Guidance for Summer & Fall 2011 Registration

Registration for the Summer and Fall 2011 terms will begin the week of April 11. Here are some guidelines you should keep in mind when you begin to register for classes. Except for students in one of the joint degree programs or students in their last semester who have otherwise met the “Residency Requirement,” all students are required to take at least 12 J.D. credits (and can take no more than 9 credits in the summer and 18 credits in the fall). Students in the joint degree programs can take no more than a total of 12 credits in the summer and 21 credits in the fall (including both J.D. classes and Master classes).

Except for students admitted into one of the joint degree programs, all Fall 2010 entrants are required to take Appellate Advocacy, Constitutional Law I, Criminal Law, and Professional Responsibility in the Fall 2011 term (unless they take one or more of those courses in the summer term). All Fall 2010 entrants are required to take at least 14 total credits. Students in one of the joint degree programs must take Appellate Advocacy and Constitutional Law I in the Fall 2011 (unless they take one of these courses in the summer).

Students register online by logging on to “My Bobcat” and then going to “Web Advisor.” Students must register during their assigned time or otherwise wait until the open registration session that follows the designated registration times. Any student with an outstanding balance of $1,000 or more is blocked from registration and cannot register until he or she reduces his or her balance below $1,000. Students with outstanding balances should be working now with B.A.S.I.C. and the Business Office to make sure they will be cleared for Registration.

Some classes will reach capacity during the regular registration session. No overrides or exceptions are provided during the regular registration session. Students needing to take a particular class should attempt to register for another section of the class (even if the time is less convenient). If a student needs a particular class to graduate and that class is full then the student will have to seek an override from the professor of the class and Dean Dykas during the Drop/Add period. Any student registering for an “Independent Research Project” to satisfy the senior writing requirement must use an “add” form and have the professor sign off on the form and add the one credit of independent research. Remember that schedules can be modified or changed anytime up until the end of the Drop/Add period.

Students planning to take the Florida Bar should consider taking some (or all) of the following courses as electives: Sales, Remedies, Family Law, Florida Constitutional Law, and Florida Practice.

Students needing academic advisement or assistance should contact Assistant Dean Hernandez or Assistant Dean Singer, and schedule an appointment.

St. Thomas Trial Team wins first place in the Florida Bar’s Chester Bedell Competition

St. Thomas University School of Law took first place in the Trial Lawyers Section’s 2011 Chester Bedell Mock Trial Competition in Orlando. Ten Florida law schools, with two teams each, participated in this trial advocacy competition dealing with a wrongful death action.

Members of the first place team included William McHugh, Joey McCall, Lincoln Atten, Bryan Paschal, and Jennifer Pena. Also representing STU law were Thomas Mirigliano, Christine Louissaint, Vladimir Larios, and Ramon Crego. Judge David M. Gersten and Judge Rosa Figarola, along with Michael Mayer, Kimberly Kanoff, and Tara Kawass coached the St. Thomas teams.
WHEN POLITICS AND LAW COLLIDE:
A Symposium on the Interplay of Ethical Standards in the Public Arena

St. Thomas University School of Law, The Center for Ethics of St. Thomas University, Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, and the Daily Business Review are co-hosting a symposium on the Interplay of Ethical Standards in the Public Arena.

This event will take place Friday, April 15, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (registration/breakfast at 8:30 a.m.) at St. Thomas University School of Law, 16401 N.W. 37th Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33054. The keynote speaker is Bob Butterworth, the former Attorney General of Florida and former Dean of St. Thomas University School of Law.

The following topics will be discussed at the symposium: (1) South Florida's Climate of Corruption: Better Weather Ahead; (2) What Hat Do I Have on Today? Lawyers, Lobbyists, and Elected Officials; (3) Judges and Other Politicians: Learning from Each Other; (4) The Appearance of Impropriety: Undermining the Confidence of the Public.

The cost of the symposium is $40 in advance, $50 at the door, and $20 for students. Please go to www.stu.edu/ethics to register and pay for the symposium. A light breakfast and lunch is included in the cost of the symposium. If you attend this symposium, you can earn CLE credits.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact Cathy Hayes at 305-623-2324.

NEW POLICY REGARDING EAR PLUGS

The Law Library will now provide one set of permanent ear plugs to students beginning, Thursday, March 31, 2011. Rather than distributing disposable ear plugs continually, the library will provide a one-time permanent set. The Smart-Fit Reusable Earplugs includes a case and will be available for pick up from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may pick up your set at the Circulation Desk. You will have to sign for your pair of ear plugs. Please keep your ear plugs in a secure location because you will receive only one set for the entire time you are a law student.

Proctors from the Office of the Registrar will provide disposable earplugs to students immediately before each final.

BAR STUDY AND LOAN CONSOLIDATION INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Please join The Admission Office and Career Services on Thursday, April 14, 2011, for a bar study and loan consolidation informational session. This event will take place in the Computer classroom from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending the informational session, please e-mail Mercedes Pino at mmpino@stu.edu. Pizza and soda will be served.

PAX ROMANA INTERN PARTICIPATES IN WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

Nazish Ahmad (2L), an intern for the Pax Romana Internship at the United Nations, participated in commemorating World Interfaith Harmony Week. The Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations hosted this event. At the interfaith breakfast, Nazish had the honor of meeting HRH Prince Zeid Ra’ad Zeid Al Hussein, the Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations. The Prince introduced the resolution, which inspired the World Interfaith Harmony Week.

The World Interfaith Harmony Week is based on the pioneering work of The Word Initiative. This initiative, which started in 2007, called for Muslim and Christian leaders to engage in a dialogue based on two common fundamental religious Commandments: Love of God, and Love of the Neighbour, without nevertheless compromising any of their own religious tenets. The World Interfaith Harmony Week extends the Two Commandments by adding ‘Love of the Good, and Love of the Neighbour.’ This formula includes all people of goodwill. It includes those of other faiths and those with no faith.