



## ST. THOMAS LAW GATEWAY TO GREAT LEGAL CAREERS

**Manooch Azizi**, a 3L student, accepted paid law clerk position with CHALOS & CO, P.C. (see p. 3).

**Michael Hernandez**, a 2L student, accepted a paid Law Clerk position with Blanco Law, P.A., in Miami (see p. 4).

**Amy Francis**, a 2016 graduate, has accepted a position as an Attorney at Legal Aid of Palm Beach County in its Family Law division (see p. 4).

H.E. Ambassador Daniele Verga; H.E. Ambassador and Permanent Observer Oscar R. De Rojas; H.E. Ambassador and Permanent Observer Rory McCarthy; H.E. Dominique de La Rochefoucauld; Montbel Grand Hospitaller; H.E. Ambassador Stefano Ronca-Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs; and **Nabil Abu Nahlah** (3L)

## INTERNING AT THE UNITED NATIONS

St. Thomas Law offers a unique internship opportunity at the United Nations, Pax Romana internship. **Nabil Abu-Nahlah**, a 3L student, had the opportunity to participate in this program this semester; he is highlighting some of his experiences at the United Nations.

Fall is a wonderful time to be working at the United Nations. The opening of the General Assembly (GA), always takes place in the fall. The opening of the GA marks the time when the heads of state venture to New York City to participate in that year's general debate. The staffers within the varying organizations of the United Nations get to witness these world leaders present speeches on topics important to their nations and the world.

Nabil's first few weeks as an intern at the United Nations, in New York, was an extraordinary experience for him. He is interning as an Advisor to the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta (Order of Malta) Permanent Mission at the United Nations. He had the opportunity to attend a wide range of meetings and conferences concerning issues directly related to the Mission.

The 71<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the UN is focused on Refugees and Migrants. It was the first time

## WHAT'S GOING ON

- September 29:** Resume and Cover Letter Workshop, Room 102 @ noon
- October 4:** Prayers and Reflection, Room 109A @ noon
- October 4:** Criminalization of Homelessness in FL, Moot Courtroom @ noon
- October 12:** Breezeway Chatter (CD), Cordero Breezeway @ noon
- October 19:** Speed Networking Reception, Convocation Hall @ 6:00 p.m.

the GA had called for a Summit with the Heads of State concerning large movements of refugees and migrants and was an historic opportunity to come up with a blueprint for a better international response to the ongoing humanitarian refugee crisis. The Summit was a watershed moment to strengthen governance of international migration and a unique opportunity for creating a more responsible, predictable system for responding to large movements of refugees and migrants.



At the GA, Nabil had the pleasure to hear the President of Yemen speak; the Foreign Minister of Australia leaned over to him while the President of Yemen was speaking to ask a question. He also got the opportunity to meet President Barack Obama, Secretary of State John Kerry, Amal Clooney, George Clooney, Forest Whitaker, numerous presidents, prime ministers, and UN ambassadors including the Prime Minister of Bangladesh H.E. Sheikh Hasina, with whom he had a long and stimulating conversation at the Vienna Café in the UN building.



Given Nabil's interest in being an International Human Rights lawyer, the Summit was the pinnacle of his studies and provided him the opportunity to learn from international scholars and international leaders worldwide. It also provides him the opportunity to network at an international level, an opportunity that is impossible to replicate anywhere else in the World. Because of this exceptional opportunity and with the guidance of Professor Mark J. Wolff, Nabil believes his future professional development is very bright and heading in the right direction.

## **NEW LAW LIBRARY HOURS ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

The Law Library will now have the afterhours room (on the S.E. corner of the Law Library) open until midnight on Friday and Saturday night for law students to use to study. Students must have a valid student ID card to enter the facility.

## **PAUL LIPTON SPOKE AT PETER T. FAY AMERICAN INN OF COURT FIRST MEETING**

On September 14, 2016, the Honorable Peter T. Fay American Inn of Court held its first fall meeting. Guest speaker was Paul Lipton, Esq., Director of Professionalism at Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, P.A., and Chair of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Professionalism Committee. Mr. Lipton spoke about finding true meaning in and beyond the practice of law. Mr. Lipton is the author of the Highly Acclaimed "Hour of the Wolf."



Pictured: **Veronique Malebranche** (2L), **Loetitia McMillion** (3L), **Danielle Schwabe** (3L), and **Janna Mateo** (3L).

## **OPERATION GRATITUDE**

Please join St. Thomas Law FAWL in giving back to those who fight for us each day. Operation Gratitude is a volunteer-based organization that sends care packages to the military and first responder communities. Potential items needed are sock, pens, shaving cream, and personalized

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handwritten letters. All donations are greatly appreciated; boxes have been placed around the law school for the donations. Please keep in mind Friday, September 30, 2016, is the last day to donate to FAWL. To get a complete list of items needed, please visit [www.OperationGratitude.com/wishlist](http://www.OperationGratitude.com/wishlist)

### **EXPLORING SMALL FIRMS**

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, **Joshua Hertz** '01, founding owner of The Law Offices of Joshua J. Hertz, P.A., and Jay Kim, managing partner at Kim Vaughan Lerner, LLP, spoke at one of Career Development's Lunch & Learns about "Exploring Small Firm Practice." Messrs. Hertz and Kim are members of the Executive Council of The Florida Bar's Solo and Small Firm Section. More forty students were in attendance.

### **FASHION SHOW BENEFITING MIAMI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

Alumni Ricky Patel '09 and Wes Farrell '09 of the Farrell & Patel law firm in Miami will host their annual "Fashion Gives Back" fashion show Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at The Moore Building, 191 NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, Florida, in the Miami Design District. All are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$35 per person, and can be purchased at <https://www.mchf.org/mcyaevents/fashiongivesback>. All event proceeds benefit the Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami.

### **THE CRIMINAL LAW SOCIETY INVITED JOSE BAEZ TO CAMPUS**

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Thomas Law Alumnus and criminal defense attorney Jose Baez addressed more than 260 students in the Moot Court Room. Mr. Baez spoke about his personal story, and experiences, and career path.

### **CAREER DEVELOPMENT HOSTS MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST**

Staff Attorney Gilma Díaz-Greco from the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust visited the campus on September 27, 2016, as part of the Lunch & Learn Series by the Office for Career Development. Ms. Díaz-Greco shared insights on the role of the Commission, its jurisdiction over county employees and elected officials, and past cases handled by her office. More than 100 students heard about the internship opportunities either for credit through the school's Clinical Program or for legal *pro bono* hours.



### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Manooch Azizi**, a 3L student, accepted a paid law clerk position with CHALOS & CO, P.C., an International Law Firm specializing in Admiralty and Maritime Law. The firm represents foreign and domestic corporations, insurers (both domestic and foreign), brokers, third-party claims administrators, shipowners, charterers, protection and indemnity associations (P&I Clubs), energy companies, oil and gas exploration, refiners and transportation companies, manufacturers,

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shipyards, importers-exporters, stevedores, and a broad array of other individuals, professional firms, and associations.

**Michael Hernandez**, a 2L student, accepted a paid Law Clerk position with Blanco Law, P.A. in Miami, specializing in Real Estate, Civil Litigation, Wills & Trusts, and Landlord-Tenant.

**Inti Pallares (2L)** and **Ariadne Gonzalez (2L)** students assisted Adjunct Professor **Attilio M. Costabel** in the research of an article published in the *International Law Quarterly Newsletter* (Fall 2016). The article is entitled: "International Sales of Goods in Cuba Under the CISG Convention."

## ALUMNI(AE) NEWS

**Andrew M. Gordon**, a 2009 graduate, an attorney at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP in Fort Lauderdale, was appointed by the Mayor of Fort Lauderdale, Jack Seiler, to the city's Board of Adjustment for a three-year term. Mr. Gordon was also recently appointed as an Advisory Board Member of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. The nonprofit organization is responsible for the programming, preservation, and promotion of Riverwalk Park and the downtown Riverwalk District.

**Amy Francis**, a 2016 graduate, has accepted a position as an Attorney at Legal Aid of Palm Beach County in their Family Law division.

**Viviana Arango Loshak**, a 2010 graduate, was elevated to Shareholder in the insurance practice group at Fowler White Burnett in Fort Lauderdale.

**Karline (Altemar) Lee**, a 2009 graduate, was selected by The Florida Bar as a 2015-2016 Academy Fellow in its Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Leadership Academy.

**Andrew Mich**, a 2014 graduate, accepted a position as an Assistant Public Defender at the Public Defender's Office in the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida.

**Ricky K. Patel**, a 2009 graduate, was appointed in January 2016 to the Miami Children's Health Foundation's Board of Directors. Mr. Patel, founder and senior partner of Farrell & Patel Attorneys at Law in Miami, is also a member of the Board of Advisors at St. Thomas University School of Law.

## *Faculty Announcements*

Professor **Marc-Tizoc González** will moderate and present at the Introduction to Latina/Latino Critical Legal Theory Workshop in Boston, Massachusetts, on Saturday, October 1. The workshop will occur during the twentieth annual National Latina/Latino Law Student Association Conference, the largest gathering of Hispanic/Latino law students in the United States.

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