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JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

The faculties of the law school and the university graduate schools work in close collaboration to offer five joint-degree programs: the J.D./M.S. in Sports Administration, the J.D./M.B.A. in Sports Administration, the J.D./M.S. in Marriage and Family Counseling, the J.D./M.B.A. in International Business, and the J.D./M.B.A. in Accounting.

These programs offer St. Thomas students the opportunity to complete both the Juris Doctor and the Master's degrees in the three years it typically takes to complete the Juris Doctor degree alone. The respective graduate schools and the law school have all agreed to accept credits from courses taken at the other schools, thereby reducing the total number of credits needed for both degrees.

A law student is required to take the entire first year law school curriculum before he or she can begin the joint degree program. Law students will not be given credits for any master level courses taken before matriculating into the law school, nor will they be given any credit toward the J.D. for courses taken at colleges other than St. Thomas University.

Any law student who is in good standing at the completion of his or her first year of law school is eligible for admission into any of the joint degree programs. Students must meet all admission requirements for St. Thomas University graduate programs. A law student wishing to matriculate into one of the joint degree programs must file an application for admission before March 1st of Spring Term of their first year.

After filing the application, the student must meet with the faculty advisor from the graduate school to which he or she seeks admission. The faculty advisor of the graduate school will ensure that the degree program will meet the students' educational objectives, and ensure that the student has the requisite background and skills in the relevant areas of study to successfully compete in the graduate degree program. Upon approval by the relevant faculty advisor and completion of the first year of law school, the student will be admitted into the joint degree program.

Any law student who desires additional information regarding the joint degree programs should consult with the Graduate Admissions Office in Kennedy Hall. The faculty advisor for each of the programs is as follows: M.B.A. and M.S. in Sports Administration, Dr. Jan Bell (jbelle@stu.edu); M.B.A. in International Business, Dr. Raul Carrillo (rcarrillo@stu.edu); M.B.A. in Accounting, Dr. Craig Reese (creese@stu.edu) and M.S. in Marriage and Family Counseling, Dr. Barbara Buzzi (bbuzzi@stu.edu). Law students interested in one of the programs should email and discuss the program with the respective faculty advisor. With regard to the J.D. component of the joint degree programs please contact Assistant Dean John Hernandez (jhernandez@stu.edu).

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Central Florida Association of Women Lawyers (CFAWL) has created a Bar Study Scholarship this year. At least one, and maybe two, \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to a deserving full-time or part-time law student who will take the Florida Bar Exam for the first time in July 2012 and who has promoted the CFAWL mission through CFAWL membership or other volunteer work. In other words, although the scholarship committee will consider how applicants furthered CFAWL's mission (defined on page 4 of the application) during their law school career, the scholarship is open to all applicants who will take the Florida Bar Exam for the first time in July 2012 (i.e., males and females, from any law school in the state and nation, etc.).

The scholarship application is available for download from the CFAWL Website at <http://www.cfawll.org>. Applications must be received by February 3, 2012.

PROFESSOR COSTABEL CITED AS EXPERT BY FINANCIAL TIMES OF LONDON

In last Saturday's edition of the *Financial Times* of London, St. Thomas Law Professor Atillo Costabel was quoted as an Italian law expert. Professor Costabel was interviewed regarding corporate criminal manslaughter charges that may be brought against Costa Cruise Lines. The ship Costa Concordia was involved in a disaster off the coast of Italy in which 29 people are dead or missing. Costa Cruise Lines is a unit of the Miami-based Carnival Corporation. Professor Costabel was quoted as saying that Italian law does not mention corporate manslaughter, and that "[t]he Costa Concordia might well become a 'bench test'" for criminal responsibility. Professor Costabel teaches Admiralty Law and Admiralty Procedure at St. Thomas Law School.

TWO-DAY RENEWABLE FUELS WORKSHOP

As part of Energy Law and Policy, the LL.M. Program in Environmental Sustainability is hosting a Renewable Fuels Workshop on Friday, February 24, from noon to 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday, February 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Led by Steven Heller, Epec Biofuels Holdings, and James McDonald, McLuskey & McDonald P.A., the workshop focuses on a variety of biofuels from feedstocks and cellulosic biomass and features a line-up of professional guest lecturers from the biofuels industry. Professor Alfred Light, director of the LL.M. in Environmental Sustainability Program, provides the relevant legal context. Spaces remain for JD students who would like to audit without credit; please contact the LL.M. program in Environmental Sustainability program at environmentLLM@stu.edu if you are interested.

NATIONAL SECURITY LAW EXPERT TO TEACH AT ST. THOMAS LAW

Nicholas Rostow, Director of the Center for Strategic Research at the Institute for National Strategic Studies and Distinguished Research Professor at National Defense University, will teach the class on "Human Rights and Terrorism" in St. Thomas University's LL.M. Program in Intercultural Human Rights, January 25 through January 28, 2012. Committed to public service and the preservation of national security, he served, inter alia, as General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor to the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 2001 to 2005, and as Legal Advisor to the National Security Council under Colin Powell and Brent Scowcroft. Published widely in the fields of diplomatic history, international law, and foreign policy, he has earned his B.A. summa cum laude, his Ph.D. in history, and his J.D. from Yale University. He has taught at the University of Tulsa College of Law, and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and served as University Counsel and Professor of Law at the State University of New York.