ST. THOMAS LAW REVIEW EXECUTIVE BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBER-CANDIDATES

The St. Thomas Law Review 2012-2013 Executive Board of Editors would like to congratulate the following students on becoming Member-Candidates of the St. Thomas Law Review: Ana Maria Arocha, Angelique Romero, Christina Fernandez, Christopher Cooper, Diana Stapp, Edward Armellino, Edward Nazzaro, Ilan Kairy, Invalis Zubiaur, Jasen Hanson, Jennifer Bajger, Jennifer Edgley, Justin Valentini, Kevin Cudlipp, Krista Ogletree, Lee DeForest, Magali Sanders, Melanie Klaskala, Michael Stopek, Nicholas Chotos, Priscilla Zaldívar, Robert Hatley, Stephanie Lopez, Steven Silverberg, Timmy Cox, Tricia Posten, and Vanessa Diaz.

CORE GRAMMAR FOR LAWYERS

If you write good then clients can think you is a smarter attorney. What’s wrong with that sentence? Being able to communicate effectively in a written format is a skill essential to lawyers. Many practicing lawyers recognize their need to improve these skills. The program “Core Grammar for Lawyers” is being marketed successfully to practicing lawyers. Dean Ray has authorized the purchase of “Core Grammar for Lawyers” for all 2L and 3L students. The program requires some knowledge of legal writing techniques, so it is more appropriate for students who have completed the first year legal writing skills courses. The course starts with a timed diagnostic test and then facilitates improvement by providing guided lessons that help each student improve upon areas in which he or she may have weaknesses. St. Thomas Law has created a more formal program for 2L students, administering the diagnostic test in the Professional Responsibility classes. 3L students who want to take advantage of this opportunity to improve can take the test at their convenience.

Core Grammar for Lawyers is a self-directed, online learning tool. It is geared specifically to lawyers (and law students) who, as busy professionals, seek only the “core” information required to excel at a task (without plowing through extraneous explanations). In recognition of a busy lawyer’s demands, this program is geared to provide only the “core grammar” essentials needed to impact and improve written communications. The program will provide St. Thomas Law students with instantaneous data on a personal page. The data also will be available to law school administrators as students work through the program to allow the Law School to improve complementary resources, e.g., academic support, WES, etc. However, there is no grading associated with participation, and students are not in any way penalized or stigmatized for doing poorly. The objective is to provide to you as students a tool employed by professionals to improve writing skills. 3L students who are interested in acquiring the program should come by the Legal Writing Suite and get an access code.
STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ABA INTERNATIONAL FALL MEETING

St. Thomas Law is participating as a Cooperating Entity for the ABA International Fall Meeting in Miami, to be held October 16-20, 2012, at the Fontainebleau Miami Beach. The Fall Meeting attendees will include high-level practitioners with the largest and most respected global law firms; lawyers with the most prominent regional and national firms inside and outside the U.S.; U.S.-based small-firm and solo practitioners with significant international practices; corporate and in-house counsel; lawyers serving in government or with significant international practices; lawyers serving in government or with non-governmental organizations and inter-governmental organizations; and academics. The 2012 Fall Meeting is a “Must-Attend” meeting for lawyers with a practice or interest in international legal issues.

Law students also are invited to attend, and there is a special law student rate available. For more information on the meeting, including an agenda and registration rates, please visit AMBAR.ORG/ILFALL2012

Also, there are opportunities for St. Thomas Law students to volunteer to work at this conference. This is an excellent opportunity to network. Students interested in volunteering should contact Jennifer Portwood-Gordon in the Career Services Office at igordon6@stu.edu.

HOTMAIL E-MAIL ACCOUNTS BANNED AT CALI.ORG WEBSITE

Due to a near-site killing influx of spammers and other internet ne'er-do-wells using Hotmail, the CALI organization had to ban all CALL.org accounts affiliated with a Hotmail e-mail address. Unfortunately, this will cause a number of legitimate registered CALL.org users to be banned from their system. If any student or faculty member has a Hotmail account, you will not be able to log onto the CALL.org Website.

There are two options available for banned Hotmail users. They can (1) send an e-mail to webmaster@CALL.org with their name and a non-Hotmail e-mail address they wish to use with their CALL account. The switch over will have to be done manually, so it is entirely foreseeable that the process may get clogged up. Or (2) create a new account using a non-Hotmail e-mail address. Please note if they do choose this option, they will lose all access to previous lesson run information. They need a valid authorization code from the member institution.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Glassmeyer at feedback=call.org@mail354.us3.mcdlv.net

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

In anticipation of the Supreme Court's hearing of Fisher v. U of Texas, the Cuban American Bar Association has asked Professor John Kang to write an article (a brief article) on affirmative action in colleges. It's available in CABA's magazine, for those interested please visit the following Website: http://share.snacktools.com/5DCE5E6BDC9/funqxl0i

Professor June Mary Makdisi, recently had an article published entitled, Totality and Integrity in American Case Law, 12 The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly 43 (2012).