



Michael A. Dribin, Professors **Gordon Butler** and **Marc-Tizoc Gonzalez**, at Tax & Estate Planning Seminar

## ST. THOMAS LAW GATEWAY TO GREAT LEGAL CAREERS

**Ryan Loudis**, a 2L student, has accepted a paid law clerk position with the Fort Lauderdale office of McIntosh Sawran & Cartaya, P.A. for the summer (see p. 3).

**Sandra Zamora**, a 3L student, accepted a paid law clerk position with Pacin, Levine, P.A., in Miami (see p. 3).

**Ana Guerra**, a 2016 graduate, accepted an Associate position with Fornaris Law Firm, PA, in Miami (see p. 3).

## GUIDELINES TO ASSIST WITH SPRING REGISTRATION

Registration for the Spring 2017 term will begin the week of November 7, 2016. The law school Registrar will send an e-mail with specific dates and times allotted for the spring registration. Here are some guidelines you should keep in mind when you begin to register for classes. Except for students in one of the joint degree programs or students who have obtained prior approval from the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs or the Assistant Dean for Enrollment and Scholarships, all students are required to take at least 12 J.D. credits (and can take no more than 18 credits). Joint degree students cannot take more than a combined total of 21 credits from both programs during the course of the semester.

Fall 2016 entrants remain in their same section and are automatically registered by the Registrar (unless they have a transcript hold or outstanding balance).

All other students are provided a registration date and time. Students register online by logging on to "My Bobcat." Students must register during their assigned time or otherwise wait until the open registration session that follows the designated registration times. Anyone planning to graduate in May of 2017 is required to take the Bar Prep Skills class. Any second or third-year students who is planning to take the MPRE in April of 2017 must take Professional Responsibility in the spring term.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

- November 1:** Prayers and Reflection, Room 109A @ noon
- November 1:** The Business of Law, with Cesar L. Alvarez, Moot Courtroom @ 4:00 p.m.
- November 3:** L & L Child Dependency Law Panel, Room 102 @ noon
- November 10:** An Evening of Hope, Room CPD-113 @ 6:15 p.m.

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Any student with an outstanding balance of \$1,000 or more is blocked from registration and cannot register until he or she reduces his or her balance below \$1,000. Students with outstanding balances should be working now with Andy Marrero and the Business Office to make sure they will be cleared for registration.

Some classes will reach capacity during the regular registration session. No overrides or exceptions are provided during the regular registration session. Students needing to take a particular class should attempt to register for another section of the class (even if the time is less convenient). Any student who wants to register for a class that is full will need to submit an override request form to the Registrar. On this form, you will need to explain why you need (or want) to take the class that is full. You need not seek the approval of the professor regarding the override. Shortly after the week of registration is over, the override request forms will be processed, and students will be advised if their request has been granted. Please note some classes are limited in size due to the seats available, or the format in which the class is to be taught, or both, so not all requests can be granted. Students should register for any section of any required course they need to take that is available. Remember that a student can modify his or her schedule at any time during the drop-add period. So, students should continue to monitor class availability.

Students planning to take the Florida Bar should consider taking Sales, Family Law, Florida Constitutional Law, and Juvenile Law as elective courses. These topics are tested always (or frequently) on the Florida State Bar Examination.

Students needing academic advisement or assistance should contact Assistant Dean John Hernandez or Assistant Dean Barbara Singer, and schedule an appointment. Flex students should consult with Assistant Dean Jessica Fonseca-Nader.

## **ON CAMPUS FINGERPRINTING SESSION**

Career Development has made arrangements for Identogo to come to campus to capture your fingerprints for the bar application. The company will be on campus on Tuesday, November 1. If you have not done so, please go to [www.identogo.com](http://www.identogo.com) to schedule an appointment to be fingerprinted. If you encounter a problem, or have questions regarding the registration process, please contact Identogo customer service center at (800) 528-1358.

## **HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION REGION NBA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

A group of St. Thomas Law students from the Hispanic American Law Student Association were selected to participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic National Bar Association Region VIII Mentorship Program. The students were matched with a practicing attorney for the entire academic year. On October 13, 2016, all 15 St. Thomas Law students attended the speed mentoring event, where they had the opportunity to meet and speak to more than 60 attorneys in attendance. Also in attendance were HNBA National President Pedro Jaime Torres-Diaz; Region VIII President, Araly Herrera; Vice-President of Regions & Affiliates, Maria Dantes-Sanchez; and National Finance Director, Irene Oria, pictured with the students.



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## THE BUSINESS OF LAW

Cesar L. Alvarez, Senior Chairman of GreenbergTraurig, will speak at St. Thomas Law on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom on The Business of Law. The entire community is invited to attend the lecture. This lecture is part of the Legal Eagle Lecture series and is sponsored by the St. Thomas Law Tax Law Society, Cuban American Student Bar Association, the Business Law Society, and HALSA.

## FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION LAW STUDENT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM KICKOFF EVENT

On October 18, 2016, the South Florida Chapter of the Federal Bar Association hosted the Kickoff Event for its Fourth Annual Law Student Mentorship Program. The event was not limited to participants in the Program and was open to all local law students, judicial law clerks, practitioners, and judges.



Pictured: A group of 1Ls and 2Ls from St. Thomas Law, center are: Ben Brodsky current President of the FBA, South Florida Chapter, and Yaniv Badar, Board Member.

## REAL PROPERTY PROBATE AND TRUST L LUNCH & LEARN

On October 25, St. Thomas Law's Real Property Probate and Trust Law Association hosted The RPPTL Section of The Florida Bar. The panel consisted of attorneys Sandy Boisrand, Salome J. Zikakis, William A. Parady, and Steven Gaddy. More than 30 students attended this event.



Pictured: **Michael Yanopoulos** (3L), Sandy Boisrand, Esq., Salome J. Zikakis, Esq., William A. Parady, Esq., and Steven Gaddy, Esq.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Ryan Loudis**, a 2L student, has accepted a paid law clerk position with the Fort Lauderdale office of McIntosh Sawran & Cartaya, P.A. for the summer 2017. McIntosh Sawran & Cartaya, P.A. has a team of highly qualified professionals, including lawyers, certified legal assistants, registered nurse consultants, and support staff. With three offices in South Florida and one in Central Florida, the firm provides the accessibility and responsiveness characteristic of smaller firms — but with the professionalism, quality of services, depth of expertise, and technology associated with larger organizations.

**Sandra Zamora**, a 3L student, accepted a paid law clerk position with Pacin, Levine, P.A., in Miami. Pacin Levine handles a variety of accident, personal injury, wrongful death, and product liability cases.

## ALUMNI(AE) NEWS

**Josue Garcia**, a 2015 graduate, has accepted a position with Carnival Cruise in its Compliance Global Legal Department.

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**Ana Guerra**, a 2016 graduate, accepted an Associate position with Fornaris Law Firm, PA, in Miami.

**Tamar Hoo-Pagan**, a 2015 graduate, has accepted Associate position with Reifkind, Thompson & Rudzinski, P.L., specializing in Personal Injury and Personal Injury Protection.

**Stacyann L. Hunter**, a 2005 graduate, is an Attorney with The Florida Bar, Lawyer Regulation Division in Miami.

**Richard Kravets**, a 2014 graduate, licensed to practice in Florida and Pennsylvania, has accepted a position as an Assistant District Attorney for the Bucks County District Attorney's Office in Pennsylvania.

**Javier A. Ley-Soto**, a 2005 graduate, former Chief Legal Counsel at Department of Children and Family recently accepted the legal counsel (general counsel) position at Miami Dade College. Miami Dade College is the largest institution of higher education in the country, with eight campuses offering more than 300 educational pathways to a career.

### *Faculty Announcements*

The Miami Lakes Educational Center asked Professor **John Kang** to deliver a lecture on October 18 to high school and middle school teachers, in preparation for their civics courses. He discussed the topic of “separation of powers” in the Constitution. On the scholarship front, Prof. Kang has recently published “Prove Yourself: Oliver Wendell Holmes and the Obsessions of Manliness,” 118 West Virginia Law Review 1067 (2016).

Professor **Roza Pati** presented on “Slavery Then and Now: An Eternal Human Rights Problem,” at an international conference on *Human Rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, organized by the University of Saskatchewan School of Law, in Canada, September 29-October 1, 2016. Professor Pati was also interviewed by TV Ontario journalist Steve Paikin, anchor of current affairs flagship program “The Agenda.” She shared the panel on slavery with Professor Paul Finkelman, Ariel F. Sallows Chair of Human Rights at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan, and Professor Raymond T. Diamond, Associate Dean and Professor of Law, Louisiana State University. Other panelists at the conference included Alan Dershowitz of Harvard Law School; Bunji Sawanobori, Dean of the Law School, Nanzan University, Japan; the Honorable Irwin Cotler PC, former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and present Chairman of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights and Emeritus Professor of Law at McGill University.

Professor **Keith Rizzardi** heads north this week to Long Island, New York, where he will discuss sea level rise at Brookhaven National Laboratory, and then to New Haven, Connecticut, to discuss fisheries law as a panelist for the Animal and Environmental Law Conference at Yale Law School.

Professor **Amy Ronner** presented her paper, "How Mitya Karamazov can Help us Teach Criminal Procedure," at the Crime and Punishment conference at the University of British Columbia in October.

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