THE ROLE OF PROFESSIONALISM IN THE JOB MARKET

On Thursday, September 27, 2012, Judge David Levy, the St. Thomas Law Director of Professionalism, in cooperation with the Career Services Office is hosting a program for all law students. Judge Levy has invited several prominent practitioners (including a former President of the Florida Bar) to discuss how being professional can help you obtain and keep a job in the legal community. The program will be held in Room A-111 from noon to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

Professor Anita L. Allen, the Henry R. Silverman Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, will be speaking on Tuesday, September 25, 2012, at 12 noon in the Moot Court Room. Her speech is entitled “Unpopular Privacy: What Must We Hide?”

Dr. Allen recently served as Deputy Dean for Academic Affairs of the school and is Senior Fellow in the Bioethics Department, School of Medicine. She is a member of President Obama’s Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues. A distinguished scholar of privacy law and practical ethics, Dr. Allen is recognized for her work on confidentiality in medicine, genetics and research, racial justice, and women’s health. She has published five books and more than 110 articles in law and philosophy.

OBSERVANCE OF UPCOMING RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

St. Thomas Law does not “count” absences associated with a good faith observance of a religious holiday. We try to keep track of dates associated with religious holidays and to send out notifications regarding our attendance policy.

This month, we have the following Jewish holidays: Rosh Hashanah, which precludes work from the sunset of September 17 through nightfall of September 18, 2012; and Yom Kippur, which prohibits work from sunset on September 25 through nightfall of September 26, 2012.

For any holiday that begins at sunset, we will not count absences associated with a class that ends after 3:00 p.m. If you will be observing any of these holidays (and accordingly unable to attend class) then you will need to fill out a form. You must submit the form before you will miss the class(es). On the form, you will need to specifically state the date you will miss class, which class(es) you will be missing, and the professor for the class. Forms have been e-mailed out or can be picked up from the Law School Registrar’s counter. You also may mention to your professor that you will be missing class due to the observance of the holiday.
FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Law Library Food and Drink Policy

Professor John Kang recently spoke on a panel in Washington, D.C., on gender stereotypes and the law. Professor Kang’s essay "Manliness’s Paradox" was included in an anthology, *Masculinities and the Law* (NYU Press), which is out in print and available in paperback on Amazon and other outlets.

Professor Roy Balleste has been invited to participate in a “by invitation only” Symposium on Cyber Power by the Air Force Research Institute on October 10, 2012.

Professor Marc-Tizoc González accepted an invitation to present on September 26, 2012, at an event being organized by the Georgia Hispanic Bar Association at Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School regarding the case of Hernandez v. Texas, 347 U.S. 475, 479-80 (1954) (holding that constitutional equal protection applies to persons of Mexican descent, as a separate class distinct from whites, on some other basis than race, as demonstrated by showing the attitude of the community).

Professor Robert Mensel has been invited to be the keynote speaker on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., in the Evelyn & George Goldbloom Convocation Hall at the University, for their Constitution Day.

December Graduation Information

December graduation is scheduled for Saturday, December 15, 2012, at St. Thomas University in the Fernandez Family Center for Leadership and Wellness at 10:00 a.m. The Graduation Mass is schedule for Friday, December 14, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Graduation registration is October 1-5, 2012, in the Registrar’s Office.

Jostens will be on campus to provide graduating seniors an opportunity to order individualized announcements and class rings. Jostens’s individualizes announcements by imprinting graduates’ names on the announcements. For those interested in purchasing announcements or class rings, Jostens will be on campus Tuesday, October 2, 2012, in the Evelyn and George Goldbloom Convocation Hall, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Announcements and class rings may be ordered at any time during the year by accessing Jostens’ Website at www.jostens.com or calling (800) 854-7464.

Pictures of the graduates will be placed in the graduation program. We would like the program to include photographs of the entire graduating class. We will have a photographer on campus taking graduation photos on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, in the Evelyn and George Goldbloom Convocation Hall, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. To help this process run smoothly, there will be a sign up sheet placed on the Student Organization Board, which is located on the bulletin board next to the women’s bathroom and down the hall from the Legal Writing Suite.

LAW LIBRARY FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

Non-alcoholic drinks are permitted in the Library in containers with a lid (travel mugs, sport bottles, and bottles with caps are preferred). Cans, cups, and open bottles are permitted, but great care should be used to prevent spills. Students are allowed to bring in small snacks and cold sandwiches into the library. Acceptable snack foods include chips, nuts, pretzels, cookies, and candy. For your convenience, trash cans are located throughout the library. Please make sure all trash is placed in the nearest receptacle. Hot foods (McDonald’s, Pizza, Pollo Tropical, etc.) are prohibited in the library at all times. Before entering the Library, please dispose of all such items in the receptacle OUTSIDE the Library. Because of the potential for serious damage, anyone violating this rule will be required to leave the Law Library. In the case of any doubt, the Law Library staff has ultimate authority in deciding whether an item in question violates this policy.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor John Kang recently spoke on a panel in Washington, D.C., on gender stereotypes and the law. Professor Kang’s essay "Manliness’s Paradox" was included in an anthology, *Masculinities and the Law* (NYU Press), which is out in print and available in paperback on Amazon and other outlets.

Professor Roy Balleste has been invited to participate in a “by invitation only” Symposium on Cyber Power by the Air Force Research Institute on October 10, 2012.

Professor Marc-Tizoc González accepted an invitation to present on September 26, 2012, at an event being organized by the Georgia Hispanic Bar Association at Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School regarding the case of Hernandez v. Texas, 347 U.S. 475, 479-80 (1954) (holding that constitutional equal protection applies to persons of Mexican descent, as a separate class distinct from whites, on some other basis than race, as demonstrated by showing the attitude of the community).

Professor Robert Mensel has been invited to be the keynote speaker on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., in the Evelyn & George Goldbloom Convocation Hall at the University, for their Constitution Day.