



St. Thomas Law News

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ABA Scheduled to Visit the School of Law March 25-27

St. Thomas University School of Law is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and 100% in compliance with all ABA standards. As part of the regular, on-going accreditation process the ABA sends inspection teams to each ABA accredited school every 7 years. Since it has been 7 years since our last inspection, an ABA team will be visiting our school on March 25-27, 2019. Associate Dean **Patricia Moore** was asked by Dean **Tamara Lawson** to prepare a lengthy and comprehensive report required by the ABA prior to the inspection. That report has been submitted.

As part of the ABA visit, persons from the ABA team will be coming into almost every class session on March 25 and 26. The ABA visitors typically do not stay the whole class session. Students should expect to see the team members come in, sit for a while to observe the class and then leave. Also as part of the visit, there will be an open student meeting on Monday, March 25, in the Moot Court Room from 5:00 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. All law students are invited to attend and to be part of the process. The ABA visit is an opportunity to highlight all the wonderful things happening on our campus, particularly our student's success. ❖

Campus Events

- February 28: Setting Up for Success, Room CPD-113 @ 12:00 p.m.
- March 1: Commercial Bar Prep Program Deadline

St. Thomas Law: Gateway to Great Legal Careers

Kristen Chirino (3L) accepted a Spring Internship as a Certified Legal Intern with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office.

Sofia Henshaw (3L) accepted a Spring Internship with Judge Barbara Areces, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Circuit Civil Division in Miami.

Danielle DeMahy, a 2018 graduate, accepted an Attorney position with Schlesinger Law Group in Fort Lauderdale, specializing in Personal Injury.

Carlos Torres, a 2018 graduate, accepted an Attorney position with Eduardo Soto P.A. in Miami, specializing in Immigration Law. ❖



- March 2: VITA Tax Preparation, Law Library @ 10:00 a.m.
- March 3: Bar Prep Skills Lecture, A-112 @ 9:00 a.m.
- March 5: FTI Consulting L & L, Room CPD-113,
- March 5 & 6: Graduation Expo Make-up Day
- March 6: Breezeway Chatter, Cordero Breezeway@ 12:00 p.m.
- March 7: Bible in the "Breeze", Cordero Breezeway@ 3:30 p.m.

Bar Prep Skills Lectures by Jonathan Grossman

Bar Exam Expert *Jonathan Grossman* will be presenting a series of lectures reviewing subjects covered on the MBE and discussing strategies to understand and organize materials on the topics. The lectures are designed primarily for students currently taking the Bar Prep Skills I class but the sessions are open to other students who want to attend. All 3L students taking the Bar in July should seriously consider attending to review these materials for the Bar. Even if you have seen the lectures before, one of the key strategies for Bar preparation is repetition. If you are not familiar with Mr. Grossman, you can check out his website at this link: <https://www.whatstheissue.org/>

We will also be bringing in Mr. Grossman for a series of lectures after the spring semester to help graduates prepare for the Bar.

The lectures during the semester are on **Sundays** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in Room A-112 (or the Moot Court Room if the audience size requires). Doughnuts and Coffee will be served.

The dates and topics are:

- March 3** **Federal Constitutional Law**
March 24 **Civil Procedure**
March 31 **Evidence**
April 7 **Real Property ❖**

Scholarship Opportunities for JD Students

Harold "Butch" Gabel III St. Thomas More Award

The Harold "Butch" Gabel III St. Thomas More Award is presented to a second- or third-year J.D. student "who courageously promotes the integration of morality within the fabric of the law." Harold W. "Butch" Gabel III was a second-year law student at St. Thomas Law when he died tragically in a motorcycle accident. He ranked in the top 5% of his class and served as a Dean's Fellow, exemplifying love of the law.

The Award is a competitive merit award, for which students may individually apply for the award, or may be nominated by their peers, or by student organizations. The applicant or nominating individual or organization must convey in an essay how the applicant or nominee fulfills the purpose of the award, as described above. In particular, the following student organizations must be specifically notified about nominating a student from their respective organization: St. Thomas More Society, Law Review, Federalist Society, Phi Delta Phi, and the Student Bar Association. **The award**

is in the amount of \$2,540.00. ***The deadline for the application has been extended to noon, on Monday, March 4, 2019.*** Applications can be submitted by hard copy to Carrol Hartley in the Student Affairs Office or e-mailed to chartley@stu.edu by the deadline set out above. The recipients will be required to attend the Donor Scholarship/Law Day Luncheon on April 2, 2019

Honorable Peter R. Palermo Scholarship

The Honorable Peter R. Palermo Scholarship was been established with proceeds provided by United States Magistrate Judge Peter R. Palermo. Judge Palermo was one of the first United States Magistrate Judges and has been a loyal friend and supporter of St. Thomas University School of Law. **The scholarship is awarded annually to three St. Thomas J.D. students. Each student will receive \$2,000.** This scholarship is awarded to students who show a commitment to the ideals of civility, ethics and professionalism.

To apply students should submit the following information: name, date you entered law school, expected graduation date, current grade point average and undergraduate institution. The applicant should also include a short statement (1 or 2 pages) of how he or she meets and demonstrates a commitment to the ideals of civility, ethics and professionalism. ***The deadline for the application has been extended to noon, on Monday, March 4, 2019.*** Applications can be submitted by hard copy to Carrol Hartley in the Student Affairs Office or e-mailed to chartley@stu.edu by the deadline set out above. The recipients will be required to attend the Donor Scholarship/Law Day Luncheon on April 2, 2019. ❖

Save the Date

The Third District Court of Appeal will hold one of its official session at St. Thomas Law on Monday, **April 8, 2019**, in the Moot Courtroom. This is a rare and exciting opportunity to learn by watching attorneys present oral arguments in real cases before the Court. The Appellate Briefs will be on reserve in the Law Library prior to the Court's visit. ❖

Alumni(ae) News

Claire Bader, a 2016 graduate, recently accepted a new Associate Attorney position with Richard Celler Legal, P.A. in Davie, specializing in Employment Law.

Ashley Carreras-Emeric, a 2017 graduate, recently accepted a new Attorney position with the Florida Department of Children and Families in Miami.

Shane Doolin, a 2016 graduate, recently accepted a new Attorney position with Wicker Smith in Fort Lauderdale, specializing in Civil Litigation, and Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith matters.

Christy Hertz, a 1993 graduate, and **Katie Sager**, a 2011 graduate, recently collaborated and started their own firm (Hertz · Sager), in Coral Gables, specializing in Family Law, Probate, Guardianship Litigation, and Mediation.

Michael Nixon, a 2008 graduate, recently accepted a Staff Counsel position with Heritage Insurance in Pompano Beach.

Bryan Paschal, a 2011 graduate, recently accepted a new Attorney position with Clyde & Co in Miami.

Theresa Savona, a 2009 graduate, was recently promoted to Partner at Cole, Scott & Kissane in Orlando.

Michael Sastre, a 1995 graduate, recently accepted a new position as Partner with Fox Rothschild, LLP in Miami, specializing in Litigation. ❖

Faculty Announcements

Professor **Roy Balleste** has been appointed to the Editorial Committee of the MILAMOS Project. Balleste is the only U.S. member of the Editorial Committee. The Manual on International Law Applicable to Military Uses of Outer Space (MILAMOS) Project is developing a widely-accepted manual clarifying the fundamental rules applicable to the military use of outer space in times of peace and in periods of rising tension. Professor Balleste has been a member of the project since May of 2018. ❖



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