coach and Adjunct Professor Joshua Luke Sandoval traveled to Houston and advanced all the way to the quarter finals. After grueling rounds in which the team defeated prior semifinalists Hofstra, McGeorge, UC Hastings and Cumberland, they faced off against three time tournament champion Campbell. By the narrowest of margins St. Mary's was edged out by Campbell, but not without putting up a strong fight that impressed the judges and drew the attention of the tournament directors. Each student should be commended for their hard work, professionalism, and tremendous advocacy.

In addition to being a quarter finalist, St Mary's is proud of its own Charles Maddox who was recognized as an Outstanding Advocate. Charles is the first student from St. Mary's to receive this award.

This marks the final tournament for 3L Eric Botello who has had a distinguished advocacy career at St Mary's. He won the 2015 ABA Labor & Employment Regional tournament, was National Finalist at the ABA tournament in 2016, was an ABA semifinalist in 2016 and was a quarter Finalist in his final tournament in Houston.

Coach Sandoval is proud of all of his students for their success but more importantly for the high level of professionalism they always displayed. Please congratulate these students for a job well done when you see them on campus.

Announcements

External Advocacy Program (EAP) Moot Court Team Tryouts Begin Wednesday, April 12, 2017

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE ST. MARY'S EAP MOOT COURT TEAM! The St. Mary's External Advocacy Program will be conducting interviews beginning Wednesday, April 12th

to select upcoming 2L students for the 2017-2018 EAP Moot Court Team. If you would like to be considered for a position on the most successful advocacy team in the history of St. Mary's University School of Law, please access the sign-up sheet on the TWEN page for "EAP Moot Court Team" and select a convenient date and time for your interview. EAP Moot Court teams have won numerous national, regional and state competitions, and travel throughout the United States representing our law school. The try-outs will take place between April 12-14 and April 17-18, 2017. Additional information and interview requirements can be found on the TWEN page (please be sure to comply with the requirements set forth on TWEN), as well as EAP Moot Court's Facebook link. If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact adjunct professor and St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Coach, Ricky J. Poole at rpoole@alamocityattorney.com. Good luck and we look forward to seeing you at the try-outs.

EAP Mock Trial Tryouts

Are you interested in honing your advocacy skills? Are you interested in being a trial attorney? Do you want to be part of a team that has a long tradition of success? If the answer is yes to any of these questions please come tryout to be a member of a St. Marys EAP mock trial team.

Adjunct Professors Joshua Sandoval and Jason Goss will be holding tryouts for those who are interested. Sign-up is on TWEN and will take place April 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th. EAP Mock Trial Team. All you need to do is sign-up for a time slot, be prepared to either deliver your 1L brief argument or share a personal story, and bring a resume.

Negotiation Team Interviews

97% of cases never go to trial. Brush up on your negotiation skills. The Negotiation Team interviews will be held April 8th and April 17th. To sign-up for interviews, go to the Negotiations TWEN page.

Catholic Lawyer's Guild of San Antonio St. Thomas More Law Student Leadership Award

Are you a 3L Catholic Law student? The San Antonio Catholic Lawyer's Guild is providing a St. Thomas More Law Student Leadership Scholarship. There will be a monetary prize for the recipient who best addresses the criteria of this scholarship and writes to the issue of the essay. Applications can be picked up from Sr. Grace Walle's Law Ministry board. They must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2017, to Sandra Garant, Attorney at Law, via e-mail at mrs.garant@gmail.com.

China "Pioneer" Fund Scholarship

Are you interested in studying abroad in China this summer with St. Mary's Law? Apply for the China "Pioneer" Fund scholarship today. The scholarship deadline has been extended to Friday, April 7, 2017 to accommodate students who wish to study abroad. Applications can be picked up from Sr. Grace Walle's Law Ministry board (next to Raba 106) AND from the Law Library news board before entering the Commons area. Applications are due to Sr. Grace Walle, FMI no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7th. Please submit a hard copy of your application to her office OR you may submit it electronically via e-mail to gwalle@stmarytx.edu. For more information click on this link. [china_pioneer_fund_scholarship_2017_pdf.pdf](#) 323.10 KB · PDF

Clinic Enrollment

If you are interested in taking a Clinic next year, each of the fall semester Clinics currently has a spot or two left open or a relatively short waitlist. Apply soon before all spots are gone!

For summer, the Immigration and Human Rights Clinic (IHRC) has a few spots open. The summer IHRC will focus on assisting women and children detained at the Karnes City detention center, most of whom fled situations of violence in Central America and are seeking asylum. Students will, for example, prepare these women for their "credible fear" interviews required as part of the asylum

process. (Note that the class start time for this course has been adjusted to eliminate some previous schedule conflicts with other courses. And, if the limit on credit hours per session appears to prevent you from enrolling in this course, you may see Dean Hardberger to discuss the possibility of a waiver of this limit.)

For all fall and summer Clinics, a simple online application is required. Attendance at a pre-registration session is also required (Wednesday, March 29, at 12:00 or 5:00 p.m.) If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, contact Marisa Santos at lawclinics@stmarytx.edu or (210) 431-5703.

Student Organizations

The St. Mary's Law Journal: Informational Meeting

The St. Mary's Law Journal extends an invitation to all qualified 1Ls interested in becoming Staff Writers for the Law Journal to two informational sessions held on Wednesday, April 5, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in the Law Library Alumni Room, and Thursday, April 6, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Both of these events are unique opportunities to learn more about the Staff Writer role and the Write-On Competition. Food and drinks will be provided. For more information please contact Daniela Mondragon at dmondragon@mail.stmarytx.edu or visit our website www.stmaryslawjournal.org. For future updates follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryslawjournal/>.

The St. Mary's Law Journal: Writing Competition

The St. Mary's Law Journal is excited to announce its annual Write-On Competition for qualified first- and second-year students interested in becoming Staff Writers for 2017-2018 academic year. The write-on packet, including instructions and all necessary research materials, will be available at the Law Journal office (Law Library 2nd floor) starting Friday, May 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. The deadline to return completed packets will be Friday, June 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Submissions must be made at the Law Journal office no later than the deadline. For more information, contact Eduardo Mendoza at emendoza15@mail.stmarytx.edu, or visit our website www.stmaryslawjournal.org.

New Student Organization: Public Interest Law Foundation

Join the new student organization dedicated to the public interest. The Public Interest Law Foundation is a new student organization devoted to supporting St. Mary's University School of Law students' involvement in public interest work during the academic year.

The Foundation will unite public interest-minded students at the Law School by hosting special events, such as an employer-student networking reception, mentoring programs, a public interest law career fair, guest speakers, and social events.

To take part in this new student organization, contact Ayssa Palacios at apalacios2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Health & Wellness

Recipe of the week: Fruit and Almond Smoothie. Serves two.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup original Almond milk
- 1 cup frozen strawberries and peaches

1-3.5 ounce Berry Greek Yogurt or other Greek Fruit yogurt (100 calorie)

Instructions

- Combine all ingredients in a blender and puree until smooth and thick.

MAKE IT GLUTEN-FREE: Confirm all your ingredients are gluten-free and this recipe can be gluten-free.

Serving Size: 1 cup Calories 100 Carbohydrate 15 g Protein 5 g Fat 2.5 g Saturated Fat 0.7 g Dietary Fiber 2 g Cholesterol 0 mg Sodium 110 mg

Events

The Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society Event: Fourth Court Mixer

Guests of Honor will be the Justices of the Fourth Court of Appeals. Wednesday, April 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Cafe Dijon, 555 East Basse Road #113. \$15 student tickets include admission, hors d'oeuvres, and a cocktail. Business attire.

Uniquely Qualified

The Office of Career Services, together with the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, Black Law Students Association, Hispanic Law Students Association, OUTLaw and Women's Law Association, invite all students to join them next Thursday, April 6, 2017, for a networking reception at 4:00 p.m., followed by a panel discussion at 5:00 p.m., as we acknowledge and celebrate that everyone has their own history and life experiences that make them who they are, both personally and professionally. We are delighted that a number of distinguished guests will be participating in the panel, including the Honorable Rebeca Martinez, the Honorable Peter Sakai, Marty Truss, Lynette Boggs-Perez and Eduardo Jimenez. This event will be held in the Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Dinner and drinks will be served. Please RSVP in Events Section of Symplicity.

Class of 2017 Fiesta Farewell

ATTENTION 3Ls!!! Come and enjoy a fun afternoon of free food and drinks with your fellow 3L peers at Fiesta Farewell on Monday, April 10th, 12:00 p.m. at the Law School Courtyard. Fiesta Farewell for the Class of 2017 will include remarks by Dean Stephen M. Sheppard, J.S.D. and the Law Alumni Association. Service awards for 3Ls will be presented. The event will culminate with a blessing of all 3Ls and class graduation photographs. Class photos will be available for purchase. Please wear business attire. For more information, please contact Sr. Grace Walle, at gwalle@stmarytx.edu or <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=56647>.

Barrister's Ball

Join the Board of Advocates on April 21, 2017 for a Barrister's Ball Fiesta. Cocktail hour begins and 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and an awards ceremony. The event will be held from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m., at the Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209. Tickets will be \$45 and sold by members of the Board of Advocates. Barrister's Ball honors the accomplishments of advocates and announces the upcoming members of 2017-2018 EAP teams, the Board of Advocates, and Order of the Barristers.

Student Competition

James Derrick III Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition

All students are invited to attend the Final Round of the Jimi Derrick III Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sarita Kenedy Law Library Alumni Room. The family of James Derrick III (Jimi) established a memorial Constitutional Law Moot Court competition as a tribute to their son. The Board of Advocates (BOA) will give BOA participation points for law students attending the competition's FINAL ROUND. For more information, contact Competition Director, Cali Franks at cali.m.franks@gmail.com. This competition is co-sponsored by St. Mary's School of Law and Law Ministry. For more information please click on this link.

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International IP Moot Court Competition in China

Every year over a dozen teams from China, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States compete in this event. A team of St. Mary's students joined the competition last year. This year's competition will be Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Beijing University of Foreign Languages, Beijing, China. We are looking for a team of four students to attend this year's competition. Team members will work on a Chinese trademark law issue and submit a brief. Students will meet with a coach regularly for competition preparation. Students are responsible for their own travel expenses. However a stipend of \$250 will be paid to each team member to help with expenses. Please contact Professor Bob Hu by email at rhu@stmarytx.edu if interested.

Notices

Submit Photos for Law Commencement Slideshow

Graduating law students, relive law school memories! Send your photos for inclusion in a law commencement slideshow. Send us your best pictures of law school-related activities, trips and organizations. We will display appropriate photographs digitally during your commencement ceremony. The deadline to submit photos for potential inclusion is Friday, May 5, 2017. Please submit photos at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/kvzknzk1vj21ix/>.

2017-2018 Center for Terrorism Law Research Fellow Applications Now Available

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Submission of Pro Bono and Public Service Hours

Class of 2017: graduation is around the corner! Please submit any and all outstanding records of pro bono and public service. Beginning with the entering class of 2014, graduates must complete and submit 100 hours of pro bono and/or public service work to be eligible for recognition at commencement. The **deadline for submitting paperwork will be Friday, March 31st**. You may send time sheets directly to gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu or drop them off at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Do not delay!

Bible Study

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

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Mock Interviews with Professor Grenardo

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Do You Need a Break?

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

Practice Credit Program (Externship) Office Hours

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Finalists were Brynn Lee and Ashley Kunz. Please congratulate these students on a job well done. The Board of Advocates (BOA) would like to congratulate everyone who participated and extends a heartfelt thank you for everyone's hard work in making the competition a success. Also, BOA would like to extend a special thank you to The Fourth Court of Appeals who took time from their busy schedules to serve as judges for the final round.

St. Mary's Law Moot Court Team is the ABA National Champion, Twice in a Row

Three St. Mary's law students traveled from San Antonio to Chicago last week to the National Championship of the American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The ABA featured over 180 teams from law schools across the United States, competing first in regional meets in San Francisco, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Boston, and Washington, D.C.

St. Mary's team of Sophia George, a second year, and third years Devin de Bruyn and Billy Calve carried an extra burden. A St. Mary's team had won the national title in 2016. Calve had been on that team, too, and all three knew that the St. Mary's law students were the competitive target of every team in the country.

Yet in the end, they made it look easier than the hundreds of hours of preparation it took. When they left St. Louis, they were undefeated.

At Nationals in Chicago, St. Mary's faced stiff competition. Among the 32 teams were Georgetown, Penn, Boston College, Vanderbilt, and William and Mary, as well as moot court veterans like Baylor, McGeorge, Stetson, and South Texas-Houston.

Yet St. Mary's Law won every round, compiling an 11-0 record and winning the national championship. Devin de Bruyn was recognized as having the Fifth Best Brief in the nation.

Thus, St. Mary's wins the ABA National Championship trophy -- twice in a row. In fact, it has now won the championship three times in fifteen years.

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Directions

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<http://www.health.com/health/recipe/0,,50400000124161,00.html>

- 4 ounces soba buckwheat noodles or whole-wheat spaghetti
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- Cooking spray
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- Zest and juice of 1-2 limes (3 TBSP juice)
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh pepper
- 4 ounces cucumber, skin on, cut into medium pieces
- 1/2 small avocado, cut into bite-size pieces

Preparation

1. Cook the noodles in boiling water until soft (about 6 minutes for soba, 8 for spaghetti). Transfer with tongs to a strainer. Add asparagus to same boiling water. Cook until al dente (about 2 minutes); rinse under cold water.
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Nutritional Information

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WITAN St. Mary's University School of Law

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

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

Events

Gran Final of the Henry B. Gonzalez Centennial

Join the School of Law for the preview of a documentary on the life and legacy of Henry B. Gonzalez, an exhibition from his family's private collection, and a fiesta with Big Red and tamales. Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the University Center, Conference Room A.

Announcements

Moody Veterans Law Fellows

Moody Veterans Law Fellowships: For students who commit to work on legal matters for veterans, with the Veterans Advocacy Project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA). Fellowships available for Fall 2017 and/or Spring 2018 (\$4,000 Fellowship for the academic year or \$2,000 Fellowship for one semester). **Online application due May 31, 2017:** <http://bit.ly/MoodyFellow>

Current students and graduating 3Ls are encouraged to apply for the Sue and Leonard Bentch Endowed Clinical Law Scholarship

One applicant will be selected to receive the Sue and Leonard Bentch Endowed Clinical Law Scholarship. The approximate award of the scholarship is between \$1,200 and \$1,500. **All applicants are required to submit an application along with an essay, maximum of 250 words, detailing his or her Clinical experience and what he or she has learned by virtue of being in Clinic.**

Applicants must be current or former St. Mary's University School of Law Clinical Program ("Clinic") students and current students enrolled at the law school. While one semester of Clinic is sufficient for eligibility, weight will be given to:

- the quality of the student's clinic work;
- going beyond the work required of the legal representation of a client to provide additional service to the client;
- enrollment in more than one semester of Clinic;
- service as a Clinic Volunteer or as a Clinic Teaching or Research Assistant; and

- additional service through the St. Mary's University School of Law Pro Bono Program or other public interest volunteer opportunities.

Applications are available online and are due by 11:59 p.m. on May 14, 2017, and can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

<https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/zz6wki11xdwcf/>

Student Organizations

The St. Mary's Law Journal: Writing Competition

The St. Mary's Law Journal is excited to announce its annual Write-On Competition for qualified first- and second-year students interested in becoming Staff Writers for 2017-2018 academic year. The write-on packet, including instructions and all necessary research materials, will be available at the Law Journal office (Law Library 2nd floor) starting Friday, May 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. The deadline to return completed packets will be Friday, June 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Submissions must be made at the Law Journal office no later than the deadline. For more information, contact Eduardo Mendoza at emendoza15@mail.stmarytx.edu, or visit our website www.stmaryslawjournal.org.

New Student Organization: Public Interest Law Foundation

Join the new student organization dedicated to the public interest. The Public Interest Law Foundation is a new student organization devoted to supporting St. Mary's University School of Law students' involvement in public interest work during the academic year.

The Foundation will unite public interest-minded students at the Law School by hosting special events, such as an employer-student networking reception, mentoring programs, a public interest law career fair, guest speakers, and social events.

To take part in this new student organization, contact Ayssa Palacios at apalacios2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Health & Wellness

Recipe of the week: Ground Turkey Bolognese

<http://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a50639/ground-turkey-bolognese-recipe/>

TOTAL TIME: 0:25

PREP: 0:10

LEVEL: EASY

SERVES: 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb. angel hair pasta
- 1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled and chopped

- 1 celery stalk, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb. ground turkey
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 1/2 c. dry white or red wine
- 1/4 c. freshly chopped parsley, plus more for garnish
- 2 tsp. dried oregano
- freshly grated Parmesan, for serving

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook angel hair according to package directions until al dente. Drain and return to pot.
2. Meanwhile, make bolognese: In a large skillet or pot over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion, carrot, celery, and garlic and cook until tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Add ground turkey and cook until no longer pink, 5 minutes more. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Add crushed tomatoes, wine, parsley, and dried oregano.
4. Let simmer until thickened, 10 to 15 minutes.
5. Toss with cooked angel hair.
6. Garnish with Parmesan and parsley.

Notices

Distribution of Graduation Regalia

Graduation regalia will be distributed Monday, May 2nd and Tuesday, May 3rd from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Law Administration building Atrium.

Submit Photos for Law Commencement Slideshow

Graduating law students, relive law school memories! Send your photos for inclusion in a law commencement slideshow. Send us your best pictures of law school-related activities, trips and organizations. We will display appropriate photographs digitally during your commencement ceremony. The deadline to submit photos for potential inclusion is Friday, May 5, 2017. Please submit photos at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/kvznkzk1vj21ix/>.

University Baccalaureate Mass

The University Baccalaureate Mass will be held Friday, May 12, 2017, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Bill Greehey Arena. Everyone is invited to attend.

Required Graduation Rehearsal

There will be required graduation rehearsal Friday, May 19th from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center.

Bible Study

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

Mock Interviews with Professor Grenardo

Professor Grenardo conducts mock interviews every Friday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. or on dates and times that students schedule with Professor Grenardo. The mock interview and feedback take 30 minutes total. If you are interested, simply email Professor Grenardo at dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu to schedule a date and time that are convenient for you.

Do You Need a Break?

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

Practice Credit Program (Externship) Office Hours

Practice Credit Program (Externship) is a course that allows you to earn credit while learning from seasoned attorneys on real cases/issues in a nonprofit, government or in-house counsel externship. Start planning for Summer and Fall NOW. Contact Amanda Rivas, arivas@stmarytx.edu to set an appointment during her office hours at Career Services: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. Learn more about the application process, curriculum details, and enrollment deadlines.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

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

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

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

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

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event. Email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu to request a copy of the Law School approval form. **A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials.** Once your request has been approved, you must also complete the St. Mary's University's "Speakers and Award Recipients Approval Form" found online at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-campus-form/>.

Apply Now: Development Associates for St. Mary's University School of Law

Phonathon is a critical part of the School of Law's fundraising efforts. Funds raised through Phonathon are used in a variety of law school areas, including scholarships and academic departments. Students gain a competitive edge by networking with law school alumni located in San Antonio and around the country who work at various companies, in the judiciary, or in private practice. This will allow associates to build a professional network. Associates must commit to 2 calling shifts a week over a 3-week period according to their availability and will be paid \$9.00 per hour. For more information contact Monica Saldana at msaldana1@stmarytx.edu. Please see <http://tinyurl.com/StMULaw-Associate>.

New Tobacco Use Policy On Campus - Effective Now

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

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

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

Academic Support

Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in RABA 208. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call 210.431.4225 or e-mail at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu to set up an appointment.

Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

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