SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR RECENT GRADUATES

St. Thomas Law is offering recent graduates who passed The Florida Bar the opportunity to be sworn in at a ceremony here on campus. The ceremony will take place Wednesday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m. It will be held in the Center for Professional Development, with a reception to follow in the courtyard outside the new building. If you plan on attending, please send an e-mail to Ms. Stephanie Rodriguez at srodriguez3@stu.edu

2013-2014 ST. THOMAS LAW STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

The St. Thomas Law Student Bar Association (SBA) held election and new officers were elected by the student body. The new officers are President—Ulyana Altbregen, Vice President—Nicholas Chotos, Treasurer—Anthony Sarhan, and Secretary—Lorena Duarte. The newly elected rising 3L Senators are: Maria Lopez, Amber Bounelis, Katherine Ore, Pilar Villaverde, and Erica DiAngelo. The rising 2L’s Senators are: Anthony Merrill, Paul Hankin, Elena “Maria” Gil, and Brian Fery.

The students also selected the Outstanding Professors (first year and upper level), and Outstanding Staff Member. Professor Todd Sullivan received the Outstanding First Year Professor Award; Professor Gary Kravitz received the Outstanding Upper Level Faculty Award; and Amar Patel received the Outstanding Staff Member Award. Special congratulations are due to our SBA Leadership and Barristers Ball Committee.

BECOMING A MEMBER-CANDIDATE OF THE ST. THOMAS LAW REVIEW

There are two ways to become a Member-Candidate of the St. Thomas Law Review. Any rising, 2L may either grade-on, or write-on. To grade-on, rising 2L students must be in the top 10% of his or her class at the end of the spring semester and submit a letter of intent to Mickey Budlong. It is highly recommended that students who are unsure as to whether they will be in the top 10% complete the write-on process. To write-on, students must submit a letter of intent and their spring final exam AGN to Mickey Budlong, then complete a Bluebook exam and an assigned closed memo. Please remember that this assignment is to be completed individually without any outside assistance. All information and details concerning the write-on tasks will be accessible through a specific TWEN course beginning May 24, 2013, at 4:30 pm. Remember, whether you plan on grading on or writing on, you MUST submit a letter of intent to Mickey Budlong. The Letters of Intent form can be picked up at the St. Thomas Law Review Office.

All letters of intent as well as Spring Final Exam AGN (for those students writing on) are due to Mickey
Budlong (mbudlong@stu.edu or lawrev@stu.edu) by Friday, April 26, by 4:30 p.m. The closed memo and Bluebook exam, accompanied with detailed instructions, will be released on the TWEN course on Friday, May 24 at 4:30 p.m. Both the closed memo and Bluebook exam are due and are to be submitted via the TWEN course by Friday, June 7, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. Those students who have supplied both the letter of intent and the spring AGN will be sent a password to enable them to register for the TWEN course. This password will be sent via e-mail to the e-mail address given on the letter of intent on May 23, 2013.

MIAMI-DADE FAWL LAW DAY LUNCH

Miami-Dade Florida Association for Women Lawyers is sponsoring Law Day 2013. Adjunct Professor and Judge Milton Hirsch will be the guest speaker at the luncheon. Judge Hirsch will address the audience about Realizing the Dream: Equality for all, commemorating the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King’s unforgettable oration of August 1963.

This event will take place May 1, 2013, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Downtown, 400 SE 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL. One hour of CLE credit will be given. For those interested in attending, please RSVP to Deborah Baker at dbaker@lebfirm.com

There is a cost of $35.00 for law students, first year attorneys, and FAWL members; $40.00 for non FAWL members. If you have questions please e-mail Deborah Baker at the e-mail address listed above.

GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

Baccalaureate Mass
Friday, May 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Chapel of Saint Anthony
16401 NW 37 Ave, Miami Gardens

Commencement Ceremony
Saturday, May 11, 2013, line-up at 8:10 a.m., ceremony starts promptly 9:00 a.m.
Fernandez Family Center for Leadership
16401 NW 37 Avenue, Miami Gardens

Reception
Saturday, May 11, 2013, immediately following ceremony
St. Thomas University School of Law
Cordero Breezeway
16401 NW 37 Avenue, Miami Gardens

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES THAT ARE FULL

If you want to register for a class and no seats are available then you will fill out an override request and submit it to the Registrar’s Counter. You do not request an override directly from the Professor or any Dean. Associate Dean Dykas and Assistant Dean Hernandez will consider all requests. Override requests are not given priority on a first-come-first serve basis. All request will be considered and adjustment made as possible. Students will be advised of the determination on their request.

Students should not rely on an override to get into a required class if there are seats in other sections of that class. Remember that St. Thomas Law has an open registration process. Students can modify their schedules any time up until the end of the drop/add period in a term.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Dean John Hernandez was an invited speaker at a symposium hosted by the St. John’s University Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development held in New York, NY, on April 5, 2013. Assistant Dean Hernandez participated on a panel that addressed “Racial Profiling, Police Accountability, and Individual Rights.” He specifically addressed whether Florida’s “Stand Your Ground” law encourages a form of self-help and vigilantism that facilitates private party racial profiling.

Professor John Kang visited Marquette Law School on Monday, April 15, where he served as a guest lecturer early in the day, and later, presented his book chapter during a Faculty Workshop.