NEW HONOR CODE ADOPTED

On September 18, 2012, the St. Thomas Law faculty approved a new Honor Code. The new Honor Code can be found on the St. Thomas Law Website by clicking on “Current Students” and then looking for “Honor Code” under the “Resources” column. The new Honor Code replaces the previous “Code of Academic Integrity” and is applicable beginning September 18, 2012.

The new Honor Code simplifies some procedures and allows for a more streamlined and efficient handling of potential claims of impropriety. It still maintains procedural safeguards for any student accused of violative behavior. Behaviors that can give rise to an alleged violation include: cheating, plagiarism, misconduct involving library materials, misrepresentations as well as a number of other described behaviors, and “any act that reflects adversely upon the students fitness to practice law.” It also specifically provides that students must disclose to the administration an accusation of the violation of the law. The new Honor Code was created by referencing similar documents at many other law schools across the country and is consistent with the school’s obligation to ensure that our students possess adequate fitness and character for admission to the bar.

The Honor Code is applicable to all St. Thomas Law students. Students are encouraged to review the Honor Code and familiarize themselves with its content. Assistant Dean John F. Hernandez will provide a brief overview of the new Honor Code and be available to answer questions at the Student Bar Association meeting on November 6, 2012, at noon in Room A-112. All St. Thomas Law students are invited to attend.

THE IMMIGRATION CLINIC PRESENTS:
The Children Left Behind

Sonia Nazario is scheduled to speak at St. Thomas Law, on November 8, 2012, at noon in the Moot Courtroom. The Immigration Clinic collaborated with Ms. Nazario in a recent case. Her presentation will focus on the plight and migration sagas of the economic orphans of Central America: children left behind by parents who leave to seek work in the United States.

Ms. Nazario has won numerous national journalism and book awards. In 2003, the Los Angeles Times feature story of a Honduran boy’s struggle, travelling alone from Honduras in order to find his mother in the U.S., entitled “Enrique’s Journey,” won more than a dozen awards, among them the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing. Expanded into a book, Enrique’s Journey became a national bestseller and won two book awards. She famously painstakingly reported for the book by retracing Enrique’s harrowing
journey from Honduras to the U.S., including logging thousands of miles stowed away on the freight trains (El Tren de la Muerte) heading north through southern Mexico.

Sonia has spent twenty years reporting and writing about social issues. Her stories have tackled some of this country’s most intractable problems: hunger, drug addiction, immigration.

Ms. Nazario grew up in Kansas and in Argentina, has written extensively from Latin America and about Latinos in the United States. She began her career at the Wall Street Journal, where she reported from four bureaus: New York, Atlanta, Miami, and Los Angeles. In 1993, she joined the Los Angeles Times.

**FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On September 27, 2012, **Professor Roza Pati** offered training on how to address human trafficking for labor and services at the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office. The training focused on “The Investigation and Prosecution of Human Trafficking.” Professor Pati discussed issues of identification, investigation, and prosecution of various forms of labor trafficking present in various industries throughout the State of Florida.

Professor Pati was a Visiting Professor at the Romanian-American University, School of Law, in Bucharest this summer; students took her intensive course “Human Trafficking as Modern-Day Slavery: The Law on the Books and the Law in Action.” The Rectorate of the Romanian-American University awarded her with a “Diploma of Special Academic Merit,” with this inscription: “in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the promotion of the international transfer of knowledge between educational institutions.”

**Dean Douglas Ray**, with Professors Corbett (LSU) and Cameron (Southwestern), recently published the 2012-2013 edition of *Labor-Management Relations: Strikes, Lockouts, and Boycotts* (West 2012) This 867-page labor law treatise provides an extensive treatment of the legal issues arising from the use of strikes, lockouts, boycotts, and other concerted activities in the private sector. It is a resource for lawyers, union officials, and industrial relations officers engaged in or planning for labor disputes and for all wishing to learn the role played by these tools of confrontation in the settlement and resolution of labor disputes.