ENVIRONMENT JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY eJOURNAL

The Environmental Justice and Sustainability LL.M. program has a new eJournal called the Environmental Justice and Sustainability eJournal.

The editors of the eJournal are Alfred R. Light, Professor of Law and Director, Graduate Program in Environmental Sustainability, St. Thomas University School of Law, and Randall S. Abate, Associate Professor of Law, Florida A&M University College of Law.

This eJournal distributes working and accepted paper abstracts that examine cross-cutting, interdisciplinary approaches to policies and programs that support sustainability: reducing the risks to our national security, improving our economic efficiency and productivity, enhancing our health and communities, creating jobs, improving the lives of the poorest among us, and fostering greater human well-being throughout the world. Environmental justice refers to those cultural norms and values, rules, regulations, behaviors, policies and decisions to support sustainable communities, where people can interact with confidence that their environment is safe, nurturing, and protective. It frequently emphasizes distributive justice, that is the equitable distribution of the burdens resulting from environmentally threatening activities or the environmental benefits of government and private programs. The principle of environmental sustainability encompasses adaptive ecosystem management, that actions to correct environmental problems must simultaneously be actions that reduce uncertainty in the future, allowing correction of our uncertain course in the future.

Law Review are forums for discourse on the state of the law. They serve both to allow for an examination of the current state of the law as well as a forum to propose change and modification.

The addition of this new eJournal, along with existing St. Thomas Law Review and the Intercultural Human Rights Law Review increases the visibility of STU law in the academic, judicial and practitioner communities.

We congratulate Professor Light and his team for the new LL.M in Environmental Sustainability on creating a 21st century forum that will explore the topic addressed in the new program.

If you are interested in viewing papers from the Environmental Justice and Sustainability eJournal you may do so by visiting http://ssrn.com/link/Environmental-Justice-Sustainability.html.

THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

Florida’s Third District Court of Appeal (DCA) will convene and hear cases in the Moot Courtroom at St. Thomas University on April 12, 2011. There are two sessions scheduled for that day, the early session is from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. and the late session is from 10:00 a.m. until noon. This is a rare and exciting opportunity to learn by watching attorneys present oral arguments on real cases before the Court. Case summaries will be provided at a later date, along with the oral argument calendar. Full appellate briefs will also be on Law Library Reserve at that time.

This is always an exciting day for St Thomas students, so please plan to attend. Students who finish class at 10:00 a.m. may enter the Moot Courtroom quietly. As a matter of courtesy to the court and to the visiting attorneys, please try and minimize your entering and leaving during the Court’s session. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Thanks for your cooperation and hope to see you there.
CARREER SERVICES NEW OFFICE HOURS

The Career Service Office has modified their office hours. On Tuesday and Thursday the office will remain open an additional hour and half. The change will help the Career Services Office meet their primary goal to provide students with the tools and skills needed to launch successful job searches that will lead to a fulfilling legal careers. The new office hours are Monday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SBA EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Student Bar Association at STU law recently held elections and new officers were elected by the student body. The new officers are: President Elect, Jennifer Pena, Vice-President Elect, Joe Hunt, Treasurer Elect, Stacy Wohar, and Secretary Elect, Jackie Bowden.

The officers and the SBA will begin working immediately and thru the 2011-2012 school year to represent the interest of STU law students and to work with the faculty and administration of STU law to continue the growth and progress of STU law.

DONOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the following donor scholarships. Congratulation to all donor recipients.

The Crouch-Kielsgard Human Right Scholarship this scholarship is for a graduate student pursing an LL.M degree in Intercultural Human Rights; this scholarship is intended to advance the student’s ability to protect human dignity and promote human rights and social justice. The recipient of this scholarship is Hayat Ahmed.

Harold W. “Butch” Gabel III St. Thomas More Award this award is presented to a second or third year student “who courageously promotes the integration of morality within the fabric of the law.” This scholarship was awarded to Kerry Nierenberg.

Arya Laghaie Indigenous Peoples’ Right was established in memory of Arya Laghaie who tragically lost his life in a hit a run accident while volunteering with indigenous people. This scholarship seeks people that are providing services to indigenous communities and advocating for indigenous peoples’ rights. The recipient of this scholarship is Leyla Nikjoy.

The Djurisic Scholarship “Voice for Justice and Democracy” scholarship is awarded based upon the applicant’s demonstrated commitment to the principles of justice and democracy. This commitment shall be determined based upon the applicant’s efforts prior to attending the LL.M. program as well as his or her involvement during his LL.M. studies. The recipients of this scholarship are Henok Gabisa and Anamari Jimenez.

Siegfried Wiessner Intercultural Human Rights Essay Award is presented to three students in the LL.M. in Intercultural Human Rights program who have produced the most meritorious scholarly essay on issues relating to human rights, using the intellectual framework of policy-oriented jurisprudence. The recipients of this scholarship are Hayat Ahmed, Henok Gabisa, and Kamil Sebesta.

Professor Mark J. Wolff Tax Scholarship this is a merit and need-based award given to students that demonstrate excellence in and dedication to research and practice in tax law. This scholarship was award to Samantha Levokove.

NEW 2011-2012 LAW REVIEW EXECUTIVE BOARD

We are pleased to announce that the St. Thomas Law Review has selected the executive board for the 2011-2012 school year. The new executive board is:

Editor-in-Chief Kyle Teal Managing Editor Andrew Abel Executive Editor Lissette Gonzalez
Senior Articles Editors Robert Cloutier, Janelly Garcia, Lauren Kearney;
Articles Solicitation Editor Adam Friedman; Notes and Comments Editor Bethany Carlson, Shannon Healy

We congratulate these new officers.