



# ST. THOMAS LAW NEWS

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## SUMMER IN SPAIN

St. Thomas University School of Law and Barry University School of Law are pleased to announce the 17th annual Summer In Spain Program which is scheduled for May 26 through June 26, 2012. The venue is in El Escorial, a beautiful university and visitor-oriented village seated in the foothills of the Guadarrama Mountains, about 45 minutes northwest of Madrid. Transportation into Madrid (and elsewhere) is readily available by bus and train service. El Escorial is one of the Spanish royal sites and functions as a monastery, royal palace, and museum. The monastery is the second largest stone structure in the world and has been the burial site for most of the Spanish kings of the last five centuries. With an elevation of 3,432 feet, El Escorial enjoys a pleasant year-round temperature. Students and faculty stay in a 3-star hotel (managed by Best Western) and enjoy a full buffet breakfast and multi-course mid-day meal as part of the cost of the program. Also included is access to the large community sports facility (with weight room, gym, swimming pools, etc.)

Four 3-credit courses will be offered, two of which may be enrolled in by each of the students in the program. Enrollment is limited. The four courses being offered this year are: Comparative Law, Global Perspectives on Tort Recovery, Comparative Constitutional Law, and Selected Topics in International Law.

All courses comply with the standards of the American Bar Association, and the program has been approved by the Accreditation Committee of the ABA Section on Legal Education.

Grades earned in the Summer in Spain courses are factored into the grade point average of St. Thomas law students. The cost of the program, including six credits, and room and board (double occupancy) is \$5,975. Students can get a single room by paying an additional amount of \$900.00. Students are eligible to receive financial aid to cover the cost the program, travel to and from Spain, and other necessary expenses.

Applications are available on the St. Thomas law Website or on the shelves across from the Registrar's counter. In the past few years, this program filled to capacity, so interested students are encouraged to pay the \$75.00 registration fee as soon as possible to secure a position.

## COMPARATIVE WATER LAW, TOUR IN THE NETHERLANDS

In addition to, or instead of, attending the Summer-in-Spain program, St. Thomas Law students have an opportunity to study internationally in the Netherlands by taking Comparative Water Law. This one-credit Comparative Water Law (*LLME 503A/LAW 503*) course takes place in the Netherlands May 20-25, 2012, and explores water policy and management in the Netherlands and in Florida. It compares climate change and growth stewardship concepts, and includes briefings at IHE-UNESCO in Delft, and at the Headquarters of the Ministry of Transports, Public Works, and Water Management in The Hague. Field trips are scheduled to locations such as Rotterdam, Kinderdijk, and Zeeland for on-site lectures and presentations.

Scheduled one week prior to the Summer in Spain program, places are reserved on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited to 35 persons. Financial aid may be available for students attending both the Netherlands and Spain programs. Please visit [www.stu.edu/Portals/law/cej/nedlaw.pdf](http://www.stu.edu/Portals/law/cej/nedlaw.pdf) for more information; apply at [www.stu.edu/SummerInSpain/tabid/1723/Default.aspx](http://www.stu.edu/SummerInSpain/tabid/1723/Default.aspx)

## A GLIMPSE FROM A PAX ROMANA UNITED NATIONS INTERN

By Desiree (Desi) Staeffler-Marchbanks (*Guest Contributor*)

*United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY.* The first three weeks of my placement with the Permanent Mission of Honduras to the United Nations has been an invaluable and transformative experience. My internship focuses on areas of law in which I have a particular interest. The Mission has exposed me to committees ranging from Disarmament and International Security to Special Political and Decolonization related issues.

I completed the United Nations Document and Official Document System trainings to better prepare me to conduct UN research. I have attended meetings, panel discussions, forums, presentations, and informal draft resolution consultations. In addition, I have learned a great deal about Honduran history. I also have been introduced to delicious Honduran food.

In the Security Council meeting, with H.E., Mr. Marco Suazo, Ambassador Deputy Permanent Representative and Mr. Corrales Aguero, Esq., I listen to states discuss the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and the Palestinian Question related to the application for full membership in the United Nations as a sovereign state. In the Economic and Social Council's Organizational meeting, I saw the former president pass the gavel of the presidency to Slovakian Ambassador Miloš Koterec for the 2012 year. In the Non-Aligned Movement meeting, I observed States while they discussed various topics, including the U.S. drone attacks. I attended a presentation on the transformation toward a global economy, a panel discussion on role of public-private partnerships in counter-terrorism, an international expert group meeting on combating violence against indigenous peoples and human trafficking in women and girls, a discussion on the nuclear scientist who was killed recently in Iran, and an informal briefing on peacekeeping operations and on the issue of troop deployment. I also followed the G77's discussion on Rio+20 dealing with climate change.

There are a number of U.N. events and a large intern base with students and experts from all over the globe, which is really informative and expands the international social network. I already have learned so much, and I am eager as each day arrives to experience and learn more about our globalizing planet and the importance of the United Nations and international law in this ongoing and ever changing process.

## FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor Dennis **Corgill** traveled to Berlin, Germany, on December 9 and 10, 2011, and lectured at Humboldt University's School of Law. Professor Corgill spoke on United States trademark and unfair competition law. His lectures were a part of an LL.M. program in intellectual property and competition law. This LL.M. program is designed for European attorneys who seek advanced training in the international aspects of these areas of law. This trip marks Professor Corgill's third trip to Berlin to participate in this program, and he looks forward to returning in 2013.

## MPRE PREPARATION

The next Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam is March 17, 2012. All students taking the examination should do their utmost to be fully prepared. **Free** MPRE Review Programs are offered by BARBRI, Kaplan and Themis. These programs are available to all St. Thomas Law students. Kaplan has an on-site program on **February 23**, 2012, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Room A-111. Likewise, BARBRI has an on-site review program on Saturday, **February 25**, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 104. Students can also rely upon the St. Thomas Law professors who teach Professional Responsibility (Professors Gilbert, Pertnoy, Kang, Hernandez, and Rizzardi) as a resource to assist in their preparation. Professor Rizzardi has extended an invitation to provide personal assistance to any student taking the March MPRE.

## LAW LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

Friday, February 17	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Sunday February 19	10:00 a.m. - Midnight
Saturday February 18	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Monday February 20	9:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.