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ABA TO VISIT ST. THOMAS LAW MARCH 14-17

From March 14th through the 17th, after you return from spring break, we will be visited by a team of distinguished visitors from the American Bar Association. Each ABA accredited law school undergoes an inspection every seven years, and 2012 is the year of our sabbatical site visit. The team includes faculty and administrators from other law schools as well as a practicing attorney. Team members will meet with students, faculty, staff, and alumni during their visit and will sit in on classes as part of the normal review process. We are confident the team will be favorably impressed with our law school and with the friendly atmosphere they encounter. We hope you will make them feel welcome.

LAW LIBRARY INTERESTED IN YOUR COMMENTS

The Administration of the Law Library is very much interested in your comments and suggestions. Any comments or suggestions you have about the policies, procedures, etc. are appreciated and will be considered. The Law Library began conducting surveys on Monday, February 27th, and the survey will remain active until March 5th. By responding to this survey, you will provide essential information for use in planning goals and objectives. The Law Library also will use the survey information to respond to patron needs. The survey was sent to students via e-mail. (There is no way to track back an individual's responses, ensuring confidentiality for all survey respondents.) The survey contains ten questions and will take three to five minutes to complete. In order to help the Law Library serve you better in the future, please take a moment to complete the survey. Your feedback is very important! Any questions about the survey should be directed to Prof. Roy Balleste, Law Library Director.

CHRISTINE REIS APPEARS ON T.V.

Christine Reis, Esq., a 1998 alumna of St. Thomas Law and the director of the St. Thomas Law Human Rights Institute, appeared on the Spanish show, "Consultas Con Cordero," on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 11:00 p.m. on Channel 12 (Comcast) and Channel 41 (DIRECTV). Patrick Cordero, Esq., is also a graduate of St. Thomas Law (Class of '87), and his live show appears nightly at 11:00 p.m. Christine answered questions from Patrick regarding the University and law school in general as well as the Human Rights Institute, the *pro bono* program, the tax and immigration clinics, and the LL.M. programs. In a few weeks, the University will receive DVD copies as well, and will make one available at the law library front desk.

SAVE THE DATE

Florida's Third District Court of Appeal (DCA) will convene and hear cases at St. Thomas School of Law on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, in the Moot Court Room. Come out and listen to the oral arguments on real cases.

2012-2013 *ST. THOMAS LAW REVIEW* EXECUTIVE BOARD

The *St. Thomas Law Review* would like to congratulate the incoming 2012-2013 Law Review Executive Board: **Editor-in-Chief**—Lydia Butler, **Managing Editor**—Joshua Forman, **Executive Editor**—Rachel Lyons, **Articles Solicitation Editor**—Christian Garcia, **Notes and Comments Editors**—Stephanie De La Rosa and Jaimie Quinn, **Senior Articles Editors**—Nicholas Ferreiro, Susan Martinez, and Joshua Simon.

2012 BARRISTERS' BALL AT PIER 66

This year's Barrister's Ball will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale. The Hyatt Regency Pier 66 is an elegant venue and one of culinary excellence. In 2011, it won First Prize in the Las Olas Wine and Food Festival, and Fifth place for the best food in all of the Hyatts in the world. It is also the venue for St. Thomas' Barrister's Ball for the second year.

The Student Bar Association is selling tickets in the breezeway from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are 100 tickets to be sold at \$75, and the remaining tickets will be sold at \$85. There will be a Cocktail Reception from 7-8pm, the main event from 8 p.m.-12 p.m., and an after party with 3L DJ Beats from 12 a.m.-2 a.m. At the main event, the SBA will give out the awards for best professor and staff members as well as awards for student organizations. There also will be a surprise performance.

The Annual Barrister's Ball is a night when we all come together to recognize the achievements of the current year and when we look forward to the promising accomplishments of another great year at St. Thomas University School of Law.

DEADLINE TO SELECT BAR PREPARATION PROGRAM EXTENDED TO MARCH 13

The deadline for selection for the May graduates has been extended until March 13th. We also are allowing students who already made a selection to change, add, or modify their earlier Bar Preparation Program selections. Students graduating in May must notify the Law School Registrar of their final and official selection (or make any modifications to the selection that you have already made) **by MARCH 13, 2012**. After that date, no modifications can be made. Students can submit the completed selection form in person at the Registrar's counter, or scan and e-mail it to srodriguez3@stu.edu or fax it to (305) 623-2344. Filling out registration forms (which may be required by the various bar preparation programs) does not act as your election. The law school is going to pay the registration fee for whatever program(s) you selected on the law school selection form.

If you have any questions, or to get detailed explanation of what the various programs offer, representatives from each program are available in the Cordero Breezeway. If you have any questions about the procedure, please contact Assistant Dean Hernandez at jhernandez@stu.edu

THE FLORIDA BAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR 1LS

The deadline for 1L students to get a discount for filing an early application is March 15, 2012. After the 15th, the cost to file your application goes up to \$400.00. This will begin your bar admission process and pursue clearance to participate in the Certified Legal Internship program.