NEW INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS TAKING THE MPRE

A new incentive program was created to encourage students to prepare well for the MPR examination. On Saturday, March 16, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., BARBRI is holding a review class at St. Thomas Law. All students taking the April 6 MPRE should plan on attending this class. On Friday, March 22, 2013, from noon to 2:00 p.m., Assist Dean Singer will have a “working lunch” review session to provide additional assistance with the material covered on the examination. Attendance will be taken at both the BARBRI class and Dean Singer’s review session. If you attend both sessions, you will automatically be entered into a drawing to receive a free hotel room for one night when you sit for the full bar examination. The winner will be notified shortly after April 6.

You also should take advantage of the online review programs provided by Themis and Kaplan/PMBR and get all the materials from all of the Bar Preparation Programs. You can speak with the representatives of the three programs in the breezeway to find out how to access their materials.

If you have any questions or areas of confusion regarding the Rules of Professional Responsibility, please e-mail them to Dean Singer at bsinger@stu.edu before 5:00 p.m., on March 20, and she will include them in the review session. If you plan to attend the March 22nd session, please RSVP to Sarah Blacher at sblacher@stu.edu

HARVARD LAW PROFESSOR TO SPEAK AT ST. THOMAS LAW

On, Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at noon, in the Moot Courtroom, Professor Charles Ogletree of Harvard Law School will speak on “The Role of President Obama in Pursuing a Post Racial America.” The Jesse Climenko Professor of Law and Director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard, Professor Ogletree is a nationally known expert and sought after speaker on criminal justice, education, and the impact of race on these systems. He has written several leading books and articles in these fields, served as moderator for several segments of the PBS Ethics in America series, appeared as guest commentator on many national news and political commentary TV programs. A former public defender, he served as NBC legal commentator for the OJ Simpson trial. He has received numerous awards for his public service, his commitment to civil rights, and his commitment to educational opportunity for all. You may be interested to know, too, that both President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama, Esq., were his students at law school and have remained close.
GUIDELINE ON VISITING ANOTHER LAW SCHOOL OR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Students are allowed to visit other law school after they have completed one full year of law school. Interested student must seek permission from the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. In your e-mail to the Assistant Dean, you must provide him the name and address of the school you would like to attend and provide a brief description of the program.

In order to receive permission to visit, you must be in good standing at St. Thomas University School of Law and the University.

The Assistant Dean for Student Affairs will send a letter of good standing on your behalf to the other school giving you permission to visit; he also will send a letter to you detailing the guidelines you must follow while you are visiting the other school.

In order to transfer the credits earned, you must receive a grade of “C” or above (pass/fail is not sufficient) in each of the courses attempted. The credits earned will be recorded on the transcript, but will not be included in the computation of your grade point average. And, you must request that the program transcript be sent directly to the St. Thomas University School of Law Registrar as soon as the program is completed.

ST. THOMAS LAW PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

Lawyers to the Rescue is sponsoring a Legal Clinic on Saturday, March 16, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Camillus House and they need student volunteers. The Camillus House is located at 1603 NW 7th Avenue, Miami, FL 33136.

Lawyers to the Rescue Legal Clinic provides free legal services in the areas of criminal law, family law, immigration law, personal injury and medical malpractice law, disability law, and human rights law to the homeless and underprivileged of Miami and the Camillus House. Student volunteers will be paired with attorneys assisting with client intake and addressing the client’s legal issues. For more information and to sign up, contact Domenick Lazzara dlazzara@aronfeld.com

NATIONAL JEWISH LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION PASSOVER SEDER

The National Jewish Law Students Association cordially invites you to its annual on-campus Passover Seder on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Center for Professional Development (the new law school building, where the career services and alumni relations office are located). The National Jewish Law Student Association would like to thank all of you who in years past have either attended this event or supported it in any way. It looks forward to sharing in this feast with you, and of course welcome your continued support!

If you plan to attend our Passover Seder next week (or would like to make a donation to help with the food costs), please send me an e-mail to vzialberman@stu.edu.

It would like to wish the entire St. Thomas Law community a healthy and holy Passover and Lenten Seasons.