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ST. THOMAS LAW LEADS STATE ON FEBRUARY BAR EXAMINATION

St. Thomas Law had the highest Bar Passage rate on the February administration of the Florida Bar Examination. With a passing rate of 91.2%, the St. Thomas Law graduates who took the Florida Bar examination led all other law schools in the state and scored well above the 76.2% overall average. The percentage breakdown for each Florida Law School is as follows:

St. Thomas Law 91.2, Stetson 87.7, Florida International University 85.7, Florida State 78.3, Miami 78.0, Barry 77.4, Florida Coastal 76.3, University of Florida 68.2, Florida A &M 65.5, Nova 62.5 and Ave Maria 0.0. St. Thomas Law graduates also did well on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination passing at a rate of 94.4% above most of the law schools in the state and above the state average.

Dean Ray expressed a special thanks to Assistant Dean **Barbara Singer**, Professors **Todd Sullivan**, **Jessica Fonseca-Nader**, and Mr. **Amar Patel**, each of whom spent countless hours preparing our graduates and to the entire law faculty for providing the solid foundation on which these results are based. On behalf of Dean Ray and the entire St. Thomas Law Community we extend special congratulations to the St. Thomas Law graduates who took the February 2012 Florida Bar Examination for their outstanding performance.

ST. THOMAS ALUMNUS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS

On the evening of May 12, at a special banquet at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, **Jude M. Faccidomo**, Esq., a 2004 alumnus of St. Thomas Law, will be sworn in as the 2012-2013 President of the Florida Association of the Criminal Defense Lawyers (FACDL-Miami chapter). Mr. Faccidomo will succeed the FACDL's current president, **Beatriz A. Llorente**, Esq., also a graduate of St. Thomas Law (Class of 2002). At this same banquet next month, the FACDL will present scholarships to two St. Thomas Law students, **Kerry Nierenberg** and **Cristina Camacho**, both of whom received these awards for their superior academic performance in Trial Advocacy Practice.

ST. THOMAS *LAW REVIEW* NEW MEMBERS

The 2011-2012 St. Thomas *Law Review* Board of Editors would like to congratulate the following students on becoming members of the St. Thomas Law Review: **Stephen Consuegra**, **Brian Guy**, **Marbely Hernandez**, **Katerine Lopez**, **Guy Noa**, **Daniella Pineros**, **Andrew Roth**, **Cory Rosenberger**, **Florence Rubio**, and **Rachel Walker**.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with great pleasure we announce that the University Board of Trustees voted to approve the following professors for tenure: **Roy Balleste**, **Jennifer Martin**, **Patricia Moore**, **Ira Nathenson**, and **Roza Pati**. Congratulations Professors **Balleste**, **Martin**, **Moore**, **Nathenson**, and **Pati**.

GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

REGALIA DISTRIBUTION	St. Thomas University School of Law in Room A112 May 4, 2012, from 9:30 –5:00 p.m.
BACCALAUREATE MASS	Chapel of St Anthony St. Thomas University May 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY	Fernandez Family Center for Leadership and Wellness May 12, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.
GRADUATION RECEPTION	St. Thomas University School of Law Cordero Breezeway immediately following the commencement ceremony

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We are pleased to announce that **Jorge J. Garcia** is the recipient of the Chester Bedell Scholarship for his participation and performance in the Chester Bedell competition. He was nominated for this scholarship by Adjunct Professor **Mike Mayer** based upon his hard work and dedication.

ALUMNI RECEPTION

On May 25, 2012 St. Thomas Law hosted an alumni reception at the Bankers Club in downtown Miami. The reception was organized by Assistant Dean for Alumni Affairs, **Peter Kelly**. We were pleased to see a supportive turnout from the south Florida legal Community. Over 150 alumni and guests, including 25 judges met and mingled overlooking beautiful Biscayne Bay. There were a broad range of alumni represented from the late '80s and early '90s through December 2011 graduates and in virtually every area of legal practice. Assistant Dean Kelly has continued to build upon the broad St. Thomas Law alumni network. Upon graduation current students can look forward to mentoring and support from our alumni.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Wednesday	May 23	First Day of Classes
Wednesday—Friday	May 23—25	Add/Drop Period
Monday	May 28	Holiday (Memorial Day)
Thursday	May 31	Monday Classes Meet
Wednesday	July 4	Holiday (Independence Day Observed)
Thursday	July 12	Last Day of Classes
Friday—Sunday	July 13—17	Reading Days
Wednesday—Wednesday	July 18—25	Final Exam Period
Friday	August 31	Degrees Posted