



St. Thomas Law News

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FLORIDA BAR INDUCTION CEREMONY FOR RECENT GRADUATES



St. Thomas Law hosted its Fifth Annual Florida Bar Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, September 26, for recent graduates who passed the July 2017 Florida Bar exam. Judge Peter Lopez presided over the ceremony and officially swore in a group of 38 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.

CAMPUS EVENTS

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| October 3: | Dress for Success L&L, CPD-113 @ 12:00 p.m. |
| October 3: | Speed Networking, Convocation Hall @ 6:00 p.m. |
| October 5: | Unreserved Effects of a Broken Immigration System L&L, CPD-Current Concerns with Security, Terrorism, its Control since 9/11, Convocation Hall @ 9:00 a.m. |
| October 6: | |
| October 11: | Breezeway Chatter, Cordero Breezeway @ 12:00 p.m. |

SELECTION FOR COMMERCIAL BAR PREPARATION PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER GRADUATES

All 3Ls who plan to take the Bar examination following graduation need to make a Bar Preparation Program selection by submitting a Bar Review Selection Form to the Law School Registrar's Office. You can pick any ONE of the following three options: BARBRI Bar Review Program, KAPLAN Bar Review Program, or THEMIS Bar Review Program.

You must notify the Law School Registrar of your final and official selection (or make any modifications to the selection that you have already made) by **Friday, November 17, 2017**. We will not be able to make any modifications to your selection after that date, so make sure you finalize your selection by 5:00 pm on November 17th. **After that date**, we will be invoiced and pay for your program, so **NO ADJUSTMENTS CAN BE MADE**. Making an election with the representatives or filling out their registration forms (which may be required by the programs), does not act as the election that you are making with the law school. The law school is going to pay for whichever program you have notified us that you are taking by completing the law school form. Similarly, submitting the Bar Review Selection Form to the Law School **does not** automatically register you for your desired bar prep program. Be sure to contact the appropriate Bar Prep Program representative for registration requirements.

If you have any questions, or would like a detailed explanation of what the various programs offer, representatives from each program are available in the Cordero Breezeway at various days and times throughout the semester, or you may contact a representative via e-mail. For questions in regards to BARBRI, contact Madison Nesbitt, at madison.nesbitt@barbri.com; for Kaplan, contact Sabine Baptiste at sabine.baptiste@kaplan.com; for Themis, contact Nachman Gutowski at nachman.gutowski@themisbar.com. Please speak to the program representatives for more details on each program.

Make sure you do your homework and thoroughly research which program will be best suited to your study needs. Remember that each representative is going to try and “sell” you on his or her program. Be a wise consumer and pick the program that works best for you.

Remember the **deadline** to submit your selection for one of the Bar Review Programs provided by St. Thomas University School of Law upon your graduation is **Friday, November 17, 2017**. You can submit the form in person at the Registrar’s counter or to Ms. Cathy Hayes in the Law School’s Student Affairs Office.

Please note that your selection is final upon submission and cannot be changed after the deadline date. In addition to the Bar Review Selection Form, make sure to fill out the registration form with the appropriate Bar Prep Program Provider.

CURRENT CONCERNS WITH SECURITY, TERRORISM, AND ITS CONTROL SINCE 9/11

Please join the University on Friday, October 6, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., for a networking breakfast followed by an expert panel discussion on current concerns in homeland security; domestic and international terrorism; hardening soft targets; and cyberterrorism/cybersecurity.

This complimentary seminar is relevant to those who work in law enforcement, fire rescue, public safety, government, and disaster response. Alumni and the community are welcome to attend. Certificates of attendance will be provided.

Please RSVP to alumni@stu.edu with your full name, guest name(s), graduation year, and phone number.

THE UNRESERVED EFFECTS OF A BROKEN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM LUNCH & LEARN

On, Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 12:00 p.m., in CPD-113, the Caribbean Law Students Association in conjunction with the Public Interest Law Society, American Immigration Lawyers Association & Black Law Students Association invites the St. Thomas Law community to a Lunch and Learn discussion on The Unreserved Effects on a Broken Immigration System. Lunch will be provided.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Jamaican-American Bar Association (JABA) is accepting scholarship applications for the 2017 year. The selected recipient(s) will be awarded the scholarship at the Annual Grand Gala and Awards Ceremony, on November 18, 2017, at the Westin Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, FL. JABA was established for advancing the professional interests of Jamaican American attorneys. It’s mission is to provide legal assistance to the Jamaican-American community in the United States and to coordinate

educational, mentoring and other assistance for law students and new colleagues entering the legal profession.

Scholarship applicants must be Jamaican nationals by birth or parentage; be a student second or third-year law student; and submit at least a 500 words essay to the following question: **“Do the sanctuary policies implemented by some cities with large immigrant populations seek to nullify federal immigration law and obstruct its enforcement?”**

The essay should be submitted via e-mail to jamericanbar@aol.com and must be received by October 20, 2017, for consideration.

STUDENTS IMPACTED BY RECENT STORMS

As you all know recent hurricanes struck locally but caused very widespread, significant damage in the Houston area, the Florida Keys, Ft. Myers area, Jacksonville, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other locations. If you or your family have been adversely impacted and dealing with the aftermath of the storms is affecting your ability to focus on your studies, attend class, or has created any other obstacles, please inform Assistant Dean **John Hernandez** by e-mail at jhernandez@stu.edu. It would be best to be proactive with regard to any early interventions that we can provide to help you through this difficult time. If you are in this situation, please email Dean Hernandez at jhernandez@stu.edu and give him some insight into what you are confronting.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Elizabeth Barrientos (3L) worked as an Intern with the Office of the State Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, Ft. Lauderdale.

Jillian Tate (3L) worked as an Intern with the Office of the State Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, Ft. Lauderdale, Felony Division.

Luis Garcia (3L) worked as an intern with the Office of the State Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, Ft. Lauderdale.

Tatiana Da Cunha (3L) was asked to continue her summer Internship into the fall with the Department of Homeland Security/Immigration Customs Enforcement at the Krome Detention Center in Miami.

ALUMNI(AE) NEWS

Gamila Elmaadawy, a 2015 graduate, accepted a position as a Staff Counsel with Heritage Property & Casualty Insurance Company in Sunrise.

Kelsey Geary, a 2016 graduate, was recently named Partner at The Geary Law Firm, P.C. in Lawrenceville, GA, specializing in Criminal Defense, Family Law, Immigration and Personal Injury.

Anastasia Latman, a 2015 graduate, recently accepted an Associate position with Brian D. Perskin & Associates P.C. in the Greater New York City Area specializing in Family Law.

Karina Miralda, a 2017 graduate, accepted an Associate Attorney position with The Stremms Law Firm, PA in Coral Gables, specializing in Plaintiffs Property Insurance Litigation

Keyondra Parrish, a 2016 graduate, accepted a position as Assistant Regional Counsel in the

Dependency Unit at the Regional Counsel's Office, 4th District in Ft. Lauderdale.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor **Roy Balleste**'s latest article, *Worlds Apart: The Legal Challenges of Suborbital Flights in Outer Space* will be published in October of 2017 in volume 49 of the *NYU Journal of International Law & Politics*.

Professor **Ira Steven Nathenson** was recently selected by the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) as the initial member of a team of Fellows tasked with developing new online learning materials for Civil Procedure. The group met in Chicago in August and will author dozens of new online Civil Procedure lessons.

Professor **Nathenson** was also recently quoted in *The Atlantic* regarding the strategies and law regarding a "cool" cease-and-desist letter that Netflix sent to the operators of a *Stranger Things* tribute bar. See <https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2017/09/netflix-cease-and-desist-stranger-things/540579/>.



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