ST. THOMAS LAW NAMED AS ONE OF THE TOP 12 LAW SCHOOLS FOR HISPANICS

The December 2012 edition of The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education listed St. Thomas Law as one of the top 12 law schools for Hispanics. The article mentions our location as a gateway to Latin America and the Caribbean. It also speaks about our vibrant hub of global commercial, financial, and cultural activity that St. Thomas Law utilizes to develop international programs for human rights and environmental issues.

The article noted St. Thomas Law takes pride in the diversity of the student body and has been recognized as having the most diverse student body among accredited law schools. The article also stated the following: “The school promotes the cultural diversity, commitment to professionalism, and small class size that school officials say make studying law at St. Thomas University School of Law a unique and enriching experience.”

SPEND THE SUMMER ABROAD IN SPAIN OR THE NETHERLANDS, OR BOTH

St. Thomas University School of Law and Barry University School of Law are pleased to announce the 18th annual Summer in Spain Program, is scheduled for May 25 through June 25, 2013. The venue is in El Escorial, a beautiful university and visitor-oriented village seated in the foothills of the Guadarrama Mountains, about 45 minutes northwest of Madrid. Transportation into Madrid (and elsewhere) is readily available by bus and train service. El Escorial is one of the Spanish royal sites and functions as a monastery, royal palace, and museum. The monastery is the second largest stone structure in the world and has been the burial site for most of the Spanish kings of the last five centuries. With an elevation of 3,432 feet, El Escorial enjoys a pleasant year-round temperature. Students and faculty stay in a 3-star hotel (managed by Best Western) and enjoy a full buffet breakfast and multi-course mid-day meal as part of the cost of the program. Also included is access to the large community sports facility (with weight room, gym, swimming pools, etc.)

Four 3-credit courses will be offered, two of which may be enrolled in by each of the students in the program. Enrollment is limited. The four courses being offered this year are Comparative Law; Internet Governance Law and Policy; Comparative Immigration Law; and State, Federal, and International Copyright Law.
All courses comply with the standards of the American Bar Association, and the program has been approved by the Accreditation Committee of the ABA Section on Legal Education.

Grades earned in the Summer in Spain courses are factored into the grade point average of St. Thomas law students. The application fee is $75.00. Payment of the application fee secures a place in the program. The cost of the program, including six credits, and room and board (double occupancy) is $5,900.00. Students can get a single room by paying an additional amount of $900.00. Students are eligible to receive financial aid to cover the cost the program, travel to and from Spain, and other necessary expenses.

In addition, or instead of the Summer in Spain program, there is also the opportunity to study for one-week in the Netherlands. The Netherlands Water Law Program is from May 21 through May 24, 2013, in Delft, Netherlands. The program offers a one-credit course on Comparative Water Law. This program cost $1,000 and includes tuition, room, and board. Students taking only the Netherlands component are not eligible for financial aid. However, the Netherlands component can be added to the cost of the Spain program and would in that case be eligible for financial aid.

A booklet with all the information is available online at the St. Thomas Law Website. Hard copies also are available at the Law School Student Affairs Office. The application and payment of the deposit also are processed electronically. Space is limited and filled on a first come-first serve basis. In the past few years, this program filled to capacity, so interested students are encouraged to pay the $75.00 registration fee as soon as possible to secure a position. If you have any questions, see the Program Director, Monsignor Anderson.

**INTERCULTURAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW**

**NAMES NEW MEMBERS**


**FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Professor John Kang moderated a panel and spoke at the AALS meeting on the Socio-Economics Section program.

Professor Lawson was confirmed as Reporter for the new ABA Task Force on Stand Your Ground Laws. The Task Force will be holding hearings across the country to gather expert opinion, assess community awareness and perceptions of equity in the enforcement and application of Stand Your Ground Laws, and gather evidence to assess the impact of such laws.

Professor Lenora Ledwon spoke at the annual Modern Language Association convention in Boston on regarding “The State of Law and Literature.”