ST. THOMAS LAW STUDENTS WIN AT LEGAL AID FUNDRAISER COMPETITION

St. Thomas Law second year students Michael Stopek, Felipe Rubio, and Kevin Cudlipp participated in the Dade County Legal Aid fundraiser, the Patently Impossible Project, held at the Miami Science Museum. St. Thomas Law students demonstrated both their talent and their commitment to the community as the winners of the Patently Impossible Project. They competed against teams of patent attorneys, engineers, and a substantial number of Miami-Dade County attorneys. They were the first team to successfully complete a project that involved a paper bag with dozens of tiny parts and a set of complicated instructions for assembling a battery powered paper airplane launcher. Other members of our student and alumni communities also came together to help Legal Aid raise money for the important work it does.

In addition to the first place plaque, our team’s prizes included treatises on appellate practice and U.S. Supreme Court practice. Further demonstrating their commitment to charity, our winners have donated these books to our law library where they will be a valuable resource for our Appellate Advocacy and Moot Court programs.

VETERAN’S RECOGNITION RECEPTION

Veteran’s Day is Sunday, November 11 (celebrated on Monday, November 12, 2012.) St. Thomas Law is hosting a law school reception Thursday evening, November 8, 2012, to honor this holiday. The reception will be held in the Atrium on Thursday, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. All members of the St. Thomas Law community who are on active duty; have a child, parent; spouse; or partner on active duty; serve in the Reserves or the National Guard; are a veteran of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard; are a former member of AmeriCorps, the Public Health Service, the Merchant Marine, or the Peace Corps; are a former Teach for America teacher; or have done similar national service. Invited are encourage to attend. For more information e-mail Keyanna Hartley at khartley@stu.edu.

HURRICANE RELIEF DRIVE

The SBA and student organizations that sponsored the clothing drive to aid the victims of Hurricane Sandy would like to thank St. Thomas Law community members for their generosity. Wednesday, November 7, 2012, is the last day donation will be accepted. Dean Ray said the efforts of the community to
aid victims of Hurricane Sandy “represent what is truly best about this law school, a caring spirit that extends to the broader community.” A winter storm is approaching to further complicate the lives of the thousands left homeless, and your contributions of warm clothing will make a difference.

THE IMMIGRATION CLINIC PRESENTS:
THE CHILDREN LEFT BEHIND
Sonia Nazario is scheduled to speak at St. Thomas Law, on November 8, 2012, at noon in the Moot Courtroom. The Immigration Clinic collaborated with Ms. Nazario in a recent case. Her presentation will focus on the plight and migration sagas of the economic orphans of Central America: children left behind by parents who leave to seek work in the United States.

Ms. Nazario has won numerous national journalism and book awards. In 2003, the Los Angeles Times feature story of a Honduran boy’s struggle, travelling alone from Honduras in order to find his mother in the U.S., entitled "Enrique's Journey," won more than a dozen awards, among them the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing. Expanded into a book, Enrique’s Journey became a national bestseller and won two book awards. She famously painstakingly reported for the book by retracing Enrique’s harrowing journey from Honduras to the U.S., including logging thousands of miles stowed away on the freight train (El Tren de la Muerte) heading north through southern Mexico.

ST. THOMAS LAW PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY
The Catholic Charities Legal Services, Legal Aid Service of Broward County and Broward Lawyers Care, Broward Hispanic Bar Association, Caribbean Bar Association, and Hispanic Unity of Florida are sponsoring Immigration Consultation and Form Preparation for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). This event will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Hispanic Unity of Florida. The Hispanic Unity of Florida is located at 5840 Johnson Street, Hollywood, FL 33021.

Volunteers will be assisting clients to fill out forms and with questions. Spanish and Creole language skills are helpful, but not required. For more information, and to sign-up, contact Melisa Malone (mmalone@legalaid.org)

ALUMNI NEWS
Jorge Delgado, a 2010 alumnus, currently an associate at Kluger Kaplan in Miami, has published the cover article for CABA Briefs, the magazine of the Cuban American Bar Association. In the past few years, Jorge has served as a coach for our Moot Court Team. The article is available at http://share.snacktools.com/5DCE5E6BDC9/fun5ri3k

SPECIAL DEAL FOR LAW STUDENTS
The St. Thomas University Bookstore is offering a special promotional offer featuring $8.00 off of any of the following Wolters Kluwer Study Aids: Emanuel Crunch Time, Emanuel Law in Flash Cards, Glannon Guides, and Siegel’s Series. Students may find these useful as they begin their preparation for finals. Coupons are located in the Law School Student Affairs Office and around the law school, but you do not need the paper coupon to get the discount. You can just mention the discount to the University Bookstore staff. The offer ends December 1, 2012.