



St. Thomas Law News

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Joint Degree Programs

The faculties of the law school and the university graduate schools work in close collaboration to offer six joint-degree programs: J.D./M.S. in Sports Administration; the J.D./M.B.A. in Sports Administration; the J.D./M.S. in Marriage and Family Counseling; the J.D./M.B.A. in International Business; the J.D./M.B.A. in Accounting; and the J.D./M.A. in Criminal Justice.

These programs offer St. Thomas students the opportunity to complete both the Juris Doctor and a Master's degree in the three years it typically takes to complete the Juris Doctor degree alone. The respective graduate schools and the law school all have agreed to accept credits from courses taken at the other schools, thereby reducing the total number of credits needed for both degrees.

A law student is required to take the entire first year law school curriculum before he or she can begin the joint degree program. Law students will not be given credits for any master level courses taken *before* matriculating into the law school, nor will they be given any credit toward the J.D. for courses taken at colleges other than St. Thomas University.

Any law student who is in good standing at the completion of his or her first year of law school is eligible for admission into any of the joint degree programs. Students must meet all admission requirements for St. Thomas University graduate programs. A law student wishing to matriculate into one of the joint degree programs must file an application for admission with the applicable graduate program prior to the deadline established by the graduate program.

After filing the application, the student must meet with the faculty advisor from the graduate school to which he or she seeks admission. The faculty advisor of the graduate school will ensure the degree program will meet the student's educational objectives, and ensure that the student has the

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Lucas Aisenberg (3L) accepted a Spring Internship with the Catholic Legal Services in Broward.

Mirtha Garcia Alvarez (3L) accepted a Spring Internship as a Certified Legal Intern with the Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office.

Daniel Joseph, a 2018 graduate, accepted a Tax Externship with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck in Washington, DC, one of the top lobbying firms in the United States.

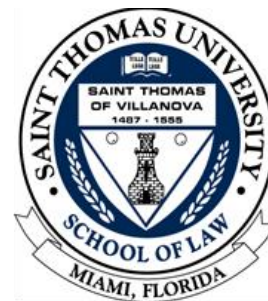
Amanda Rosa, a 2018 graduate, accepted an Associate position with Silverberg | Brito, PLLC in Miami, specializing in Property Insurance. ❖

requisite background and skills in the relevant areas of study to successfully compete in the graduate degree program. Upon approval by the relevant faculty advisor and completion of the first year of law school, the student will be admitted into the joint degree program.

Any law student who desires additional information regarding the joint degree programs should consult with the Graduate Admissions Office in Dooner Hall. The faculty advisor for each of the programs is as follows: M.B.A. and M.S. in Sports Administration, Dr. Ted Abernethy (tabernethy@stu.edu); M.B.A. in International Business, Dr. Raúl Carrillo (rcarrillo@stu.edu); M.B.A. in Accounting, Dr. Craig Reese (creese@stu.edu); M.S. in Marriage and Family Counseling, Dr. Cindy Silitsky (csilitsky@stu.edu); and M.A. in Criminal Justice, Dr. Gary Feinberg (gfeinberg@stu.edu). Law students interested in one of the programs should e-mail and discuss the program with the respective faculty advisor. With regard to the J.D. component of the joint degree programs, please contact Assistant Dean John Hernandez (jhernandez@stu.edu). ❖

Campus Events

- March 7: Voluntary Bar Association Expo., Cordero Breezeway @ 10:30 a.m.
- March 8: Business Card Order Deadline
- March 9: VITA Tax Preparation, Law Library @ 10:00 a.m.
- March 11-15: Spring Break
- March 17-23: President Armstrong's Inauguration
- March 19: Human Dignity Symposium, Moot Courtroom @ 9:00 a.m.



Incoming 2019-2020 St. Thomas Law Review Executive Board

The St. Thomas Law Review would like to announce and congratulate the 2019 – 2020 Executive Board. They are as followed: Editor-in- Chief – **Andrew Bratslavsky**; Managing Editor – **Lauren Cabrera**; Executive Editor – **Jessica Alvarez**; Articles Solicitation Editor – **Jikky Thankachan**; Notes and Comments Editors – **Liaran Aleman** and **Marielys Concepcion**; and Senior Articles Editors – **Carolina del Campo**, **Heidy Gonzalez**, and **Gianni Piantini**. ❖

Business Cards for Law Students

March 8, 2019, is the last opportunity law students will have to purchase business cards during the spring semester. All orders must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 8. Students wishing to purchase business cards must do so by going to <https://go.stu.edu/Law/Careers/Student-Business-Card-Form>, completing the form, and submitting the required payment. If you have questions, please feel free to contact **Lizet Perdomo-Ramirez** at lperdomo-Ramirez@stu.edu. ❖

MAX Student Feedback Session

AccessLex has a great opportunity for students to help provide feedback for the MAX by AccessLex Personal Finance program. They are looking for about 20 students to participate in a 60 minute MAX

feedback session scheduled for **Thursday, March 21, 2019**. For your valued time and feedback student participants will receive a **\$25 gift certificate** for participating (snacks will also be provided). Space is limited; if you are interested, please e-mail Andres Marrero, Director of Law Student Financial Services at amarrero@stu.edu so he can put you on the list, and keep you posted.

If you have not done so already, you are encouraged to **register** for your MAX Online Account at: <https://www.accesslex.org/maxonline>. It is **free**, you have nothing to lose and everything to learn. ❖

Summer 2019 Financial Aid

Students who are currently on financial aid (received federal students loans during the 2018-2019 school year), and not scheduled to graduate this May, will soon be receiving a notification e-mail regarding their **ESTIMATED** summer financial aid awards with instructions on how to go into the Financial Aid Self-Service portal in MyBobcat to accept, reduce, or decline their loans.

IMPORTANT: Students **must** Accept, or Reduce and Accept, their loans via the MyBobcat Self-Service Portal no later than 15 days before the first day of the semester in order to have their loans disbursed and their refunds generated by the University's Student Accounts Office by the first week of school (after the add/drop period).

Estimated awards will be based on the Cost of Attendance (COA) for 6 credits (full-time summer enrollment), and the housing status reported on the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students who accept their full award and enroll in less than 6 credits will have their award reduced to the allowable COA based on the number of credits actually enrolled.

Students wishing to receive financial aid during the summer must be enrolled in a minimum of 3 credits to be eligible for student loans.

Students that did not receive federal student loans during the 2018-2019 school year, and are interested in receiving a federal student loan for the Summer 2019 term, please contact **Andres Marrero**, the Director of Law Student Financial Services, for application instructions. ❖

Moot Court Annual 5K Run/Walk

On Saturday, March 2, 2019, the Moot Court Board hosted its 3rd annual 5K run/walk. Several students, faculty, staff, and their families participated in the 5K run to raise money for the Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS).

CHS is leading the way in developing and delivering solutions that drastically change life trajectories for children and families. They invest in lasting solutions, not short-term fixes. They empower children and families to cross bridges that lead to success. ❖

American Board of Trial Advocates Lunch and Learn

On February 26, 2019, the Office for Career Development hosted a Lunch and Learn with guest speaker Raymond Miller with the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). He discussed civility within the legal practice. There were 12 students in attendance. ❖

Black Law Students Alumni Reception

On February 21, 2019, the Black Law Student Association (BLSA) and the STU Law Alumni Association Department hosted a Black Law Students Alumni Reception at Bobcat Hall. Several students had the opportunity to network with noteworthy alumni from STU Law. Specifically, Judge

Phoebe Francois, class of 1994, and Judge **Lody Jean**, class of 2004 were in attendance and were recognized for their outstanding service within the legal community.❖

Space Law Lunch and Learn

On Wednesday, February 20, 2019, the Office for Career Development, the International Moot Court, and Adjunct Professor **Sylvia Ospina** went out to launch for a Lunch and Learn that was out of this world. A total of 13 students participated in the space launch to explore career possibilities involving space law and space activities.❖

THE INAUGURATION OF

David A. Armstrong, J.D.

10TH PRESIDENT OF ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY

INAUGURAL EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

Sunday Mass

7:00 PM | Chapel of Saint Anthony | St. Thomas University

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

Academic Convocation with Joshua Charles – author, historian, speaker

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM | Evelyn and George Goldbloom Convocation Hall | St. Thomas University

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019

Law Academic Convocation – Intercultural Human Rights Law Review Symposium

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM | Law Moot Courtroom | St. Thomas University

Law Academic Convocation Reception

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM | Law School Breezeway | St. Thomas University

Welcome Dinner

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Margaritaville Hollywood Beach Resort | ~By Invitation Only~

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019

Holy Mass

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM | Chapel of Saint Anthony | St. Thomas University

Post Mass Refreshments

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM | Main Library Breezeway | St. Thomas University

Platform Party & Delegate Staging

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | Fernandez Family Center Ogazon Family Fronton & Athletics Conference Room | St. Thomas University

Installation Ceremony

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Fernandez Family Center Gym | St. Thomas University

Inauguration Reception

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | STU Soccer Field | St. Thomas University

Celebration Soiree

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Margaritaville Hollywood Beach Resort | ~By Invitation Only~

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019

David A. Armstrong Inauguration Student Ball

8:00 PM – 12:00 AM | Fernandez Family Center Gym | St. Thomas University

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019

Presidential Leaders Reception

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Riviera Country Club | ~By Invitation Only~

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019

Bobcat Baseball vs. University of South Carolina Beaufort (Doubleheader)
12:00 PM & 3:00 PM | Paul Demie Mainieri Field | St. Thomas University

Law School Barrister's Ball
7:00 PM - 12:00 AM | The Cruz Building | ~By Invitation Only~

Alumni(ae) News

Bart Armstrong, a 2001 graduate, recently accepted a new position as Program Integrity section Manager with the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Elizabeth Carlin, a 2003 graduate, recently accepted a new Associate Attorney position with Cole, Scott and Kissane, P.A. in Miami.

Michael Dunlavy, a 2012 graduate, recently accepted a new Associate position with the Downs Law Group, P.A. in Miami, specializing in Environmental Toxic torts Law.

Aaron Epstein, a 2007 graduate, recently accepted a new position as Partner with Fox Rothschild, LLP in Miami, specializing in Real Estate Law.

Marbely Hernandez, a 2013 graduate, will be recognized at the Women of Distinction Judicial Reception on March 20, at the Rusty Pelican. She will receive a Rising Star Award for her work at the Office of the State Attorney.

Frances Guasch-De La Guardia, a 1988 graduate, Partner at Holland & Knight was recently elected as President-Elect of the Cuban-American Bar Association, CABA Miami. ❖



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