Welcome Back

On behalf of the St. Thomas Law Faculty and Administration, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and welcome you back to campus.

Academic Advisement and Assistance

All students who are currently on Academic Probation (with a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.0) should seek academic advisement. You should review page 29 of the student handbook, which explains the consequences of being placed on academic probation. All 1L students are required to have a cumulative grade point average 2.0 or above by the end of the spring term. If you have any questions about the procedure, please contact Assistant Dean John Hernandez at jhernandez@stu.edu.

The first step to improving academic performance should be to meet with your professors and review your examinations. Please e-mail your professors, and find out the procedure the professor uses to review examinations. You should set up a semester plan, working with your professors to improve your performance.

In addition, all 1L students should meet with Assistant Professor Todd Sullivan. He has sent out to all students a form to take to your professors that will help you gain insight as you review your examinations. After reviewing your individual examinations, you should schedule a meeting with Professor Sullivan. He can be contacted at tsullivan@stu.edu.

2L and 3L students in need of academic assistance should contact and meet with Assistant Dean Barbara Singer. Dean Singer can be contacted at bsinger@stu.edu.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2012-2013 DONOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

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The 2013 Florida Law Student Essay Contest topic is “Best Practices to Protect Client Confidentiality With Professionalism When Working With E-Documents.” The essay contest is open to all Florida law students, and the deadline to submit essays is 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2013. For more information about the contest rules and guidelines, please visit www.flayld.org.

Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Foundation is accepting applications. Minority students are encouraged to apply, but all students are eligible. Students must be in good academic standing. Dean John Hernandez sent an e-mail on December 21, 2012 with the application for this scholarship. You can also stop by his office to pick one up. The applications should be mailed to the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Foundation by, 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 1, 2013 (no exceptions). If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Yolanda Pascal at (305) 539-7332.

The Haitian Lawyer Association is accepting scholarship applications for the 2013. Applicants must be students of Haitian descent, be in good academic standing, and submit an official transcript, and a one page personal statement that describes the student’s involvement in the community, financial need and other reasons the student believes he or she is best qualified for the scholarship. Documents should be postmarked no later than January 25, 2013. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, please contact Kertch Conze, the Gala Chair at (954) 342-9044.

The Gay & Lesbian Lawyers Network (GLLN) is sponsoring a $1,200 scholarship essay contest. The contest is open to students currently enrolled at FIU Law, Nova Law Center, St. Thomas Law, and UM Law. The essay theme is “How to Deal With Bullying, or How I Have Learned To Survive As a Sexual Minority”. Essays must be postmarked no later than February 2, 2013.

STU RECOGNIZED FOR 5K MIAMI CHILDREN’S PRO BONO EVENT
St. Thomas Law students partnered with Ferrell & Patel to volunteer at the Annual Miami Children’s Hospital 5K Run/Walk. Students and attorneys worked side by side overseeing the Kids’ Fun Zone, where kids of all ages were dropped off by their parents to race through an oversized bounce house obstacle course. The event raised more than $450,000 for the children and families at Miami Children’s Hospital, more than double the amount raised by the event last year.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND ESSAY CONTEST

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENT
Lissette Eusebio was offered a job with the United States Department of Justice through the Honors Program. She was selected for the Executive Office of Immigration Review branch (EOIR). The primary mission of the (EOIR) is to adjudicate immigration cases by fairly, expeditiously, and uniformly interpreting and administering the Nation’s immigration laws. The DOJ Honor Program is one of the most prestigious and competitive job placement programs in the nation. Congratulation Lissette!