



Students and Dean Fernandez at the Peter T. Fay American Inn of Court

## ST. THOMAS LAW GATEWAY TO GREAT LEGAL CAREERS

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## UPDATE ON J.D./M.B.A. AND J.D./M.S. PROGRAMS

The faculties of the law school and the university graduate schools have created a new J.D./M.A. in Criminal Justice joint-degree program. The J.D./M.A. in Criminal Justice program combines the legal knowledge and procedural skills needed for the practice of law, and especially criminal law, with the theoretical, research based scientific teachings that explain the behavior of criminals as well as those who work in the criminal justice system, including the police, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and correctional officers. Successful students in the joint degree program not only will be able to identify the elements of various crimes and the working of the common law tradition of our justice systems but also will be able to address crucial extra-legal factors that influence our legal systems. Criminal Justice is inevitably filtered through a culture that exposes each individual member to norms, values, beliefs, bio-physical conditions, and attitudes that shape the law, give it meaning, stability, and at times encourage it to change.

The Law School also offers the following joint-degree programs: J.D./M.S. in Sports Administration, the J.D./M.B.A. in Sports Administration, the J.D./M.S. in Marriage and Family Counseling, the J.D./M.B.A. in International Business, and the J.D./M.B.A. in Accounting.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

- March 11:** VITA Tax Preparation, Hanna Legal Information Center @ 10:00 a.m.
- March 15:** Prayers and Reflection, Room 109A @ 12:30 p.m.
- March 15:** L & L Cannabis Law 101, Room 104 @ noon
- March 16:** L & L The Path to Partnership,
- March 17:** 1L Academic Support Workshop
- March 25:** Barrister's Ball, Hyatt Regency Pier 66 @ 6:00 p.m.

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These programs offer St. Thomas students the opportunity to complete both the Juris Doctor and a Master's degree in the three years it typically takes to complete the Juris Doctor degree alone. The respective graduate schools and the law school all have agreed to accept credits from courses taken at the other schools, thereby reducing the total number of credits needed for both degrees.

A law student is required to take the entire first year law school curriculum before he or she can begin the joint degree program. Law students will not be given credits for any master level courses taken before matriculating into the law school, nor will they be given any credit toward the J.D. for courses taken at colleges other than St. Thomas University.

Any law student who is in good standing at the completion of his or her first year of law school is eligible for admission into any of the joint degree programs. Students must meet all admission requirements for St. Thomas University graduate programs. A law student wishing to matriculate into one of the joint degree programs must file an application for admission with the applicable graduate program prior to the deadline established by the graduate program.

After filing the application, the student must meet with the faculty advisor from the graduate school to which he or she seeks admission. The faculty advisor of the graduate school will ensure that the degree program will meet the student's educational objectives, and ensure that the student has the requisite background and skills in the relevant areas of study to successfully compete in the graduate degree program. Upon approval by the relevant faculty advisor and completion of the first year of law school, the student will be admitted into the joint degree program.

Any law student who desires additional information regarding the joint degree programs should consult with the Graduate Admissions Office in Dooner Hall. The faculty advisor for each of the programs is as follows: M.B.A. and M.S. in Sports Administration, Dr. Ted Abernethy ([tabernethy@stu.edu](mailto:tabernethy@stu.edu)); M.B.A. in International Business, Dr. Raul Carrillo ([rcarrillo@stu.edu](mailto:rcarrillo@stu.edu)); M.B.A. in Accounting, Dr. Craig Reese ([creese@stu.edu](mailto:creese@stu.edu)); M.S. in Marriage and Family Counseling, Dr. Cindy Silitsky ([csilitsky@stu.edu](mailto:csilitsky@stu.edu)), and M.A. in Criminal Justice, Dr. Gary Feinberg ([gfeinberg@stu.edu](mailto:gfeinberg@stu.edu)). Law students interested in one of the programs should e-mail and discuss the program with the respective faculty advisor. With regard to the J.D. component of the joint degree programs, please contact Assistant Dean John Hernandez ([jhernandez@stu.edu](mailto:jhernandez@stu.edu)).

## **DONOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED**

The Tamara L. Crouch Memorial Scholarship	Thomas Woldeghiorghis
Vitore Marku Right to Health Award	Pryscilla Nicolau
Georges William Human Rights Scholarship	Pryscilla Nicolau Tomas Randle
Dr. Amy Ronner & Dr. Michael Pacin Therapeutic Jurisprudence Award	Darara Atomsa Harold Malcom Tomas Randle Thomas Woldeghiorghis

## COACHING MIDDLE SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM

St. Thomas Law Trial Team member **Patsy Rampersaud** (2L) and Public Sector Career Counselor **Robert Jack** visited Hubert O. Sibley K-8 Academy in January to coach a middle school mock trial team. This team will participate in the Miami Dade Public Schools Middle School Mock Trial Competition at St. Thomas Law on March 2, 2017. The students practiced their opening statements and direct exams of witnesses from their case, *Skyler Reed v. Cameron Jackson*, a civil damages case. Pictured are Ms. Rampersaud and Mr. Jack along with three students and the school's principal, **Mr. Michael Charlot**, a graduate of St. Thomas University's Biscayne College.



## HOW TO GAIN EXPOSURE AND SET YOURSELF APART IN A CROWDED MARKET LUNCH AND LEARN

On February 16, 2017, the Broward County Hispanic Bar Association presented at St. Thomas Law on the topic of "*How to Gain Exposure and Set Yourself Apart in a Crowded Market.*" Fourteen students were in attendance at the lunch and learn session.



## GUARDIAN AD LITEM LUNCH AND LEARN

The Office for Career Development hosted the Guardian ad Litem Program (11th Judicial Circuit) on February 13, 2017 with Jeff Beal, Volunteer Recruiter and Jorge Tormes, Lead Attorney. More than 25 students were in attendance at the session to learn about volunteering, internships, and careers with the GAL Program, which represents the best interests of children in Dependency Court cases of abuse, neglect or abandonment. Students interested in volunteering can e-mail Mr. Beal directly at [Jeffrey.Beal@gal.fl.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Beal@gal.fl.gov) or speak with **Robert Jack**, Public Sector Career Counselor in the Office for Career Development.



## NATIONAL TRIAL LAWYERS SUMMIT

On February 5 thru February 8, 2017, more than 20 STU Law students attended The National Trial Lawyers Summit in Miami Beach. The 4 day event was held at the Loews Hotel and included nationally known speakers and presenters. The students' attendance at the Summit was sponsored by law firm members of The National Trial Lawyers organization.

Pictured: **Jannel Palenzuela** (1L), **Christina Arroyo** (1L), **Shari Linton** (1L), **Peter Abraham** (1L), **Julie Vega** (1L), and **Chris Tinton** (1L).



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## GLEANNING IN PALM BEACH COUNTY *PRO BONO* EVENT

On Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, St. Thomas Law students volunteered to assist the Palm Beach County Food Bank by gleaning at a local farm. Gleaning is gathering the leftover produce from a farmer's field after a harvest. The collected vegetables then go to feed families in need of assistance in Palm Beach County. Law students **Riona Maharaj** (1L) and **Priscila Ferreira** (1L, LL.M. graduate), led by **Joe Galinskie** (1L) worked on a farm in Boynton Beach to collect peppers. Students interested in volunteering in the future can contact Joe [JGalinskie@STU.EDU](mailto:JGalinskie@STU.EDU) or Robert Jack, Public Sector Career Counselor in the Office for Career Development.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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**Kristen Schlotzhauer**, a 3L student, accepted a post-graduate position with Garcia Paez, P.A. in Miami Lakes, specializing insurance defense, family law, estate planning, and commercial litigation.

## ALUMNI(AE) NEWS

**Armando Hernandez**, 2010 graduate, with Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, PA in Miami was appointed Chair of the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Local Professionalism Panel.

**Thomas Kinder**, a 2016 graduate, accepted a position with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in New York City, working in their International Tax Division.

**Diego Weiner**, a 2015 graduate, is an Associate Attorney with Jeffrey S. Weiner, P.A. in Miami, specializing in Criminal Law.

## *Faculty Announcements*

The United States Court of Appeal for the Eleventh Circuit, Hon. Robin S. Rosenbaum, granted Professor **Marc-Tizoc González**'s motion to file an *amici curiae* brief in *Fort Lauderdale Food Not Bombs v. City of Fort Lauderdale*, Case No. 16-16808. The City of Fort Lauderdale opposed the motion. St. Thomas Law alumna Victoria Mesa-Estrada, Class of 2008, represented the *amici*, which include Professor González; Florida Legal Services, Inc.; Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory, Inc.; and the Society of American Law Teachers, Inc.

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