



# St. Thomas Law News

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW NEWSLETTER

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## FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS BAR ADMISSION PROCESS

First-year students can begin the bar admission process and pursue clearance for eligibility to participate in the Certified Legal Internship (CLI) program. Students can maximize their savings by filing their Registrant Bar Application by the January 15, 2018, student registration deadline, and paying the \$100 student registrant fee. In your 3<sup>rd</sup> year of law school, you will pay the converter fee (which is currently \$600) to convert your student registration.

If you do not plan to pursue admission to the Florida Bar but are interested only in obtaining clearance for eligibility to participate in the Certified Legal Internship program, you must file a CLI Registration by April 23, 2018, and pay the \$75 CLI Registration fee.

The Registrant Bar Application (required for both Student Registration and CLI Registration) is available for completion online at [www.floridabarexam.org](http://www.floridabarexam.org). In addition to the application and supplemental forms, the Board's website includes answers to frequently asked questions and has the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admission to the Bar.

## CAMPUS EVENTS

<b>August 31:</b>	L & L U.S. Dept. of Justice Environmental & Natural
<b>September 4:</b>	Labor Day (No School)
<b>September 6 &amp; 7:</b>	Clinic Information Session, Moot Courtroom @ 12:00 p.m.
<b>September 7:</b>	L & L Palermo Recruitment, Room 102 @ 12:00 p.m.
<b>September 13:</b>	Breezeway Chatter, Cordero Breezeway @ 12:00 p.m.

## ST. THOMAS LAW: GATEWAY TO GREAT LEGAL CAREERS

**Jackie Gadea** (2L) had a Summer Internship with the Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Miami Immigration Court.

**Rachel Heim** (2L) was a Summer Law Clerk for ROIG Lawyers. ROIG Lawyers is a minority-owned litigation firm with a primary focus on Insurance Defense Litigation. It serves as primary counsel for numerous national and regional carriers and corporations related to all aspects of insurance litigation.

**Gabriel Hawa**, a 2017 graduate, accepted a position as an Assistant State Attorney with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office.

**Samuel Spina**, a 2017 graduate, accepted a position as a Client Manager with Neostar Sports and Entertainment in Weston, specializing in Entertainment & Sports Law.

## NEW INTERCULTURAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW MEMBERS

The *Intercultural Human Rights Law Review* extended membership to the following students from its Summer Write On: **Jackie Gadea, Christian Gonzalez Rivera, Karina Hidalgo-Gato, Ardalan Montazar,**

and **James Sanchez**.

It also would like to congratulate members of its E-Board: **James Sanchez**, the new **Executive Editor**; and **Arturo Abreu**, the new **Student Articles Editor**.

The member-candidates worked very hard during the summer, and the IHRLR E-Board looks forward to working with the new members in the future. The IHRLR E-Board is confident that they will continue to grow and develop the *Intercultural Human Rights Law Review* in the compassionate and intellectual tradition upon which it was founded.

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## DECEMBER GRADUATION INFORMATION

For students who are anticipating graduating and participating in the 2017 December graduation ceremony, graduation registration begins Monday, September 25, through Friday, September 29, 2017, at the Law School Registrar's Office. Joint degree students must register with both the law school and the university Registrar. The deadline for register with the University is September 30, 2017.

The Law School will have a photographer on campus taking graduation photos on Thursday, September 29, 2017, in the Convocation Hall (main campus library), from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The pictures of the graduate will be placed in the graduation program. Students will be able to register for a time slot to have their pictures taken.

The Commencement ceremony is scheduled for December 16, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fernandez Family Center for Leadership and Wellness. A Graduation Mass is scheduled for Friday, December 15, 2017.

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## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (USAO) LUNCH & LEARN

On August 22, 2017, St. Thomas Law hosted the U.S. Department of Justice at its *first* Lunch & Learn of the semester. Gera R. Peoples and Sarah J. Schall, Special Counsel to the U.S. Attorney, shared with the more than 60 students in attendance about their career paths, and the different internship and employment opportunities with the DOJ. Specifically, they discussed the Summer Law Intern Program for law students and the Honors Program for entry-level attorneys.

## DADE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LEGAL LUMINARIES EVENT

On July 26, 2017, numerous St. Thomas Law alumni(ae) were nominated for awards in their legal areas of expertise at The Dade County Bar Association's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Legal Luminaries.

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## ALUMNI(AE) NEWS

**Eneami Bestman**, a 2015 graduate, of The Bestman Law Firm, P.A., was re-elected to the Board of Directors for The T.J. Reddick Bar Association, Inc. The Association is dedicated to promoting the professional excellence of Black lawyers in Broward County, increasing the enrollment of minority students in college and law school, and promoting the general welfare of all citizens in Broward County. The Association also mentors minority law students attending local law school.

**Fernanda S. Hipskind**, a 2017 graduate, wrote an article, "The Persecution of LGBT Individuals Fleeing to America from Muslim-majority Nations: Has the Door to Refuge Been Closed?," that has been accepted for publication! It will appear in 27 *The Tulane Journal of Law & Sexuality* (Spring 2018). Ms. Hipskind wrote her excellent article as her senior writing requirement in her Sexual Identity and the Law Seminar (Spring 2017).

**Guy Noa**, a 2013 graduate, was selected by *Finance Monthly Magazine* as the Admiralty & Maritime Lawyer of the Year – USA. “The annual awards recognize and celebrate law firms and individual attorneys from all over the world who, over the past twelve months, have consistently excelled in all aspects of their work and set new standards of client service. The selection process to determine the firms and individuals honored included personal nominations and an online voting phase. Then, *Finance Monthly’s* research team collated the votes and examined all nominations to compile a definitive list of industry leaders.” <https://www.bucknermiles.com/news/>

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## FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor **John Makdisi** received the Ph.D. degree in Moral Philosophy in May 2017 for his dissertation on *The Object of the Moral Act: Understanding St. Thomas Aquinas Through the Work of Steven Long and Martin Rhonheimer*.

Professor **Amy D. Ronner**'s article, "Is Stavrogin Leading us by the Nose? The Nihilistic Confession," was recently published in *XX Dostoevsky Studies* 71 (2016). In that issue, there is an enthusiastic review of Dr. Ronner's recent book, *Dostoevsky and the Law*, by Dr. Gary Rosenshield (University of Wisconsin-Madison).

Professor **Carol Zeiner** made a presentation, *Hot Topics in Higher Education*, from a therapeutic jurisprudence perspective at the 35<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health in Prague, Czech Republic, July 12, 2017. Professor Zeiner also was sworn in as a Commissioner on the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust on July 9, 2017.



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