



Moot Court Team

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ST. THOMAS LAW NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

St. Thomas Law is pleased to have added two new faculty members beginning in the fall of 2016: Professors **Esther Glazer-Esh** and **Kenya Smith**.

Professor Glazer-Esh is an Assistant Professor of Legal Writing. Prior to joining St. Thomas University School of Law, she was a litigation associate at two top-ranked global law firms, where she practiced in the areas of complex commercial litigation, products liability litigation, and employment law. While in law school, she served as a judicial intern to former United States Magistrate Judge Stephen T. Brown in the Southern District of Florida.

She earned her Bachelor of Science degree, *summa cum laude*, in Business Management from Yeshiva University. She graduated from the University of

Miami School of Law, *summa cum laude*, and was inducted as a member of the Order of the Coif. While in law school, she served on the editorial board of the *University of Miami Law Review* and was awarded the Soia Mentschikoff Award for Excellence in Scholarly Writing for the best student note. She also earned eight book awards, including an award in Legal Research and Writing, and was a member of the University of Miami Moot Court Board.

She received the highest score on the Florida Bar Exam among test-takers within the Fourth DCA when she sat for the Florida Bar Exam, and she had the honor of speaking at the induction

WHAT'S GOING ON

September 5:	Labor Day (No School)
September 6 & 7:	Clinical Information Session, Atrium Conference Room @ noon
September 8:	Palermo Project Recruitment Luncheon, Room 102 @ noon
September 14:	Breezeway Chatter (CD), Cordero Breezeway @ noon
September 15:	HNBA Anti-Human Trafficking Conference, Moot Courtroom @ 9:00 a.m.

ceremony before the Fourth DCA.

Professor Kenya Smith is an Associate Professor of Law; he teaches Business Associations, Federal Income Tax, Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiations, and Contracts. His scholarly interests include formation and taxation of business associations, contracts, constitutional law and legislation. He is enthusiastic about education and scholarship, and loves to share that enthusiasm with his students.

He has served in various senior executive positions in the New Orleans city government, including Executive Counsel to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor for Intergovernmental Relations and Deputy Mayor for Community Development. Additionally, he worked closely with the BP Gulf Coast Recovery Leadership team in the wake of the MC-252 incident. He also practiced in a large, New Orleans-based private law firm.

Professor Smith maintains membership in several professional organizations, including the American Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, and the Wisconsin and Louisiana State Bars. Professor Smith has also served as leader of local chapters of the American Red Cross and the National Urban League. He is also a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Professor Smith is an alumnus of Southern University at New Orleans where he received his B.A. *cum laude* in Political Science. He earned his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School. He was previously a faculty member of the Arizona Summit Law School.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Students seeking in-class or examination accommodations under the *Americans with Disabilities Act* must make a formal request for such as soon as practicable. The law school will need adequate time to evaluate documentation and work out the specific accommodation. Requests for exam accommodations for the final examinations for the Fall 2016 semester **must be made no later than Friday, September 9, 2016.**

Students who seek accommodations or alterations in standard academic procedures because of a physical, learning, or mental disability must contact the Office of Student Affairs as soon as possible after enrollment at St. Thomas University School of Law. It is the responsibility of the student requesting such accommodation to do so in a timely fashion in accordance with the requirements as set forth in the *Disability Accommodations Guidelines Handbook*.

Students need not make their disabilities known, unless they want to request an accommodation. If seeking an accommodation, the student has the affirmative duty to inform the School of the disability and request the accommodation. Information about a student's disability is treated as confidential under applicable federal and state laws, and law school policies. This information is provided only to individuals who are privileged to receive such information on a need-to-know basis. Faculty members who are informed of a student's disability are advised this information is confidential.

Once a student's request has been granted, it is the responsibility of the student to request a modification of the accommodation should such modification be needed. For additional information, the complete *Disability Accommodations Guidelines Handbook* is available online at the St. Thomas Law school website under Students.

DADE LEGAL AID LEADERSHIP ACADEMY RECEPTION

Dade Legal Aid held its end of year reception to celebrate the second class of its Leadership Academy. Fellows in the Academy participated in an eight-month program in order to develop a deeper understanding of effective leadership while learning about issues facing Dade Legal Aid and the indigent population. In attendance were Dean **Alfredo Garcia**, and current Dade Legal Aid interns and St. Thomas Law students **Brianna Martinez** (2L), **Vinchina Paulina** (3L), and **Patricia J. Peña** (2L). Alumna and Fellow **Ashley Juchawski** was an honoree from the second class of the Leadership Academy.



LAW STUDENT MENTORING KICKOFF

The Asian Pacific American Bar Association of South Florida, South Asian Bar Association of Florida, and Florida Muslim Bar Association invite students to the Law Student Mentoring Kickoff. This event will take place on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at Greenberg Traurig, P.A., located at 333 S.E. 2nd Avenue, 44th Floor, Miami, FL 33131.

The Kickoff will provide students with an opportunity to network with and seek advice from lawyers. Honorable Justice Raoul G. Cantero, III, former Florida Supreme Court Justice, will be honored guest speaker.

Students interested in attending the Law Student Mentoring Kickoff must RSVP to Sandy Chiu at chiu@gtlaw.com by **August 31, 2016**. Light food, drinks, and refreshments will be provided.

PARKING DECALS

Every car on campus must have a parking decal in order to park on campus. A public safety representative will be in the Law Library distributing decals; he or she will conclude this service on Thursday, September 1, 2016. In order to obtain your new decal, you need to complete the following steps:

- 1) Complete the online application for your new decal ahead of time. This brief application may be found at the following link: <http://www.stu.edu/parkingapp>. Click the link, sign in using your username and password, and you will find the application.
- 2) Bring your current vehicle registration, proof of current insurance, and valid driver's license with you when you go to have your new decal issued. Students must additionally bring a copy of their current class schedule or other proof of current enrollment.

CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ELECTRONICALLY SIGN-IN

Visitors to the Center for Professional Development may now *sign in electronically* before meeting with a staff member from the Office for Career Development or the Office for Alumni Relations. Whether you have an appointment or are just stopping by to ask a question, sign in on its iPad Tablet and wait to be escorted in. Stop by and sign in; staff members look forward to meeting with you.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Jessica Biedron, a 2L student, accepted a paid Law Clerk position at Buckland & Dang, P.A., a firm that deals mainly with Insurance Defense, General Liability, and Family Law.

Idamarie Torres, a 2L student, accepted a position as a Personal Injury Law Clerk Intern with Pacin Levine, P.A., in Miami, Florida. Pacin Levine, P.A., was established on the belief that people, not just corporations, deserve aggressive and competent representation. The founders began their career in the trenches of large insurance defense law firms. While representing insurance companies, the founders learned invaluable information, which they have used to successfully represent the injured.

ALUMNI(AE) NEWS

Robert Eschenfelder, a 1994 graduate, was appointed Chief Assistant County Attorney for the Manatee County Attorney's Office. Additionally, Mr. Eschenfelder was recently re-appointed to The Florida Bar's Rules of Judicial Administration Committee where he serves as subcommittee chair, and the Bar's Labor & Employment Law Section's Executive Council, where he serves as articles editor for *The Florida Bar Journal*.

Frank Garrison, a 2015 graduate, received his LL.M. in Law & Government from American University in May 2016, and was selected for a post-graduate clerkship with The Cato Institute in Washington, D.C. The Cato Institute is a public policy research organization dedicated to the principles of individual liberty, limited government, free markets, and peace.

Michelle Rodriguez, a 2016 graduate, will attend the Hispanic National Bar Association convention in Chicago in early September. Michelle was chosen, among many, and will receive a travel stipend to cover the expenses associated with attending the convention.

Nicholas Romanello, a 1993 graduate, is the General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer for the Health Care District of Palm Beach County in Florida. Nick served as the District's interim C.E.O. from the summer of 2015 to earlier this year.

Faculty Announcements

Professor **Gordon Butler**'s article "The One Fund Solution and the Pension Crisis" was published in the *Cleveland State Law Review*, Vol. 64, No. 4, at page 769-913 this past July.

In July, Professor **Alfred Light** was a paid participant at the Law and Economics Center's Thirty-Second Economics Institute for Law Professors, at the Homestead Resort, in Hot Springs, Virginia. The goal of the Economics Institute for Law Professors is to help participants enhance their understanding of economics and broaden their analytical tools in order to introduce greater economic sophistication and policy relevance to their professional work.

Professor **Jennifer Martin**'s new book, *Learning Sales Law*, was just published by West. The co-authors of this book are Carol Chomsky (U. Minn.), Christina Kunz (Mitchell Hamline), and Elizabeth Schiltz (St. Thomas Minn.).

Professor **Stephen Plass**' article "Wage Compression as a Democratic Ideal" was published in 25 *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy* 601 (2016).

