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LAW SCHOOL REGISTRATION APRIL 23RD

The **law school registration** was delayed until **Monday, April 23, 2012**, to ensure students had an adequate opportunity to review all relevant materials sent out by e-mail and to allow OIT to improve the WIFI access at the law school.

All students should review closely the schedules and information sent out by Associate Dean Dykas, or the law school Registrar's Office, or both. Make sure you use the latest versions transmitted. The class schedules sent out earlier were "drafts" meant to solicit comments. Some changes have been made to those drafts in response to comments or suggestions by students.

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES THAT ARE FULL

We have adopted a new procedure to request admission to a class that is full. If you want to register for a class and no seats are available then you now will fill out an override request and submit it to the Registrar's Counter. You do not request an override directly from the Professor or any Dean.

Associate Dean Dykas and Assistant Dean Hernandez will consider all requests at one time. Override requests are not given priority on a first-come-first serve basis. All requests will be considered and adjustment made as possible. Students will be advised of the determination on their request about one week before classes start.

Students should not rely on an override to get into a required class if there are seats in other sections of that class. Remember that St. Thomas Law has an open registration process. You can change your own schedule any time up until the end of the drop-add date in a term.

BECOMING A MEMBER-CANDIDATE OF THE *ST. THOMAS LAW REVIEW*

There are two ways to become a Member-Candidate of the *St. Thomas Law Review*. Any rising 2L may either grade-on or write-on. To grade-on, rising 2L students must be in the top ten percent (10%) of his or her class at the end of the spring semester and submit a letter of intent to Mickey Budlong. It is highly recommended that students who are unsure as to whether they will be in the top 10% complete the write-on process. To write-on, students must submit a letter of intent and their spring final exam AGN to Mickey Budlong, then complete a Bluebook exam and an assigned closed memo. Please remember this assignment is to be completed individually without any outside assistance. All information and details concerning the write-on tasks will be accessible through a specific TWEN course beginning **May 11, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.** Remember, whether you plan to grading on or write on, you **must** submit a letter of intent to Mickey Budlong. The Letter of Intent forms can be picked up at the *St. Thomas Law Review* office.

All letters of intent as well as Spring Final Exam AGN (for those students writing on) are due to Mickey Budlong (mbudlong@stu.edu or lawrev@stu.edu) by **Thursday, April 26, by 4:30 p.m.** The closed memo and

Bluebook exam, accompanied with detailed instructions, will be released on the TWEN course on Friday, May 11th, at 4:30 p.m. Both the closed memo and Bluebook exam are due and are to be submitted via the TWEN course by **Friday, May 25, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.**

2L students have an additional opportunity to write on (not grade on) at the end of the fall semester.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Notes and Comments Editors: Stephanie De La Rosa at sdelarosa@stu.edu or Jaimie Quinn at jquinn2@stu.edu

AVOIDING BURNOUT WHEN WORKING ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES

St. Thomas University School of Law, through its Graduate Program in Intercultural Human Rights' Human Trafficking Academy, invites you to the 2012 course on secondary trauma and human trafficking. This event will take place on, **Friday, April 20, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,** at St. Thomas University School of Law, in the Moot Court Room.

This course looks at the effects working on human trafficking cases have on first responders and volunteers, whether directly or indirectly involved on a case. Presenters will discuss physical and psychological impact of traumatic events that victims of human trafficking experience, the psychological and physical effects of being exposed to trauma, and the impact on the delivery of services.

There is no cost to attend this event, but you must register at www.stu.edu/avoidingburnoutht

J. S. D. STUDENT PUBLICATION

A St. Thomas Law Intercultural Human Rights J.S.D. graduate, Olugbenga Ademodi, had his thesis on "The Rights and Status of Indigenous Peoples in Nigeria" published at Bauu Press in Colorado.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor Siegfried Wiessner, in his role as Chair of the International Law Association's Committee on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, presented the introductory lecture on "Cultural Diversity and the Safeguarding of Indigenous Peoples' Rights" to the United Nations Expert Seminar on Indigenous Peoples' Languages and Cultures at Brunel University, London, England, on March 8, 2012.

Professor Wiessner has been invited by the *Lincoln Memorial University Law Review* to speak at its inaugural symposium, scheduled for April 20, 2012, which is entitled *Navigating the Political Divide: Lessons from Lincoln*. The provisional title of his presentation is "The Scope and the Limits of Executive Power." Other speakers include Mark Halperin (MSNBC), Michael Steele (former Chairman, RNC), and other academics. For details, please visit <http://www.lmunet.edu/law/lawreview/symposium.shtml>

Professor Wiessner's article entitled "Re-Enchanting the World: Indigenous Peoples' Rights as Essential Parts of a Holistic Human Rights Regime" has been published in the *UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs* 239.

Professor Tamara Lawson was guest speaker on *Issues* with host Helen Ferré on WPBT2 television on March 23, 2012. Professor Lawson was on a panelist regarding the Trayvon Martin case. Trayvon was a 17-year-old Florida boy who was shot in February a few yards from his father's house. She has been invited back to discuss if George Zimmerman can get a fair trial in Sanford, Florida. For more information, please visit the following link <http://www.wpbt2.org/issues>