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ST. THOMAS LAW GATEWAY TO GREAT LEGAL CAREERS

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SUMMER AND FALL 2017 REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Registration for the Summer and Fall 2016 terms will begin in early April. 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, preapproved "flex" students, or students in their last semester, all students are required to take at least 12 J.D. credits in the fall, but can take no more than 9 credits in the summer and 18 credits in the fall. Students in the joint degree programs can take no more than a total of 12 credits in the summer and 21 credits in the fall (including both J.D. and Master classes).

All Fall 2016 entrants are required to take Appellate Advocacy in the Summer or Fall 2017 term.

All 2016 entrants must also take Advanced Legal Skills in either the Fall 2017 term or Spring 2018 term.

Students can register online by logging into "My Bobcat" and going to "Web Advisor." Students must register during their assigned time; otherwise, they must wait until the open registration session that follows the designated registration time.

WHAT'S GOING ON

- March 18:** VITA Tax Preparation, Hanna Legal Information Center @ 10:00 a.m.
- March 21:** Balancing Life and Law L & L, Room 104 @ 12:00 p.m.
- March 22:** Prayers and Reflection, Room 109A @ 12:30 p.m.
- March 25:** Barrister's Ball, Hyatt Regency Pier 66 @ 6:00 p.m.
- March 28:** Eat-and-Educate Event, Room 104 @ 11:45 p.m.
- March 30:** Civility & Professionalism in the Law, Moot Courtroom @ 8:30 a.m.

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 to below \$1,000. Students with outstanding balances should be working now with 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 time is less convenient). Remember that schedules can be modified or changed anytime up until the end of the Drop/Add period.

BALANCING LIFE AND LAW LUNCH & LEARN

Join The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Law Student Division for an engaging panel discussion on the art of Balancing Life and Law on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at noon in room 104. The panelists for the lunch & learn are: Devona Reynolds Perez, President of the Caribbean Bar Association & General Counsel for Cruise Planners; Loreal Arscott, Assistant City Attorney of Miami Gardens; and Jeremy L. Thompson, U.S. Department of Justice.

Come out and get answers to how you can balance your personal life and your career. Any interested in attending must RSVP by e-mailing Alexandria Khamissian at akhamissian@stu.edu by March 18, 2017. Networking opportunities and food will be provided.

CIVILITY AND PROFESSIONALISM IN THE LAW THE ROAD TO JUSTICE

The *St. Thomas Law Review* will be hosting its Spring Symposium, “Civility and Professionalism in the Law: The Road to Justice,” on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. The symposium will cover the following topics: Civility in the Courtroom; how much discipline is too much discipline; and the ethics of success as a practitioner.

Anyone interested in attending the symposium must RSVP by March 24, 2017, at tinyurl.com/H4AGFL4. Breakfast and lunch will be served at the symposium. CLE credits are available.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW LUNCH AND LEARN

On March 9, 2017, solo practitioner Howard Hochman; Sharlee Edwards, Associate General Counsel at Weston Insurance; and Professor **Keith Rizzardi** addressed a group of students about careers in Administrative Law, and how best to build ones resume and be marketable in that field. More than 20 St. Thomas Law students were in attendance.



BARRISTERS' BALL

The Student Bar Association (SBA) invites the St. Thomas Law community to its annual Barristers' Ball, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The Barristers' Ball is a night when students, faculty, administration, members of the community, and alumni(ae) come together to recongnize the achievements of the current year, and to look forward to the promising accomplishments of the coming year.

Tickets are now being sold in the Breezeway. The event will include a three-course dinner, open bar, and entertainment. If you are unable to attend , and would like to donate a ticket to one of our students, please make sure to disclose that the purchase is a donation.

FEDERAL BAR LUNCHEON

On March 8, 2017, Professor **Gary Kravitz**, **Amal Uthman** (3L), **Rosy Arael** (2L), and **Tiffani Brooks** (2L) attended the Federal Bar Association's Hyatt Luncheon. Judge Beth Bloom, United States District Court, and Judge Laurel M. Isicoff, Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court spoke about the Southern District of Florida's observance of Law Day 2017.



BREAKING BARRIERS AND BEYOND DIVERSITY IN THE LEGAL FIELD LUNCH AND LEARN

On February 23, 2017, more than seventy St. Thomas Law students attended the "Breaking Barriers and Beyond/Diversity in the Legal Field" Lunch & Learn. The event was sponsored by the Black Law Student Association in recognition of Black History Month. The distinguished panelists included: Charles B. Morton, former Chief Assistant State Attorney; Abigail Price-Williams, the first black Miami-Dade County Attorney; Cynthia Johnson-Stacks, Assistant Miami-Dade County Attorney; and Cynthia A. Everett, the first black woman Division Chief at the Dade County State Attorney's Office. The informative discussion was moderated by Professor **Marcia Narine Weldon**, and included stories of the speakers' time in law school and the hurdles overcome throughout their careers. The sessions ended with a question-and-answer and meet-and-greet between students and speakers.



WE CAN DREAM CELEBRATION NETWORKING EVENT

St. Thomas Law students were invited to attend the "We Can Dream Celebration" on March 2, 2017. This event featured distinguished members of the Bench and Bar, along with a showcase of *Pro Bono* opportunities to benefit Put Something Back, a joint *Pro Bono* Project of the Dade County Bar Association, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, CABA *Pro Bono* Project, and Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.



Pictured: **Peter Abraham** (1L); Karen Josefsberg Ladis (Executive Director for Dade Legal Aid); **Yohania Santana** (3L); and **Veronique Malebranche** (3L).

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Gabriella Beviacqua, a 2L student, accepted a paid Law Clerk position with The Inserra Law Firm in Hollywood, specializing in Personal Injury Practice.

Judy Echavez, a 2L student, accepted a competitive internship with the Department of Homeland Security/Immigration Customs Enforcement at the Office of the Chief Counsel in Downtown Miami.

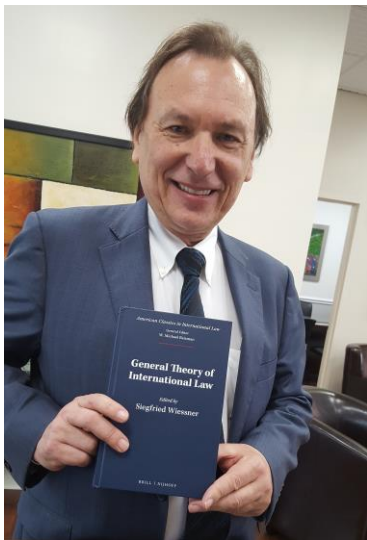
ALUMNI(AE) NEWS

Brett Barfield, 1999 graduate, Partner at Holland & Knight received The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for 2016 in Tallahassee on January 19th.

Jason Fagnano, a 2011 graduate, has joined Domnick Cunningham & Whalen, a national civil litigation law firm in Palm Beach Gardens. Jason will be a part of the firm's catastrophic injury and insurance bad faith law practice.

Cortney Walters, a 2016 graduate, accepted a position as an Assistant Public Defender at the Office of the Public Defender 9th Judicial Circuit, Orlando.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT



Professor **Siegfried Wiessner**, who is regularly consulted by foreign governments and other groups regarding human rights, has just come out with an important and already acclaimed new book, *General Theory of International Law*, which is the introductory volume of the “American Classics in International Law” series and will adorn the shelves of law libraries around the world. Yale law professor Michael Reisman, the venerated international law scholar who wrote the preface, praised Professor Wiessner’s work this way: “[M]uch as another European, Alexis De Toqueville, was able to see democracy in America with unique penetration and depth, Siegfried Wiessner . . . brings unique insights and appraisals of America’s contribution to theories of and about international law His introductory essay . . . is an intellectual tour de force I am confident that this superlative study will stand the test of time.”

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