

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

1980s

FRANCES GUASCH-DE LA GUARDIA '88, a partner in Holland & Knight's Miami office, was recognized in December 2010 as a finalist in the category of Employment Litigation on the *Daily Business Review's* 6th Annual "Most Effective Lawyers in South Florida" list. The list is composed of more than 90 South Florida attorneys in 15 categories chosen by the *Review's* editorial staff. Those selected for the 2010 list scored the biggest jury verdicts and settlements, won in criminal court, or achieved significant client victories affecting public policy or business in 2010.

1990s

WILLIAM GERSTEIN '95 recently became board certified by the Florida Bar in Immigration and Nationality Law. William, a partner at Gerstein & Baret, PL, in Ft. Lauderdale, writes that "My education at St. Thomas Law – and in particular, all of the education and experience that was offered to me in immigration law – was the cornerstone of this achievement."

SPENCER KUVIN '96 is President of the Palm Beach County Justice Association. Spencer is a partner at Leopold Kuvin in Palm Beach Gardens, and Mr. Kuvin lectures nationally to professional trial and bar associations and community organizations on numerous topics such as managed care abuse, trial practice and Medicare/Medicaid liens.

GUY E. QUATTLEBAUM '96, of counsel at Akerman Senterfitt, has been named vice president of the Palm Beach County Sports Commission.

BRETT BARFIELD '99, a partner at Holland & Knight in Miami, was installed as President of the Federal Bar Association's South Florida chapter in September 2010. In attendance at the installation dinner were several current St. Thomas Law students as well as Dean Douglas E. Ray, Associate Dean Cece Dykas, Professors Gary Kravitz, Fred Light, Amy Ronner, Steve Plass, and Assistant Dean Peter Kelly. Brett has long been recognized as a leader in the south Florida legal community. His practice area focuses on representing clients in diverse complex business, class actions, construction, and other disputes.

2000s

ANTONIO CONTARINI '02 is the owner of Contarini Law Firm in Aventura and his practice includes representing several multinational corporations in the areas of corporate, business, immigration and entertainment law. Antonio is also an associate member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

JULIETTE ESPINOSA-GARCIA '02 lives in Palm Springs North with her husband of nine years, Jesus Garcia, and their children, Julien (7) and Julieanna (1). Juliette works as a supervisor at the Department of Homeland Security's Citizenship Division, where she oversees and advises all DHS officers that process and interview new citizens.

JOHN HERRERA '02 was installed as the new president of the Coral Gables Bar Association on October 1, 2010. John has a successful law practice in Coral Gables.

MYLES B. SCHLAM '02 is the CEO/Executive Director of Advocare Solutions, Inc., a state-licensed facility specializing in Case Management and General Intervention, and is one of only 100+ Certified Criminal Justice Addiction Professionals (CCJAP) in Florida. Myles has become a strong advocate for treatment for drug-addicted clients and is frequently called to testify as an expert witness in the field. You can find out more at his site: www.treatmentguy.com

ROY BALLESTE, LL.M. '03 and Director of St. Thomas Law's Alex Hanna '00 Law Library, was recently elected Secretary of the Global Internet Governance Academic Network (GigaNet). GigaNet is the international Internet governance scholarly community. Under the leadership of the Steering Committee, GigaNet organizes the academic program to be conducted in conjunction with the United Nations Internet Governance Forum.

JAVIER A. LEY-SOTO '05 is Assistant District Legal Counsel in the Miami office of the Florida Department of Children and Families, and in 2010 was named the Assistant General Counsel of the Year for all state agencies by the Florida Government Bar Association.

DARA S. GREEN '06 has been an associate at Baker & McKenzie in Miami since 2007, after receiving her LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Florida in 2007. Her practice covers general tax planning, wealth management, corporate restructuring, mergers and acquisitions. Dara is currently serving as vice president of the Greater Miami Tax Institute.

LAURIE RICHTER SPECTOR '06 and husband Jonas are the proud parents of Samantha Jordyn Spector, born February 7,

2011, at 5:37 a.m. Laurie is an attorney in the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, where she represents indigent children and adults in criminal litigation matters.

JENNIFER PORTWOOD '09 recently joined St. Thomas Law's Career Services Office as Public Interest Career Counselor, a new position at St. Thomas Law. Jennifer specializes in public interest, government, not-for-profit agencies, as well as alternative non-legal careers. Ms. Portwood also oversees the Florida Bar Foundation Public Service Fellowships and St. Thomas Law's Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

2010s

SARAH J. CAMPBELL '10 is an Admissions Advisor and Recruiter in St. Thomas Law's Office for Admissions. Sarah attends recruiting events, advises prospective students, conducts law school tours, organizes and oversees the Student Admissions Ambassador program. She also manages the office's Twitter and Facebook accounts. In her spare moments, Sarah enjoys spending time with her husband, Clinton, and newborn son, Jonas.

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