



Federal Bar Association, South Florida Chapter's Awards Dinner and Installation of Officers.

2016 FBA AWARDS DINNER & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



On September 8, 2016, Dean Garcia along with twenty-two St. Thomas Law faculty, staff, and students attended the

Federal Bar Association, South Florida Chapter's Awards Dinner & Installation of Officers. Chief Judge K. Michael Moore presented the Edward B. Davis Award to The Honorable Robert L. Dube, United States Magistrate Judge, in honor of his public service. St. Thomas Law was a Silver Sponsor at this event where FBA's outgoing President **Oliver Ruiz**, a 2001 alumnus presided.

Pictured: **Jason Ross** (3L), **Claudia Capdesuner** (3L), **Jennifer Weiss** (2L), **Marc Rapaport** (3L), Assistant Dean for Career Development **Lourdes B. Fernandez**.

SPECIAL ROOM RATE FOR JULY BAR TAKERS

ST. THOMAS LAW GATEWAY TO GREAT LEGAL CAREERS

Tyler Endebrock, a 2L student, accepted a paid internship position at Sure Sports Lending in Hollywood (see p. 3).

Natasha Rivera, a 2L student, accepted a paid law clerk position at Strems Law in Miami (see p. 3).

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WHAT'S GOING ON

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| September 23: | Professionalism Day, Moot Courtroom @ 9:00 a.m. |
| September 27: | Prayers and Reflection, Room 109A @ noon |
| September 27: | L &L Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, Room A-111 @ noon |
| September 27: | Bar Induction Ceremony, Moot Courtroom @ 3:30 p.m. |
| September 28: | Breezeway Chatter (CD), Cordero Breezeway @ noon |
| September 28 & 29: | Graduation Expo, Convocation Hall |
| September 29: | Resume and Cover Letter Workshop, Room 102 @noon |

St. Thomas Law has set up the St. Thomas University Room Block at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel and Marina for the July administration of the Florida Bar examination. You can get the St. Thomas University Block rate of \$219.00 a night, rather than the regular rate of \$285.00 a night. The block is set up for July 24, 25, and 26, 2017 (3 nights). You can add nights before and after at the same rate on an “as available” basis. **You must book the room before JUNE 24, 2017.** You can cancel at any time prior to 72 hours before arrival without charge. There are a limited number of rooms available at this rate, so they are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel and Marina is located across the street from the Tampa Convention Center, the site of the July 2017 Bar Examination.

To make reservations call (888) 789-3090 or go online and follow this link: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/StThomasRoomBlock>

HALSA MEMBERS AT HNBA

Hispanic American Law Society Association’s (HALSA) President **Alina E. Perez** (2L) and Vice-President **Patricia J. Peña** (2L) recently attended the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) 41st Annual Convention in Chicago. During the convention, they had the opportunity to meet attorneys and judges from across the country, and learn about pressing matters impacting Latino(a) lawyers today. Throughout the convention, the ladies networked and established relationships with current HNBA members from all practices, and brought back a wealth of knowledge and potential opportunities for members of HALSA. In March 2017, the HNBA will be in Miami for the Corporate Counsel Conference. HALSA is working on being part of the Conference by providing volunteers during the event. If you would like to learn more about the great opportunities HALSA offers its members and how to join, please email halsa@stu.edu.



RESULTS OF SBA ELECTIONS

The SBA would like to congratulate the following students for winning the election as 1L senator and Honors Council member. 1L Senators: **Nathacha Bien-Aime, Elysa Galloway, Benjamin Geffon, Nikolaos Hernandez, and Alexander Valdes.** Honors Council: **Candice Izaquirre.**

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is offering the Mark T. Banner Scholarship. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court’s commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility, and professionalism, targeting those from diverse backgrounds.

This scholarship is available to law students who have entered a JD program at an ABA-accredited law school in the United States and who will continue in that program through at least the Fall semester 2017, and the amount of the award will be \$5,000.

To get more information about the Mark T. Banner scholarship (e.g., application deadline, criteria), please visit www.linninn.org.

DONOR SCHOLARSHIPS

We have a limited number of donor scholarships available for St. Thomas Law students due to the generosity of our alumni(ae) and other donors. The scholarships are listed in the catalog, and the scholarship amounts range from \$500 to \$2,500 for the school year. We will send out notifications regarding the scholarship and scholarship application via e-mail in the next few weeks. All law students who meet the criteria for a scholarship are encouraged to apply.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Tyler Endebroek, a 2L student, accepted a paid internship position at Sure Sports Lending in Hollywood. Established in 2009, Sure Sports Lending specializes in unsecured low-interest loans to Professional Athletes based on their signed player contracts. Sure Sports Lending customizes these loans to meet the needs of each individual Borrower.

Natasha Rivera, a 2L student, accepted a paid law clerk position at The Strems Law Firm, P.A., in Miami. The Strems Law Firm focuses its practice in the areas of first party property insurance litigation, workers' compensation, immigration, personal injury, and criminal defense.

Betsy Vazquez de Rincon, a 3L student, is the *first* St. Thomas Law student who will have an article published in the Elder Law "Advocate" magazine. Her article will be published this year and it is entitled: "The Right to Marry - A Fundamental Right in Incapacity Hearings."

ALUMNI(AE) NEWS

Danielle Boaz, a 2007 LL.M. graduate, is an assistant professor in the Department of Africana Studies at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

Jack A. Demetree, a 2014 graduate, is an associate attorney with the Law Offices of Bret Jones, P.A. in Clermont, Florida. Jack is also pursuing an LL.M. in Real Property Development at the University of Miami School of Law.

Allyson Dabreu de Paulo and **Emilio Dominguez**, 2016 graduates, were accepted in the University of Florida LL.M. in taxation program.

Joanna Kallinosis, a 2016 graduate, had the seminar paper she wrote in her Comparative Law Seminar in the 2016 spring semester, Refugee Roulette: A Comparative Analysis of Gender-Related Persecution in Asylum Law, published in *DePaul University School of Law's Journal of Women, Gender, and the Law*, Volume 6, Issue 1.

Raul Perez-Ceballos, a 2002 graduate, who has his own law practice in Coral Gables, was appointed chair of the Dade County Bar Association's Family Law Committee.

Michael A. Rosenberg, a 2004 graduate, was selected as a 2016 "Power Leader in Law & Accounting" by the *South Florida Business Journal*. Michael is managing partner at Roig Lawyers in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

Faculty Announcements

Adjunct Professor **Attilio Costabel's** ABA Tips Admiralty Committee will appear in *Outline of Cuban Maritime Law* newsletter in October 2016. Professor Costabel's article, Children of a Lesser Jones: Punitive Damages in Unseaworthiness, will be published in the *St. Thomas*

University Law Review Journal.

Professor **Patricia Moore** has become an Academic Fellow at the Pound Civil Justice Institute, at the invitation of the Institute's Board of Trustees. The Pound Institute is a national legal "think tank" created by trial attorneys to give a balanced view of issues affecting the U.S. civil justice system. Other Academic Fellows at the Pound Institute include Steve Burbank, Erwin Chemerinsky, Sean Farhang, Richard D. Freer, Robert H. Klonoff, Thomas Main, Arthur Miller, Judith Resnik, and Stephen N. Subrin.

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