DISTINGUISHED ENTREPRENEUR LECTURE

On Tuesday, March 26, 2013, Alan Becker of the firm Becker & Poliakoff will address the St. Thomas community in the Moot Courtroom from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. His talk is entitled, “There’s Always Room at the Top,” and it promises to be valuable to students from all disciplines, especially business and law. This is a great opportunity to get some pointers from one of the leaders in the Florida legal community.

Alan Becker was elected to the Florida Legislature when he was 26 and served 3 terms in the House of Representatives. He is a founding shareholder of the Law Firm of Becker & Poliakoff. Florida Trend Magazine has recognized Mr. Becker every year since its inception among its legal elite, placing him in the top 2% in his practice areas. He is the author of There’s Always Room at the Top, a book that provides “real world” guidance to people just starting out in the business or legal arena.

ST. THOMAS LAW MOCK TRIAL TEAM CONTINUED SUCCESS

The St. Thomas Law Mock Trial Team has had a very busy and impressive semester. Earlier in the semester Daniel Garza, Lindsay Scott, Mitchell Stone, Rebeca Gayoso, Robert Hatley, Marbely Hernandez, Robert Oglesby, and Nicole Martin competed in the Chester Bedell Mock Trial Competition in Orlando, Florida. They competed against every law school in Florida. One of St. Thomas Law Mock Trial teams, comprised of Daniel Garza, Lindsay Scott, Mitchell Stone, and Nicole Martin, made it all the way the Semi-Finals.

The Mock Trial Team also competed in the AAJ Mock Trial Competition in Miami. Sixteen schools came from the southeast region of the United States for this competition. The St. Thomas Law Mock Trial team was well represented by Daniel Garza, Lindsay Scott, Manuel Fente, and Nicole Martin. All members of the team put on a stellar performance. Lindsay Scott and Daniel Garza advocated against Stetson Law in the finals and earned the St. Thomas Law Mock Trial team the Regional Runner up award.

This past weekend, the Mock Trial Team competed in its last competition of the year at the Nova Closing Argument competition. St. Thomas Law had great results. Starting with the "sweet 16," we had 8 of our students place. In the quarter finals, we had 5 of our students place. In the semi finals, we had 2. In the end, our very own Marbely Hernandez made it all the way to the final round, and was first runner up.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Each year, the Caribbean Bar Association (CBA) awards various Judicial Internship opportunities to law students. In 2013, the CBA plans to award up to two 6-week Judicial Internships pending availability with the South Florida courts. Each recipient of the Judicial Internships will receive a stipend in the amount of $2,000.
To be considered, you must submit an application by Friday, March 29, 2013. You will be interviewed shortly after your application is received. The criteria are the following: Academic Achievement: Each candidate should demonstrate strong academic credentials. Please submit a law school transcript for all law school course work completed (does not have to be an official transcript). Community Involvement: Each candidate also must demonstrate interest in issues affecting the Caribbean-American community.

OBSERVANCE OF PASSOVER

If you are unable to attend class on March 25, (for classes that end after 4:00 pm) and March 26, 2013, due to a good faith observance of Passover, then those absences will not be counted.

In order to have the absence NOT count, you must fill out the attached form, sign it, and turn it in to the Registrar before 5:00 pm on March 25, 2012. Copies of the form also are available at the Registrar’s counter. This does not act as an extension of any paper or project due. With regard to any paper or project due, you will need to coordinate that with the professor and may need to turn it in the day before.

For students taking the Women’s Rights and Rights of the Child class that meets beginning March 25, we will tape the March 25 class for those who need to miss it due to the observance of Passover. You would need to view the tape to make up for the missed class. If you will miss any additional classes and need some accommodation beyond that, please see Professor Wiessner.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Lauren Smith and Sarah Strickland of the Editorial Board of the Intercultural Human Rights Law Review have been invited to present their use of the problem-solving New Haven School of Jurisprudence at the National Conference for Law Reviews on Friday, March 22, 2013. Their presentation will consist of three main points: (1) Defining the New Haven Approach, (2) Developing the New Haven Approach for Member Candidacy and Article Solicitation, and (3) Determining what aspects of the New Haven approach can benefit other journals. Thomas M. Cooley School of Law’s Journal on the National Conference of Law Review’s “Best Practices for Law Journals” Journal will publish their work under the title “The New Haven School of Thought: A Focused Foundation in Article Analysis.”

2013—2014 ST. THOMAS LAW INTERCULTURAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW EXECUTIVE BOARD

The St. Thomas Law Intercultural Human Rights Law Review would like to congratulate the newly elected Executive Board for the 2013-2014 school year. Editor-in-Chief - Amber Bounelis, Managing Editor - Richard Kravets, Symposium & Articles Procurement Editor - Shaun Quinn, Executive Editor - Ulyana Altbregen, and Executive Editor - Loxanne Taylor.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

Professor Leonard D. Pertnoy has completed his article which appears in the Fall 2012 Volume of the St. Thomas Law Review. The article examines domestic violence in same-sex relationships, its prevalence, similarities, and differences to domestic violence in heterosexual relationships, and the issues that those affected by same-sex domestic violence face. Further, the article also focuses on Battered Woman’s Syndrome expert testimony and its role in same-sex domestic violence cases, and how expert testimony must adapt to today’s self-defense cases involving witnesses of same sex violence.