ST. THOMAS LAW MOCK TRIAL TEAM
PERFORMED WELL IN SAN DIEGO

The St. Thomas Law Mock Trial program has again distinguished itself in a national competition in the prestigious San Diego Defense Lawyers National Mock Trial Competition held October 18-20 in San Diego, California. The St. Thomas Law Mock Trial team, comprised of law students Daniel Garza, Marbely Hernandez, Guy Noa, and Ian Ward, placed fifth of 24 teams from across the country, narrowly missing the semifinals by only a few points. The competition presented a problem in a negligence case, and all team members played important parts. The team was coached by Professor Michael Mayer, Alex Stern, and Madeline Acosta. The St. Thomas Law team finished ahead of teams from schools such as Georgetown University School of Law, American University School of Law, and University of California, Davis School of Law. This strong performance is a tribute to the hard work and intense preparation of team members and coaches alike.

STUDENT'S ARTICLE IS PUBLISHED

Madelyn Rodriguez has written an article, "See No Evil, Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil; Stemming the Tide of No Promo Homo Laws in American Schools," which has been accepted for publication in The Modern American, which is American University's Scholarly Publication, dedicated to diversity and the law. Congratulations, Ms. Rodriguez!

DONOR SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

Descriptions and applications have been emailed out to all J.D. students with regard to the 2012-2013 Donor Scholarships. The deadline for the applications will be November 2, 2012. Donor scholarships are monies donated by alumni and others to provide scholarships to current students. The amounts of the scholarships and the eligibility criteria vary. The amounts are generally between $500 and $2,500 for the school year, and the awards are generally split between the fall and spring semester. In some cases, the award is given entirely in the spring semester. Students are encouraged to apply for any (or all) scholarships that may be applicable. If a student is already receiving the maximum amount of cost of attendance by a combination of loans or scholarships, or both, then receipt of a donor scholarship acts to reduce outstanding debt; otherwise, the scholarship will result in a refund to the student (usually in the spring semester). Decisions regarding recipients are made by a committee, and the recipients will be notified mid-November.
INTERVIEWING AND NETWORKING WORKSHOP

St. Thomas University School of Law Career Services Office in collaboration with the Dade County Bar Student Chapter will be holding an Interview and Networking Workshop on Thursday, October 25, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 102. The workshop will be hosted by Dean Douglas Ray, who will enact common scenarios encountered on the networking scene and will provide ways on how to overcome them.

Please RSVP to Mercedes Pino at mmpino@stu.edu by October 24. Food will be provided.

ST. THOMAS LAW PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

Feeding South Florida needs volunteers to unload, short, and repackage grocery items and produce at Feeding South Florida’s Broward warehouse on Friday, October 26, 2012. This food will be distributed to families in need; there are two shifts available on the October 26, 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

For more information and to sign-up, contact Jennifer Portwood Gordon at jportwood@stu.edu

SAVE THE DATE - VETERAN’S DAY RECEPTION

Dean Ray will be hosting the 3rd Annual Veteran’s Day Reception on Thursday, November 8, 2012. The reception will be held in the Atrium Conference Room from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The reception will honor students, faculty, staff, and alumni who have served in the military. Details for the reception will be announced shortly.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS


Professor Amy Ronner will be speaking at the National Association of Women Judges’ Conference on November 9, 2012, in Miami. Professor Ronner’s presentation is entitled, “So you think you have a Book in you?”

SPECIAL DEAL FOR LAW STUDENTS

In an effort to have the law students gain familiarity with the University Cafeteria, the University Cafeteria is making a special offer just to law students. Law students can enjoy a buy one lunch, get another one free offer for the month of October. A flyer has been e-mailed to all law students. The University Cafeteria is not affiliated with the Law School Café. The University Cafeteria is located in the same building as the University Bookstore.