



Florida Bar Induction Ceremony

ST. THOMAS LAW GATEWAY TO GREAT LEGAL CAREERS

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Marina Gonzalez, a 3L student, accepted a paid Law Clerk position with Gladys Cardenas, P.A. (see p. 3).

Mitchell Hyman, a 2016 graduate, was accepted into the University of Miami's LL.M. in Taxation program (see p. 3).

FLORIDA BAR INDUCTION CEREMONY FOR RECENT GRADUATES

St. Thomas Law hosted its Fifth Annual Florida Bar Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, September 27, for recent graduates who passed the July 2016 Florida Bar exam. Judge Peter Lopez presided over the ceremony and officially swore in a group of 25 recent graduates. After the formal ceremony, Judge Lopez signed each newly admitted lawyer's sworn statement and took pictures with the graduates and their families.

NEW RULES WITH REGARD TO EXAM ADMINISTRATION

Starting with the final examinations that will be administered at the end of the fall 2016 term and going forward, the Law School has adopted policies that mirror the policies and practices applicable to the Bar Examination with regard to items that can be brought into the testing room. Students will be limited to whatever is essential to complete the examination. Students will no longer be allowed to bring book bags, backpacks, purses, or any kind of satchel or bag into the exam rooms.

For closed book examinations, students will be limited to one small, quart-size, see through plastic bag ("ziplock style") to carry limited personal items (e.g., pens, highlighters, pencils, medications, foam ear plugs, feminine hygiene products) and one bottle of water (only water). Students also can bring in a laptop to use for the exam and cords for the laptop. No other electronic devices are

WHAT'S GOING ON

- October 18:** Prayers and Reflection, Room 109A @ noon
- October 19:** Speed Networking Reception, Convocation Hall @ 6:00 p.m.
- October 20:** SBA Presents: Rubenstein Law, Room 102 @ noon

allowed in the examination room (no tablets, phones, blackberries, iPods, etc.). For examinations over four hours in duration, students also can bring in one small food item that can be consumed quietly (e.g., soft granola bar, candy bar). Student cannot bring in chips, gum, or hard candies and cannot bring any item that contains peanuts or peanut by-products. Watches are no longer allowed in the examination room. Students cannot bring large coats into the room. Any sweatshirts, sweaters, etc. must be worn while in the room, hoods must be worn down, and the sweatshirt or sweater must be removed prior to going to the restroom.

For open book examinations, student may bring in what is allowed for closed book examinations and the specifically designated books or notes allowed by the professor. So, students will need to have those books and notes in a way they can be carried directly into the room, not in book bags. If the professor has specifically allowed an electronic device (e.g., calculator) then the student may have that device. But, it cannot be a function of another device; e.g., a student cannot use the calculator function on his or her phone. If there is any doubt as to whether the book, notes, device, etc. are allowed as per the professor's instructions then the student will not be allowed to bring in the questionable item. (So, for example, if the professor has allowed in a specific copy of a rule book, photocopies of that book are not allowed.)

Any student with a health or dietary issue who needs to bring in some item to address that concern needs to clear the item with Assistant Dean Hernandez prior to his or her first final. If any student has any question about the policy, please contact Assistant Dean Hernandez.

LAWYERS TO THE RESCUE

Once a month, Lawyers to the Rescue offers *pro bono* legal services to individuals at the NCL Camillus House campus in Miami. On September 17, 2016, a group of community-minded students from St. Thomas Law joined forces with the non-profit organization at the legal clinic. Participating students are members of both the Phi Alpha Delta Mentschikoff Chapter and Public Interest Law Society. The next Lawyers to the Rescue legal clinic is scheduled for October 15, 2016.



NAVY JAG CORPS LT. SARA WOOTEN VISITS ST. THOMAS LAW

The Office for Career Development continued its 2016-2017 Lunch & Learn Series on September 22, 2016, by hosting the U.S. Navy JAG Corps Lieutenant Sara Wooten from the Region Legal Service Office Southeast in Key West. She shared information on internship and employment opportunities including the Student Program (SP) and Direction Appointment Program (DA). More than 20 students were in attendance.



BROWARD COUNTY WOMEN LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

On September 28, 2016, **Darcy Ruiz** (2L), **Brittany Wittnebel** '16 alumna, and **Laura Varela** Career Counselor attended the Broward County Women Lawyers' Association Luncheon in Fort Lauderdale. Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Levenson and Jose Rada, Executive Director Broward-Dade Safety



Council, spoke on the “Ins and Outs of DUI School.”

Pictured Brittany Wittnebel '16, Judge Martin Bidwill, and Darcy Ruiz (2L).

ST. THOMAS LAW STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS: RUBENSTEIN LAW

The Student Bar Association is bringing Rubenstein Law to campus on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at 12:00 p.m., in Room 102. Rubenstein Law is a leading personal injury law firm with more than 31 attorneys, 9 of whom are proud St. Thomas Law alumni(ae).

Come learn about Personal Injury Law from one of the nation’s premier firms. Hear first-hand from St. Thomas Law alumni(ae) and current Rubenstein employees about life after law school. Robert Rubenstein will also share thoughts with the audience regarding his experiences in personal injury law.

Anyone interested in attending this event must RSVP to sba@stu.edu; lunch will be provided courtesy of Rubenstein Law.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Karl Gonzalez, a 3L student, accepted a paid Intern position and post-graduate Associate position with Darlene R. Gimble, P.A., in Fort Lauderdale. The legal areas of representation on which Gimble Law focuses include Family Law, Business Law, Employment Law, Personal Injury, Probate, Wills, and Trusts.

Marina Gonzalez, a 3L student, accepted a paid Law Clerk position with Gladys Cardenas, P.A., in Miami.

ALUMNI(AE) NEWS

Kristina Georgiou, a 2014 graduate, specializes in plaintiffs’ personal injury and medical malpractice at Napoli Shkolnik in New York.

Mitchell Hyman, a 2016 graduate, was accepted into the University of Miami’s LL.M. in Taxation program.

Louisa Ramsammy, a 2015 graduate, accepted an Associate position with Rudd & Diamond, PA. in Hollywood, specializing in insurance defense.

Jennifer Wionceck, a 2005 graduate, was named partner at Bilzin Sumberg; previously, she was a partner at Baker & McKenzie.

Inalvis M. Zubiaur, a 2014 graduate, accepted an Associate position with Torres and Vadillo LLP in Coral Gables. Torres and Vadillo, is a full service boutique law firm dedicated to the representation of individuals, businesses, and financial institutions.

Faculty Announcements

Professor **Patricia Moore**’s paper (from 2010), "The Tao of Pleading: Do Twombly and Iqbal Matter Empirically?" was recently listed on SSRN's Top Ten download lists (of all time) for: LSN: Procedural Issues (Topic) and LSN: Procedure (Private Law - Discrimination) (Sub-Topic).

The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), an independent, non-partisan think tank focused on global security & politics and international law, invited Professor **Keith Rizzardi**

to submit a guest column. His op-ed, *Debriefing Hurricane Matthew: Fear, Courage and an Insight into Rising Seas*, is featured online at <https://www.cigionline.org/> In addition, as part of a team with Columbia University's Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Professor Rizzardi is helping the cities of Clearwater, St. Augustine, and Pensacola consider strategies for adaptation to climate change.

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