CONGRATULATIONS NEW MOOT COURT MEMBERS

Please join Dean Ray and the Moot Court Executive Board in congratulating the following new members of the Moot Court Team: Kevin Ackerman, Jennifer Baiger, Yasmany Barroso, Judith Bradshaw, Nicholas Chotos, Katlyn Coughlin, Stephen Duane, Christina Fernandez, Houson LaFrance, Tamara Maye, Kirill Mikhaylov, Megan Nguyen, Lianet Rodriguez, Magali Sanders, and Patrick Zurita.

In addition, congratulations are due Kevin Ackerman and Megan Nguyen who represented us well in the Moot Court Finals held during Orientation program last week’s. Both did a wonderful job, and Megan Nguyen was named Best Advocate.

MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR

New first-year students who have not submitted their “Student Update” form should stop by the Registrar’s Office to complete the form as soon as possible. We are required by the ABA to have employment status on record for each student for the academic year. The student Update and Employment Status Forms were part of your orientation packet. Additional copies of the forms are available at the Registrar’s Office.

THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACADEMY

St. Thomas University School of Law’s LL.M./ J.S.D. Program in Intercultural Human Rights developed The Human Trafficking Academy (HTA), a project funded by the Department of Justice, and directed by Dr. Roza Pati, Professor of Law and Executive Director of the LL.M./ J.S.D. program. The HTA is coordinated by alumna-attorney Ana Isabel Vallejo. The project culminated in a two-week program held this past July 16-27 at St. Thomas Law. The program trained and provided technical assistance to law enforcement, lawyers, healthcare providers, teachers, students, researchers, religious institutions, and the community at large on issues related to the crime of trafficking in persons. The speaker for the program was Mr. Scott Santoro, Program Manager, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Blue Campaign, Department of Homeland Security.

Using a multidisciplinary approach, the Academy aimed to provide effective tools to increase the awareness about human trafficking, identify and protect human trafficking victims and develop strategies to prevent and effectively combat this crime. Each week, it targeted a diverse group of professionals involved in anti-trafficking work through sessions tailored for the respective audience.
BAR ADMISSION PROCESS FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

First-year students can begin the bar admission process and pursue clearance for eligibility to participate in the Certified Legal Internship program. To maximize your savings, file your Registrant Bar Application no later than January 15, 2013, and pay the $75 student registration fee. In your third year of law school, you will pay the converter fee, which is currently $600 to convert your student registration. The Registrant Bar Application is available online at www.floridabarexam.org.

DONOR SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AVAILABLE MID SEPTEMBER

Due to the generosity of our alumni and other donors, we have a limited number of donor scholarships available for St. Thomas Law students. The scholarships are listed in the catalog, and the scholarship amounts ranges from $500 to $2,500 for the school year. We will be sending out notifications regarding the scholarships and scholarship applications via e-mail later in the semester. All students who meet the criteria for a scholarship are encouraged to apply.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor Gordon Butler published an article in the Houston Business and Tax Law Journal: The One Fund Solution: "It’s My Money and I Need It Now!" The article evaluates several recent proposed solutions to the current debt crisis, the long term effects of which will be dominated by Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, and suggests that private accounts structured as presented in the One Fund Solution, giving each individual a visible stake in their own future and some control over the use of their money, is a concept that would make everyone a part of the solution to the debt crisis.

Professor John Kang presented a paper on Oliver Wendell Holmes at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, where he also served as a faculty mentor to a junior professor from a different school.

Professor Alfred Light completed a Corporate Sustainability Manager course and comprehensive examination. He received the Certified Sustainability Manager (CSM) certificate from the Everblue Training Institute.

Professor Anthony Musto was elected to the position of Chair-Elect of The Florida Bar Public Interest Law Section. Professor Musto received a commendation from The Florida Bar Legal Needs of Children Committee for “excellent leadership on behalf of children.” He was successful in having the law school selected by the ABA Criminal Justice Section Juvenile Justice Committee as the Florida law school to maintain the Florida portion of the Committee’s Website on collateral consequences of juvenile delinquency adjudications. Professor Musto was selected to write a chapter in an upcoming ABA book on professionalism.

Professor Ira Nathenson was an invited speaker about his innovative teaching methods at two academic conferences. The first, the Law and Society Annual Conference, took place in Honolulu, Hawaii. The second was the Midyear Conference of the Association of American Law Schools for its Workshop on When Technology Disrupts Law in Berkeley, California.

Professor Keith Rizzardi spent his summer writing an article on how the Federal Advisory Committee Act inadvertently inhibits use of social media. He also represented the Town of Palm Beach in negotiations with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection related to beach management regulation and travelled to Hawaii to participate in a panel discussion with national fisheries leaders to discuss the effect of litigation on endangered sea turtles.