



## St. Thomas Law News

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### Accommodations

Students seeking testing accommodations must do so before Friday, February 8, 2019, because the law school needs adequate time to evaluate documentations, work out the specific accommodations, and arrange scheduling. If a student does not submit the request for accommodation prior to February 8, he or she will not be able to receive accommodations on their 2019 spring semester final exams.

Information regarding the type of documentation mandatory to receive accommodations can be found at <https://www.stu.edu/law/students/disability-accommodations.html>

Students who need additional help or guidance with the policies and procedures should contact Assistant Dean **John Hernandez**, at [jhernandez@stu.edu](mailto:jhernandez@stu.edu). ❖

### Campus Events

- January 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- January 23 Know Your Rights as a Consumer, Moot Courtroom @ 12:00 p.m.
- January 23: Judicial Clerkship Informational L& L, Room CPD-113 @ 12:00 p.m.
- January 23 & 24: Clinical Program Informational Session, Moot Courtroom @ 12:00 p.m.

### St. Thomas Law: Gateway to Great Legal Careers

**Gianni Avalos** (1L) accepted an Internship with Miami Entertainment Law Group in Miami Lakes.

**Ashley Larkin** (2L) accepted a Spring Internship with the City of Miami Office of the City Attorney.

**Gladys Orta Rodriguez**, a 2018 graduate, accepted an Associate position with Aronfeld Trial Lawyers in Coral Gables.

**Ismael Tijerino**, a 2018 graduate, accepted an Associate position PereGonza Law Group in Doral. ❖



January 24: Admissions Preview Day @ 9:00 a.m.

January 29: JAG Navy L&L, Room CPD-113 @ 12:00 p.m.

## Announcement of Donor Scholarship Recipients

Jacqueline Alle Scholarship

Thomas Hargis Anderson Law Scholarship

C. Clyde Atkins Memorial Scholarship

Benvenuti-Mulvey Scholarship

Cantens Family Foundation Law Scholarship

Jose Angel Espino Memorial Scholarship

James "Jamie" Harkins Scholarship

David Harvan Legal Scholarship

Richard A. & Jeannette F. Haulsler Scholarship

New Hope Charities Scholarship

Prof. Marvin Klein and Family Law Scholarship

Darryl G. Menzies Memorial Scholarship

Honorable Peter R. Palermo Scholarship

The Patino Family Endowed Scholarship

Rubenstein Law Scholarship for Excellence in Torts

Mary Russomanno Scholarship for Women

George H. Sheldon – Best Food Forward Scholarship

Jose A. Yanez, P.A. Scholarship

Keith Thomson

Nikola Lajic

Shari Linton, Martha Ochoa

Christele Antoine, Tiffany Arias, Gabrielle Bush, Gabriela Espailat, Priscilla Garmendia, Vladislav Grant, Nina Korneva, Cindy Llanes, Bianca Lucien, Stephen Rampaul, and Keith Thomson

Na'imiah Lafferty

Ernesto Rivero

Chelsea Varsaci

Melissa Ramos

David Bixby

Jikky Thankachan

Aaron Coleman

Sameequa Buxton

Donte Grant

Priscilla Garmendia

César Florian, Jennifer Garcia

Gabriela Espailat

Tara McClanahan, Bianca Perry

Layla Nguyen

## Dean Tamara Lawson Honored by Various Bar Associations

On December 13, 2018, a number of bar associations honored **Tamara F. Lawson** for her appointment as Dean of St. Thomas University School of Law. Dean Lawson is the first woman of color to serve in this role. Co-host bar associations included the Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Black Professionals Network, Caribbean Bar Association, Dade County Bar Association, Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association, Haitian Lawyers Association, National Black Prosecutors Association, Russian American Bar Association, and Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association. The event was well attended and took place at the Yuca Lounge in Miami Beach. ❖

## 2L FL Supreme Court Intern addresses STU Law Board of Advisors

Florida Supreme Court Intern and second-year law student **Catherine Yepes** addressed the St. Thomas Law Board of Advisors at their last board meeting, held at Akerman in downtown Miami.

Catherine spoke about her life-changing experience interning for Justice Alan Lawson at Florida's highest court, and the incredible opportunities given to her at St. Thomas Law. ❖

## Honorable Al Jacquet Keynote Speaker at the Haitian American Processionals Coalition



On December 1, 2018, the Honorable **Al Jacquet '07**, elected to the Delray Beach City Commission in 2012 and reelected in 2014, was the keynote speaker at the Haitian American Professionals Coalition 17th Annual Holiday Fundraising & Awards Luncheon. St. Thomas University nursing student Anaelle Auguste received the Student Community Service Award. The Honorable Jacquet currently sits on the Florida House Ways & Means Committee, Careers & Competition Subcommittee, Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, Tourism & Gaming Subcommittee, and Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee. Mr. Jacquet is a 2007 alumnus of St Thomas Law where he served as president of the Student Bar Association. He is a member of the Florida Bar and practices in Personal Injury and Criminal Defense. ❖

## Miami Lakes Bar Association Luncheon

On Friday, November 30, 2018, Assistant Dean **Lourdes Fernandez** had the pleasure of attending the 2019 Miami Lakes Bar Association's Elections luncheon. St. Thomas Law alumna **Janelys Holland '16** was named (by the 2019 Board of Directors) the incoming president. Guest speakers were Miami-Dade County Circuit Court Judges Abby Cynamon and Ivonne Cuesta. The judges shared their insights on evidence and family relocations in divorce proceedings. ❖

## 2018 Toys for Toys/ Miami Alumni Reception

On Thursday, November 29, 2018, St. Thomas Law hosted its 18th annual Marine's Toys for Tots reception and the Miami alumni reunion in the Metropolis Ballroom at the Epic Hotel in downtown Miami. President **David Armstrong**, Dean **Tamara Lawson**, and Assistant Dean **Jorge Cos** addressed the audience. A plethora of toys were donated by the attendees which in turn brought joy to the lives of many children in the community. ❖

## Alumni(ae) News

**Jerry Hosey**, a 2015 graduate, accepted a new position as an Associate Attorney with Derrevere Stevens Black & Cozad in West Palm Beach, specializing in Construction Litigation. Mr. Hosey was previously the Deputy Chief Attorney, Construction with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation in Tallahassee where he was named one of Florida's "outstanding government attorneys" by other Florida Bar members in the 2018 edition of *Florida Trend Legal Elite*.

**Marlin Muller**, a 2017 graduate, is a partner at the Hidalgo Law Firm and was recently inducted into the Florida Veteran's Hall of Fame. Marlin is the youngest person ever to receive this honor.

**Cintha Mendez**, a 2015 graduate, accepted a new position as an Associate Attorney with the Law Office of Andrew Friedman, LLP in New York, specializing in Immigration Law.

**Patrick Mourin**, a 2016 graduate, was recently promoted to Assistant Battalion Fire Support Officer at the U.S. Army in Colorado Springs.

**Danielle Schwabe**, a 2017 graduate, recently accepted an Associate Attorney position with Malek & Moss Legal Group in Delray Beach. ❖

## Faculty Announcements

During the recent meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Professor **Marc-Tizoc González** joined the executive committees of the AALS Sections on Agricultural and Food Law, Civil Rights, and Minority Groups. Also, the Section on Civil Rights elected him to serve as section treasurer, and he continues to serve on the executive committee of the Section on Poverty Law (of which he is a past chair). ❖



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