



St. Thomas Law News

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Professor Pati Delivers Distinguished Lecture on Human Trafficking at the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean in Jamaica

Professor **Roza Pati** presented a Distinguished Lecture at the University of the Commonwealth



Caribbean. In her lecture she focused on human trafficking in the supply chain. The lecture was in response to an

invitation from the Ministry of Justice of Jamaica, the National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons (NATFATIP). Professor Pati also appeared on the Jamaican national television, radio, and was interviewed by several newspapers. *Smile Jamaica* [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) noted: "[Tackling Human Trafficking in the Caribbean with Human Trafficking Expert, Dr. Roza Pati.](#)"

The Gleaner, Jamaica's oldest national newspaper established in 1834, featured Professor Pati under the title "[Gov't Alone Cannot Fight Human Trafficking – Pati.](#)" *The Jamaica Observer* under the title "US Law Professor Urges Multi-National Approach to Fight Human Trafficking," highlighted Professor Pati's lecture at the UCC.

Professor Pati met with dignitaries of the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of National Security: Ms. Sandra Graham, Chair of the National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons Prevention Subcommittee and Director of Corporate Services, with Ms. Diahann Gordon Harrison, Jamaica's National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons as well as with the Head of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Unit, Jamaica Constabulary Force, Deputy Superintendent of Police Mr. Carl Berry.

St. Thomas Law: Gateway to Great Legal Careers

Karina Hidalgo-Gato (3L) accepted an exclusive Spring Internship with the United Nations in New York.

Kathleen Rubio (3L) accepted a Spring Internship as a Certified Legal Intern with the Office of the State Attorney in Broward County.

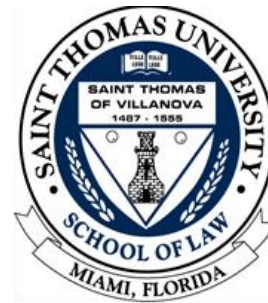
Hector Beason, a 2018 graduate, accepted a State and Local Tax Externship position with Reed Smith, LLP in Washington D.C.

Amanda Rosa, a 2018 graduate, accepted an Attorney position with Silverberg Brito, PLLC in Miami, specializing in Insurance Defense. ❖

In a spirit of future cooperation with academic institutions in our region, Professor Pati had a fruitful meeting with members of the Executive Council of the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean, with the intention, as noted by Dr. Bernadette Warner, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs of the UCC, "to develop a tripartite collaboration for the purpose of curriculum design, development and delivery as well as relevant research," amongst the UCC, the government of Jamaica (NATFATIP) and St. Thomas University's Master of Laws and the Doctorate of the Science of Law in Intercultural Human Rights, and its Human Trafficking Academy. ❖

Campus Events

- February 23: VITA Tax Preparation, Law Library @ 10:00 a.m.
- February 23: Admitted Student Open House @ 9:30 a.m.
- February 26: Civility Matters, American Board of Trial Advocates L & L, Room CPD-113 @ 12:00 p.m.
- February 27: Breezeway Chatter, Cordero Breezeway@ 12:00 p.m.
- February 28: Setting Up for Success, Room CPD-113 @ 12:00 p.m.
- March 1: Commercial Bar Prep Program Deadline



1L Florida Bar Exam Student Registration

If you are a 1L student and you have not yet filed your student registration with the Florida Bar of Bar Examiners, you have a second chance to complete your registration. The second deadline for filing your Florida student bar registration is March 15, 2019. If you meet that deadline, the filing fee is \$350. After March 15, 2019, the filing fee will rise to \$400.

The filing of your application commences the Florida Bar character and fitness process. Early filing gives you the best opportunity to secure an early background clearance, making you eligible to serve as a Certified Legal Intern in your 3L year. Early filing and clearance also will assure that you will be qualified to be sworn in to the Florida Bar promptly after you receive your successful Florida Bar examination results.

If you have any questions about the Bar registration form or process, please contact Assistant Dean Singer at bsinger@stu.edu or Assistant Dean John Hernandez at jhernandez@stu.edu. ❖

Financial Planning Lunch & Learn

On February 14, 2019, St. Thomas Law's Office for Career Development, Financial Aid Office, and AccessLex Institute presented a Workshop on Financial Planning for law students. Mr. Fidel A. Calero, Manager of Education Services for AccessLex taught the attendees how to apply core concepts of personal finance to make confident decisions about money and better achieve their short and long-term goals. Specifically, he spoke about the five elements of a financial plan; how to establish attainable financial goals; and how to apply personal strategies to achieve future financial success. ❖

February 2019 Booher Inn of Court Meeting

St. Thomas Law students, alumnae, faculty, and staff were in attendance at the February 2019 Booher Inn of Court meeting which included **Adrianna Barranco** (2L), **Ruxandra Curticapeanu** (2L), **Natasha Mathurin** (3L), **Aron Gibson** '11, Eric Weisburg '15, Judge John Bowman '87, Adjunct Professor Judge **Michelle Towbin-Singer** and Career Counselor **Laura Varela**. The evening's program on how attorneys can avoid email scams and internet hackers looking to take their clients' private information, was presented by Nova Law School students, faculty and administration. ❖

St. Thomas Law 2019 *Pro Bono* & Public Service Fair

On Thursday, February 7, 2019, in the Law School Breezeway, the Office for Career Development sponsored their annual *Pro Bono* and Public Service Fair. Approximately 50 organizations and 85 guests were on campus. This was a great way for students to learn more about local organizations and about the different *pro bono*, internship, and employment opportunities available. ❖

Student Honors' Organizations Lunch & Learn

We would like to thank all the St. Thomas Law's student honors organizations leaders for presenting at the Lunch and Learn held on January 31, 2019. At this event students learned who and what each organization was; and they learned how to become a member of each prestigious organizations. Whether you want to test your persuasive writing or oral advocacy skills, St. Thomas Law has something for everyone. Be sure to keep an eye out the Spring Informational meetings for Law Review, Moot Court, Trial Team, Intercultural Human Rights Law Review, International Moot Court and the Journal of Complex Litigation. ❖

Alumni(ae) News

William Bortz, a 2014 graduate, recently started his own firm Miami Immigration Law Group, LLC of which he is the Managing Attorney.

Claudia Humphrey, a 2016 graduate, recently accepted a new position as a Coordinator/Manager position with Florida Atlantic University in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice/ Legal Studies in Boca Raton.

Robert Ibarra, a 2017 graduate, recently accepted a new Associate Attorney position with Mario Serralta & Associates in Miami Lakes, specializing in Civil Litigation.

Rachel Leon, a 2016 graduate, is now the Principal Attorney with the Leon Law Firm, P.A. in Miami.

Patrick Mourin, a 2016 graduate, was recently promoted to 1-8IN, Charlie Company, Fire Support Officer with the United States Army in Fort Carson, Colorado.

Gina Sabatino, a 2013 graduate, recently accepted a new Associate Attorney position with Chartwell Law in Miami, specializing in First Party Property Insurance.

Meagan Sanchez, a 2017 graduate, recently accepted a new Associate Attorney position with Rudd & Diamond, P.A. in Hollywood.

Luis Victoria, a 2016 graduate, recently accepted a new Associate Attorney position with Rivera Law Office, P.A. in Miami, specializing in Immigration Law. ❖



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