



# ST. THOMAS LAW NEWS

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## ST. THOMAS LAW ALUMNI RELATIONS & CAREER SERVICES PRESENTS ALTERNATIVE CAREERS FOR LAWYERS

Come find out different ways attorneys are using their degrees in alternative careers. In this difficult job market, it is advantageous to think "outside the box" and consider multiple career paths. The St. Thomas Law Alumni Relations and Career Services invite you to Alternative Careers for Lawyers presentation on Thursday, March 15, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room A-111. The panelists for this event are:

**Brian Baptiste, Esq.**, a member of the St. Thomas Law Class of 2008, is currently the associate director of athletics for compliance at the University of Delaware and serves as a member of the NCAA Division I Initial Eligibility Committee. Prior to his current post at Delaware, Brian specialized in NCAA compliance issues within Georgetown University's athletics department. Brian received his bachelor's degree in computer information systems from Towson University, and, while a student at St. Thomas Law, served on the national board of the Black Law Students Association as its southern regional chair. He is a 2011 graduate of the NCAA Leadership Institute.

**David Harvan, Esq.**, a 1996 alumnus of St. Thomas Law and a member of the law school's advisory board, has been a wealth management advisor at Merrill Lynch since 1999. He draws on his expertise as an attorney to work with his clients' tax advisors and attorneys to ensure their personal and financial lives are in order. David received his bachelor's degree in accounting from The George Washington University and his LL.M. in taxation from the University of Miami School of Law.

**Lillian Hernandez, Esq.**, graduated from St. Thomas Law in 1993 and is currently the director of intelligence and analysis in the global security division at Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. Lillian received her undergraduate degree in hospitality management from Florida International University and, prior to her current position, worked within the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for almost nine years.

**Lawrence Forman, Esq.**, a member of the St. Thomas Law Dean's Advisory Board, is founder and director of Comprehensive Rehabilitation Consultants Inc. and Children's Rehab Network in Miami. He is a long-standing advocate for people with disabilities making the difference in the lives of children and families. A New York native, Larry received his undergraduate degree in sociology from Long Island University, his master's in education from the University of Miami, and his J.D. from Nova Southeastern University. Larry is also the proud father of one St. Thomas Law alumnus, David '05, and another current student, Joshua '13.

Please RSVP to Jessie Howell ([jhowell@stu.edu](mailto:jhowell@stu.edu)). Lunch will be provided.

## GRADUATION NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas University in the Fernandez Family Center for Leadership and Wellness. The graduation procession will begin promptly, at 8:45 a.m. We encourage all students and their guest to plan accordingly. There will be many people trying to get on to campus, so expect delays. Graduates and guests should plan to arrive on campus at 8:00 a.m. The auditorium doors will be closed once the procession begins and will not re-open for fifteen minutes.

Students will be allotted up to eight tickets. If additional tickets are needed, please request them at the time you pick up your initial tickets, and we will try to accommodate your request.

Just a reminder, Graduation Regalia are being rented. It is the higher grade with tam that was requested by the students. The rental is coordinated through the University Bookstore. Therefore, you must go to the bookstore by March 21, 2012, to be measured. The bookstore hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no charge to you for the regalia, but you must get measured to participate in the ceremony (otherwise you will not have regalia).

Also, pictures of our graduates will be placed in the graduation program. We would like the program to include photographs of the entire graduating class. The law school will pay the sitting fee for each student, so there is no cost to you. We will have a photographer on campus taking graduation photos on Monday, March 19, and Tuesday, March 20, 2012, in the **Evelyn & George Goldbloom Convocation Hall**, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### ***PRO BONO HOURS***

Students must complete 40 hours of *pro bono* work during their last two years of law school as a graduation requirement. Any student graduating in May must turn in his or her completed *pro bono* hours by the last day of classes, which is April 26, 2012. If you need assistance finding a placement site, please stop by the Student Affairs Office and speak with Cathy Hayes.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Students seeking testing accommodations must do so before **March 23, 2012**, because the law school needs adequate time to evaluate documentation, work out the specific accommodations, and arrange scheduling. In some circumstances, accommodations may be granted on a provisional basis, and the student will be required to timely submit additional documentation. If a student does not submit the additional documentation within the timeframe established, he or she will lose the provisional accommodation and will have to reapply for an accommodation when he or she has additional documentation.

For additional information and to read the complete Disability Accommodations Guidelines Handbook, please visit [www.stu.edu/IMG/pdf/DisabilityGuidelineweb.pdf](http://www.stu.edu/IMG/pdf/DisabilityGuidelineweb.pdf)

**Baccalaureate Mass**  
Chapel of St Anthony  
St. Thomas University  
16401 NW 37 Avenue  
Miami Gardens, FL  
May 11, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

### **Commencement Ceremony**

Fernandez Family Center for Leadership and Wellness  
St. Thomas University  
16401 NW 37 Avenue  
Miami Gardens, FL  
May 12, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

### **Graduation Reception**

St. Thomas University  
School of Law Cordero  
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16401 NW 37 Avenue  
Miami Gardens, FL  
immediately following the commencement ceremony.