



St. Thomas Law News

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End of Semester Preparations

Students are reminded that the last day of classes is Monday, November 19, 2018. This semester is rapidly drawing to a close. For all students, but especially for the new 1L students, that means you need to make sure you are now positioning yourself to be prepared and ready for final examinations, which begin November 28, 2018. Students need to remember to complete their outlines, clear up any confusion regarding the concepts covered in class, and review the final examination schedule. Students need to plan ahead. Some upper-level students have examinations on sequential days, with no break in between; structure your study schedule accordingly. "All nighters" do not work in law school; you need to arrive fresh and ready to take on the challenge of a long and complicated examination.

Students in seminar classes need to be in the final stages of those projects. Students need to make sure they are aware of all deadlines, and of their professors' expectations. Any student in a class with a "take home" examination needs to be aware of those deadlines as well.

Graduating students need to make sure they have completed all of the requirements for graduation. This includes submitting the appropriate paperwork to document *pro bono* hours with the Career Development Office. Graduating students also need to conduct an exit interview with Career Development. Finally, all graduates should make sure that they have no outstanding balance or unpaid parking citations due to the University Business Office, nor any materials overdue at the Law Library or Main Library.

St. Thomas Law: Gateway to Great Legal Careers

Tahimi Magrans (2L) accepted a Fall Internship with Judge Adalberto Jordan, United States Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Catherine Perez (3L) accepted a paid Law Clerk position with Geller Tamayo, LLC in Miami, specializing in Personal Injury and Criminal Defense.

Agnieszka Chiapperini, a 2018 graduate, accepted an Associate Attorney position with Fowler White Burnett, P.A. in Fort Lauderdale.

Wilverto Tavaréz, a 2018 graduate, accepted a Compliance position with Barry University in Miami. ❖

If any student needs any guidance or assistance, please come the Registrar's Office counter and find out what might be needed. ❖

Campus Events

- November 17: Alumni Class Anniversary Reunion,
Convocation Hall
- November 19: Law School Finals Mass, Saint Anthony
Chapel @ 12:15 p.m.
- November 19: Last Day of Classes
- November 20- Reading Days
27:
- November 28 Final Exam Period
– December 6:
- November 29: Toys for Tots Reception, Epic Hotel



Preparing for Examinations

Exam taking is a time of high stress and anxiety. Students should get adequate rest before exams.

Students should avoid abusing prescription drugs, pulling “all nighters,” or otherwise incapacitating themselves prior to the start of the exam. To insure the integrity of the exam process, all students are required to abide by the rules and policies concerning the administration of an examination. Go now and review your final exam schedule. Make sure you know when each of the examinations is scheduled for each class. Set up a study schedule. Do not rely on early versions of the exam schedule.

Below are some guidelines and rules for you to follow regarding your upcoming exams. Please note that proctors have been instructed to follow the procedures as set forth herein.

1. Students must **report in a timely** fashion for the examinations. Any tardiness will cause the student to lose time for that exam; excessive tardiness may preclude the student from taking the exam at all.
2. If any student gets sick prior to an examination, he or she should contact the Registrar's Office (305) 623-2358 or email Assistant Dean John Hernandez at jhernandez@stu.edu immediately. Then, the student should go to his or her physician and get documentation. Do not start an exam if you are ill.
3. The time allotted for an examination includes the time to “bubble in” answers on the Scantron Answer sheets. Students must make sure to record their answers on the Scantron answer sheet prior to the expiration of the time allotted for the examination. Students will not be given extra time at the end of the exam to bubble in the Scantron answer key.
4. Students taking exams with Exam4 should report to the rooms **at least 15 minutes** prior to the start time of the classroom. Students must make sure to download the exam **BEFORE** the day of the exam. **If you arrive late to an exam, or did not sign up for Exam4 on time, you must hand-write the examination.**

5. Students using Exam4 must activate and open Exam4 at the **beginning** of the examination. It is the student's responsibility to make sure the clock set on his or her computer has the correct time.
6. Students will be limited to whatever is essential to complete the examination.
7. Students are not allowed to bring book bags, backpacks, purses, or any kind of satchel or bag into the exam rooms.
8. No cell phone, electronic tablet, watch, or other similar device is allowed in the examination room. Student should leave all such devices at home, in their cars, or in the care of some other student who is not taking an examination.
9. Students are limited to one small, quart-size, see through plastic bag ("Ziploc 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 laptop. No other electronic devices are allowed in the examination room.
10. For examinations more than four (4) 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, hard candies, and cannot bring any item that contains peanuts.
11. 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. Students cannot bring large coats into the room.
12. For open book examinations, student may bring in what is designated above and the specifically designated books or notes allowed by the professor. Students will need to have those books and notes in a way they can be carried directly into the room, not in book bags.
13. 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 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, photo copies of that book are not allowed.)
14. Students may leave a testing room only one at a time for rest room breaks, and must sign out and in. If two students taking the same examination attempt to use the same rest room at the same time, the proctor may delay one student from entering the restroom until the other student has exited.
15. Students may not talk or consult with anyone during the administration of an examination. Avoid even the appearance of inappropriate consultation.
16. Proctors have been instructed to continually walk through the rooms and look at students taking the examinations. If you are easily distracted, sit where this will have the least effect on you.
17. Students may use only ear plugs or headphones that are incapable of receiving any kind of transmission. If a student intends to use something other than ear plugs, the device must be approved ahead of time by Assistant Dean Hernandez.
18. Students must turn in all materials at the end of the examination and **place their AGN on all materials**. You are not to put your name or other identifying information on the examination materials. Students should clearly label blue books 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3, etc. (as applicable). Do not, under any circumstances, exit the room with the examination question booklet.

19. The Professor for the class, members of the Registrar's office staff, and members of the Administration may walk in and observe the administration of the examination.
20. Students are not to argue or debate with the proctors. If a student disagrees with a proctor's decision, or has a problem or concern, please ask to see a member of the administration ASAP.
21. Proctors have been instructed to report any activity that appears suspicious to the Administration. The Registrar, Assistant Registrar, Assistant Dean-Fonseca Nader, Associate Dean Dykas, and Assistant Dean Hernandez may investigate any matter that is brought to our attention. Again, avoid the appearance of any impropriety.
22. Students take and use EXAM₄ at their own risk. If a technical problem develops, the student should notify the proctor ASAP and revert to taking the examination by hand. There is insufficient time to resolve technical problems that may arise during an examination.
23. Students must follow the Proctor's instructions at the conclusion of the examination. Students must stop all writing when instructed to do so and submit examination materials in an orderly manner.
24. Please be advised that students are **not permitted to take smoking breaks** during examinations. Breaks are allowed only for use of the restroom, and the student must sign out and in when leaving and entering the room. Any student taking an examination should go nowhere other than the restroom or the examination room.
25. Students taking exams in the Annex (Rooms A-111 and A-112) and CPD-113 in the Center for Professional Development must use the restrooms in the CPD building.
26. If any problem develops after an exam or a student feels like he or she needs to communicate something to the professor about an exam, verify that all of an answer was received or otherwise has some question or needs assistance with regard to an exam, never contact the professor directly prior to grades being posted. Contact Assistant Dean Hernandez at jhernandez@stu.edu.

Any student with a health or dietary issue that 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.

Proctors have been trained and advised that examinations create a lot of anxiety and stress. They have been asked to be sensitive to students concerns. Likewise, students should be aware that proctors have specific, assigned tasks to complete. ❖

Peter T. Fay American Inn of Court

On November 14, 2018, St. Thomas Law's Peter T. Fay American Inn of Court held a student-led panel discussion regarding The Impact of Social Media on the Practice of Law. The panelists were **Ashley-Ann Bryan** (3L), **Andres Duran** (2L), and **Ashley Larkin** (2L). The moderator was **Morgan Levine** (2L). The event was lively and very well attended with nearly 40 judges, attorneys, and students. ❖

Federal Bar Association Luncheon

On November 14, 2018, at the Federal Bar Association Hyatt Luncheon, Amy Howe, Esq., reporter and former editor of SCOTUSblog, now affiliated via "Howe on the Court," discussed cases of interest from the previous and current term of the Supreme Court of the United States, along with insight as to the Court's newest member, Justice Kavanaugh. SCOTUSblog has received the Peabody Award for excellence in electronic media, the first blog to receive such an honor. Last year Ms. Howe given

a “Hard Pass” at the Supreme Court, making her one of only 24 people who have dedicated press credentials at the Court. ❖

Caribbean Bar Association Professionalism Roundtable Discussion

On November 8, 2018, St. Thomas Law hosted the Caribbean Bar Association’s annual Professionalism Roundtable Discussion and Reception where law students, lawyers, and judges met to discuss how to improve professionalism and civility in the profession. The Judges in attendance included Judge **Tarlika Navarro** (Alumna 2010), Judge Mavel Ruiz, and Judge Sarah Zabel. ❖

2018 Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair

St. Thomas Law students, **Diego Sanchez** (3L) and **Stefanie Morse** (3L) attended the Equal Justice Conference and Career Fair in Arlington, Virginia on October 26 and October 27. The Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair is the largest national public interest legal career fair in the country, which consists of prescheduled interviews and table talks (informal networking sessions) with more than 200 different employers from around the country. Notably, Stefanie Morse, applied and was offered the opportunity to interview with three different employers. ❖

Student Achievements

Jaimie Carlson (2L) accepted a Fall Internship with the United States Coast Guard District Seven Legal office in Miami.

Christina Merida (2L) accepted a paid Internship with Robert L. Gardana, P.A. in Miami, specializing in Maritime and Admiralty Law.

Sulany Perez (2L) accepted a paid Law Clerk position with Kelley Kronenberg in Miami, specializing in First and Third Party Insurance Defense.

Joel Walker (3L) accepted a Fall Internship with the Broward County School Board General Counsel in Fort Lauderdale. ❖

Alumni(ae) News

Aileen Falcon, a 2015 graduate, accepted an Associate position with HL Law Group, P.A. in Fort Lauderdale, specializing in Plaintiff’s Insurance Claims, Real Estate and Corporate & Business Law.

Ingrid Lloyds, a 2015 graduate, accepted an In-House Counsel position with National Title and Abstract Company in Miami.

Yamila Lorenzo, 2018 graduates, accepted a Litigation Associate position at Ainsworth & Clancy in Miami.

Keyondra Parrish, a 2016 graduate, accepted an Assistant Public Defender position with The Office of the Public Defender, West Palm Beach. ❖

Faculty Announcements

On October 30, Professor **John Kang** presented a lecture in Kemper Auditorium at Phillips Academy Andover. The lecture was about his book *Oliver Wendell Holmes and Fixations of Manliness*.

Professor **Mark Wolff**’s book *Bretton Woods Institutions & Neoliberalism; Historical Critique of Policies, Structures, and Governance of the International Monetary Funds and the World Bank, with Case Studies*, was published this semester by Pacem in Terris Press 2018.

Professor **Carol Zeiner**'s article, *A Therapeutic Jurisprudence Analysis of Government's Directives on Student to Student Campus Rape*, has been published by the Journal of Law and Education. She has also authored a book review of *A Court of Refuge*, by Judge Ginger Lerner-Wren, that appeared in the September/October issue of The Florida Bar Journal. This book tells the highly engaging story of the first drug court in the United States, which is located in Broward County. ❖



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