PROFESSIONALISM DAY SET FOR 1L STUDENTS – SEPTEMBER 19

On Wednesday, September 19, St. Thomas Law will host its first annual “Professionalism Day” for all First Year Students. On that day, regular 1L classes will be suspended and, instead, 1L students will attend a half-day program. The program will include a presentation on the rights, responsibilities, obligations, and opportunities of the legal profession. The program will include an alumni discussion panel a number of St. Thomas Law alumni will return to campus and share their experiences with current students. We also will have a presentation by practitioners who represent other attorneys and law students with fitness and character issues before the Florida Bar. Last, the program will include an expert who will provide some tips on gaining and using life skills to be a more effective and content practitioner. All 2L, 3L, and LL.M. students also are welcome to attend. The program will be held in the Moot Court Room. A complete and detailed schedule will be sent out at a later date.

COMMERCIAL BAR PREPARATION PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO GRADUATES

All St. Thomas Law J.D. graduates are provided a commercial bar preparation program upon graduation. You should start thinking about which Bar Review Program is right for you. As part of the graduation registration process, you will be required to complete a Bar Review Selection Form and submit it to the Registrar’s Office. On this form, you will notify the law school of your Bar Review Program selection, which state bar you will be taking, and when you will be sitting for the Bar Examination.

The bar review programs options available to St. Thomas Law students are the following: (1) BARBRI Complete Bar Review Program, (2) Kaplan Complete Bar Review Program, (3) Themis Complete Bar Review Program, (4) BARBRI Complete Bar Review Program PLUS Kaplan 3 day and 6 day Program, or (5) Themis Complete Bar Review Program PLUS Kaplan 3 day and 6 day Program. All of the programs make materials available to 1ls and 2Ls that allow students to review the types of material used by each program. Signing up to receive those materials from the various representative does not constitute making the election to use that program upon graduation.

If you have any questions about the various programs, representatives from each program are available in the Law School Breezeway, or you may contact a representative via e-mail. For questions in regards to Kaplan, contact Nathan Marshburn at nmarshburn@kaplan.com; for BARBRI, contact Elyse Dubois at elyse.dubois@thomsonreuters.com; and for Themis, contact Nachman Susson at Nachman.Susson@themisbar.com.

Make sure you do your homework and thoroughly research which program will be best suited to your
study needs. Remember each representative is going to try to “sell” you on his or her program. Please note your selection is final upon submission and cannot be changed. Be a wise consumer, and pick the program (or combination, as provided above) that works best for you.

**CLINICAL PRACTICE PROGRAMS INFORMATION SESSIONS**

A Clinical Practice Program Information Session was scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, 2012, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., in Room 201(Atrium). There is an additional session Thursday, September 6, 2012, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., in Room 201(Atrium).

Clinic information sessions provide students with an increased understanding of what each clinic offers and, in turn, what the clinic faculty expect from students. If you are unable to attend an information session, please feel free to contact the clinic faculty or Associate Dean Cece Dykas with any questions you have about their program.

Reminder: Any student wanting to participate in the clinical program for the Spring 2013 semester, the application deadline is next Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

**INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT EXECUTIVE BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

The International Moot Court Board would like to congratulate the following students on becoming members: Jenine Abdeljabber, Carlos Bacarreza, Andrew Barnett, Rosana Gonzalez, Jennifer Kane, Shaundrika Quinn, Katherine Riano, Desiree Staefller-Marchbanks, and Cathleen Ward.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Alexander Dowding, a third-year law student, was awarded the Medal of Excellence in Bankruptcy for his work during the fall 2011 semester. This award was issued by the American Bankruptcy Institute.

**FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Professor Alfred (Fred) Light** was appointment as Membership Vice Chair for the Smart Growth and Green Buildings Committee for the 2012-2013 ABA year. This is a year committee beginning August 2012 and will continue until August 2013.

Professor Light’s article, *Regressing Toward Federal Common Law: The Catalytic Effect of CERCLA’s Private Cause of Action*, part of a Fall 2011 symposium at Southwestern Law School, has been published at 41 Southwestern L. Rev. 661 (2012).

**Professor Carol Zeiner** has been invited to participate in a “by invitation only” Colloquium on Therapeutic Jurisprudence to be held on October 5, 2012.

On September 6, 2012, Samuel C. Ullman, senior tax partner of Bilzen Sumberg Baena Price and Axelrod, and Adjunct Professor at the University of Florida Graduate Program in Taxation, was a guest lectured in Professor Zeiner’s Real Estate Development and Finance class. His lecture addressed the *Choice of Entity for Real Estate Development and Related Ethical Issues for Counsel*. 