STU SCHOOL OF LAW NATIONALLY RANKED BY PRINCETON REVIEW

In the most recent rankings just released by the Princeton Review, Saint Thomas University School of Law was ranked in the top 10 of The Best 172 Law Schools in two of eleven categories. STU law school was ranked fourth in the country for “Best Quality of Life” and third in the country for “Best Atmosphere for Minority Students.” The Princeton Review describes STU law school as “a highly-regarded student-centered law school where diversity is cherished, [and] a commitment to human rights and international law flourishes….” It further stated that “[o]ne of the greatest strengths of [STU law] school is the profound sense of community shared by students, faculty, and administration.”

The rankings are based on a survey of over 18,000 law students at 172 law schools. We are pleased these objective rankings substantiate what many of the students, faculty, and administration already know: STU law school delivers a quality education in a supportive environment.

NEW FACULTY PUBLICATION

Professor Richard Maloy has published Remedies, Their Procedures & Cases, with Vandeplas Publishing. This book provides a very up to date treatment of the subject and includes several 2010 cases from around the country.

CABA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Jorge L. Fors, Jr., is the St. Thomas University School of Law recipient of the 2010-2011 Cuban American Bar Association Scholarship. Congratulations, Jorge!

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

Professor Sherry F. Colb, Professor of Law and Charles Evans Hughes Scholar at Cornell Law School, will be speaking on Thursday, October 21, 2010, at 12 noon in the Moot Court Room. Professor Colb is the second of four speakers in the law school’s annual Distinguished Speaker Series.

Professor Colb will give a lecture about the parallels and divisions between the pro-life movement and the animal rights movement. In particular, she will discuss the status of legislative reforms in both movements.

INTERCULTURAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM

St. Thomas University’s Intercultural Human Rights Law Review is proud to present its annual symposium entitled “Human Rights Aftershocks: Haiti” to be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing throughout the day on November 5, 2010, in the Moot Courtroom. Students have the option of attending the entire event or just the panels they are most interested in.

A thorough discussion on the human rights issues surrounding Haiti since the tragic January 12, 2010, earthquake will be the focal point of this event. The conference also will shed light on Haiti’s history of shortcomings in governance and its extreme poverty.

For more information on this exceptional event on Haiti or to register for the symposium, please contact Colleen Kerins at ckerins@stu.edu or the Intercultural Human Rights Law Review at ihrlawreview@stu.edu.
GRADUATION PHOTOS
The graduation photographer will be back on campus for those December graduates who did not get photographed. The photographer will be on campus Saturday, October 16, 2010, in the Bobcat Hall of Fame (across from main cafeteria), from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. To help this process run smoothly, there is a sign up sheet 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. December graduates should sign up for a sitting time. Pictures of our graduates will be placed in the graduation program.

In order to have your photograph appear in the program, you must have your photo taken at this time. The law school will pay the sitting fee for each student so there is no cost to you. If you are interested in purchasing pictures, you will have the opportunity to do so. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carrol Hartley at (305) 623-2301 or stop by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

GUIDANCE FOR SPRING 2011 REGISTRATION
Registration for the Spring 2011 term will begin in early November. 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 18 credits).

Fall 2010 entrants are required to take Civil Procedure II, Contracts II, Torts II, Property II, and Advanced Legal Research and Writing. Fall 2010 entrants remain in their same section and are automatically registered by the Registrar.

All other students are provided a registration date and time. 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. Fall 2009 entrants are required to take Constitutional Law II. Spring 2010 Entrants are required to take Criminal Law, Constitutional Law II, and Appellate Advocacy.

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 on taking 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.

DEADLINES

DONOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Applications or nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. November 5, 2010.

PRO BONO
December graduates must turn in completed Pro Bono hours by November 29, 2010.

FLORIDA BAR EXAMINATION
Deadline: Postmarked on or before November 15, 2010
Late Fee: December 15, 2010
For additional information, go to www.floridabarexam.org