



# St. Thomas Law News

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW NEWSLETTER

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## LEGAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Please be advised that the second Legal Skills Workshop will be held **Friday, October 13, 2017**, in the Convocation Hall. Sections 1A, 1B, 2C, 3B, 3C, and 4C will meet from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Sections 1C, 2A, 2B, 3A, 4A, and 4B will meet from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Your Legal Writing classes also will meet that day at their regular time. In a couple of instances, the Workshop times will conflict slightly with the regular Friday session of Legal Writing. Your Legal Writing Professor will make an adjustment of a few minutes to allow students to go from one session to the other. All 1L students and 2L transfer students are required to attend this session.

Professor Friedland will lead this session.

Please note that the third and final Fall Legal Skills Workshop will be held on Friday, November 10, 2017, and sections will meet at the same times.

## CAMPUS EVENTS

<b>October 12:</b>	Legal Landscape in Cuba L&L, 102 @ 12:00 p.m.
<b>October 13:</b>	Legal Skill Workshop, Convocation Hall
<b>October 14:</b>	Understanding Evidence Completely, Moot Courtroom @ 9:45 a.m.
<b>October 17:</b>	Prayers and Reflection, 109A @ 12:05 p.m.
<b>October 18:</b>	"Stand Your Ground" L&L, Moot Courtroom @ 12:00 p.m.
<b>October 19:</b>	Speed Networking, Convocation Hall

## THE OFFICE OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT WELCOME PAM ROGERS

Please join the Office of Career Development in welcoming **Pam E. Rogers, Esq.**, who has just joined their team as the Public Sector Career Counselor. Pam has more than 20 years' experience in government and non-profit work, specifically at the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office and the St. Thomas University Human Rights Institute. A graduate of the University of Florida's College of Law, Pam is a board member of the Miami Beach Commission for Women and the Brickell Avenue Literary Society.

Pam will advise students and alumni(ae) on public sector careers, including government, non-profit, and legal services, and on job search strategies for out-of-state opportunities and international public interest law organizations. Pam will offer guidance on alternative careers and is committed to helping students and alumni(ae) find satisfaction in their life's work.

Please stop by the Office for Career Development to introduce yourself to Pam! She also can be reached by e-mail at [progers2@stu.edu](mailto:progers2@stu.edu) or by phone at (305) 474-2433.

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### “STAND YOUR GROUND” LUNCH & LEARN PANEL

The Criminal Law Society invites the law school community to join them at the Stand Your Ground” Lunch & Learn Panel on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom. The panelist consist of Alumnus **Santiago Aroca** '04, Assistant State Attorney for Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office, and Judy Marie Cullinan, Assistant Public Defender, Miami-Dade Public Defender’s Office and it will be moderated by Associate Dean **Tamara Lawson**.

Any persons interested in attend this event must RSVP to [stucrimlawsociety@gmail.com](mailto:stucrimlawsociety@gmail.com). Lunch will be provided.

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### PALERMO PROGRAM RECRUITMENT LUNCH & LEARN

On October 5, 2017, Professor **Gary Kravitz**, **Denise Pichardo** (3L), and **Cynthia Rosa** (3L) presented to a group of students the legacy of Judge Peter R. Palermo, gave a history of and talked about the importance of the Palermo Program, and spoke how students can get involved this year. The Palermo

Program is a community partnership that involves regular visits by St. Thomas Law students to the Law Magnet Program at Miami’s Carol City Senior High School.



### PETER T. FAY AMERICAN INN OF COURT

On October 4, 2017, St. Thomas Law hosted the Hon. Peter T. Fay Inn meeting; the first meeting of the 2017-2018 year. Student-members of The Peter T. Fay American Inn of Court enjoyed a presentation about *Privacy, the Fourth Amendment, and the Supreme Court in the Cell Phone Era* by David O. Marcus. The event, was held in downtown Miami,

was well attended by judges, alumni(ae), and local attorneys.

### SPECIAL COUNSEL EDISCOVERY LUNCH & LEARN

On September 26, 2017, Katie Curiel, Esq., Senior eDiscovery Counsel (pictured), and Cherie Brodnax-Eaves (pictured), Placement Director with Special Counsel, presented a Lunch and Learn to STU Law students on the benefits of eDiscovery as a Legal Career; including the Tech side of the Law, Document Review vs. E-Discovery, the big business of E-Discovery, the variety of Legal E-Discovery roles, certifications and available resources.



## UNDERSTANDING EVIDENCE COMPLETELY

For any J.D. student that has taken Evidence or is currently in Evidence, and would like an overview-review of the subject, Professor Friedland is offering an Evidence Workshop. The workshop will meet Saturday, October 14, 2017, from 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the Moot Courtroom. This is a great opportunity for graduating students to get a refresher on Evidence for the Bar and for students currently in Evidence to get a perspective on how to frame the issue for Finals. If you have any questions, please e-mail Assistant Dean John Hernandez at [jhernandez@stu.edu](mailto:jhernandez@stu.edu).

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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Esraa Ismail**, a LL.M. student, accepted a paid Internship with the U.S. Southern Command - Department of the Army in Doral.

**Na'imah Lafferty** (2L) accepted an Internship with Disability Independence Group, Inc., in Miami, specializing in Disability Rights.

**Adrian Lores de la Pena** (3L) accepted a paid position as an HR Manager at StemCell Miami, handling issues relating to labor and employment law.

**Natalie Meruelo** (3L) accepted a highly competitive and exclusive Internship position at Holland & Knight in Miami.

**Manuel Peraza** (3L) accepted a Legal Internship position with the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Trustee Program.

**Kemil Saab** (3L) accepted a paid Law Clerk position with Silverberg| Brito, PLLC. in Miami.

**Isabel Vera** (2L) accepted an Internship with Judge Towbin Singer, 17th Judicial Circuit Court in Broward County, Felony Drug Court in Fort Lauderdale.

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## ALUMNI(AE) NEWS

**Jessica Biedron**, a 2017 graduate, accepted a Law Clerk position with Judge Alan O. Forst of Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeals.

**Jerry Hosey**, a 2015 graduate, Assistant General Counsel at Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation in Tallahassee was accepted into The University of Alabama School of Law's LL.M. in Business Transactions Program.

**Janna Mateo**, a 2017 graduate, accepted a Law Clerk position with Ainsworth & Clancy, PLLC in Miami, specializing in Corporate Law, Commercial Litigation, and Business Immigration.

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## FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor **Marc-Tizoc González** participated in the Biennial Conference of Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory (LatCrit), which was held last week in Orlando. On Thursday, he co-presented on the plenary panel, "What is LatCrit?," at LatCrit's Junior Faculty Development Workshop. On Friday, he

co-facilitated the workshop, “Collaboration as Resistance: How Law Faculty and Local Activists Can Work Together to Fight the Criminalization of Homelessness,” and on Saturday he spoke at the roundtable, “Dystopias, Utopias, and Resistance: ‘Woke’ Fiction and the Era of Trump.” Later that day, he introduced Professor Emerita Angela P. Harris of the University of California, Davis School of Law and Professor Emerita Margaret E. Montoya of the University of New Mexico School of Law, who jointly delivered the Jerome McCristal Culp, Jr. Memorial Lecture. On Sunday, Professor González participated in the inauguration of LatCrit’s Living Justice Institute at Campo Sano, a ten-acre writing and wellness retreat center, and in the annual meeting of the LatCrit board of directors, who re-elected him to another three-year term as a director and secretary of LatCrit, Inc. For more information, see <http://www.latcrit.org>

Professor **Michael Vastine** attended the first two days of the October 2017 term of the U.S. Supreme Court in order to blog for the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) in the cases *Sessions v. Dimaya* (deportability for potentially violent crimes) and *Jennings v. Rodriguez* (prolonged immigration detention); participated in the litigation summit of the American Immigration Counsel; and led a panel *The Most Recent Developments in the Categorical/Modified Categorical Approaches*, at AILA’s Advanced Litigation Conference, in Portland, Oregon.

The Connecticut Supreme Court agreed, in *Jerzy G. v. State of Connecticut*, with the arguments he forwarded in as *amicus curiae* counsel, and established that equal protection demands that Connecticut courts retain jurisdiction in criminal post-conviction (including appellate) Sixth Amendment-related litigation, notwithstanding the physical deportation of the defendant.



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