All Students and Faculty are invited to attend!
St. Mary’s University School of Law
Center for Terrorism Law

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES PROGRAM

Presents

BRIAN MARCUS
Director of Internet Monitoring for Anti-Defamation League
Cyberterrorism: How Terrorists Use the Internet

Tuesday, September 21, 2004
Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Alumni Room
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm (pizza will be served)

This specific program event is presented in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League and the Community Council of the Jewish Federation

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Delta Theta Phi elections for the remaining 2004-2005 officer positions will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2004. Please check the organization bulletin board for more information, including officer nomination forms, voting times, and locations.
Professor Placido Gomez’ law review article *The Struggle Against Unwarranted Uniformity: The Evolution of the Federal Sentencing Departures Based On Extraordinary Family Circumstances - The Case of Low-Level Drug Offenders* was recently cited in *United States v. Davis*, a case out of the Northern District of Illinois. The case involved sentencing Kim Davis, a 34 year-old single mother of five who had pled guilty to Conspiracy to Possess With Intent To Distribute in Excess of One Kilogram of PCP. Gomez’ article argues that courts should consider downward departures and alternatives to incarceration when sentencing low-level drug offenders with unusual family responsibilities. Professor Gomez indicates that the article has been cited by numerous federal courts to support downward departures from the federal sentencing guidelines in cases involving drug offenders. The evidence in *United States v. Davis* showed that Ms. Davis was involved in an “extremely abusive and destructive” relationship with a man 20 years her senior who “forced Davis to sell drugs by beating her and threatening to leave her and her children if she refused.” The court used Professor Gomez’ article to support a downward departure from the 70 - 87 month sentence prescribed by the federal sentencing guidelines.

Assistant Professor Jeffrey Addicott presented a formal lecture to over 250 senior military officers at the United States Air Force War College, Montgomery, Alabama. The lecture took place on September 13, 2004. After the lecture, he provided separate instruction blocks at three seminars. As the Director of the Center for Terrorism Law, the lecture was on his latest law review article entitled: *Into the Star Chamber: Does the United States Engage in the Use of Torture or Other Similar Illegal Practices in the War on Terror?* 92 Kentucky Law Journal 4 (2003-2004).

**PRO BONO FAIR**

The Pro Bono Fair is scheduled for **Saturday, September 25, 2004**, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the law library’s alumni room. The Fair is intended to provide law students with an opportunity to volunteer with a public interest law organization in order to secure the 50 hours necessary to earn a pro bono certificate. The organizations attending include: Catholic Charities, Immigration Department; Texas Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights; Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund; Jane’s Due Process; Texas RioGrande Legal Aid; Battered Women’s Shelter, Legal Services Department; Texas Attorney General’s Office, Consumer Protection Division; Attorney General’s Office, Child Support Division; and the San Antonio Community Law Center. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Law students should bring copies of their resume and submit them with the organizations they are interested in volunteering with. Students are encouraged to meet with each organization’s lawyer, inquire about the type of law the attorneys practice, and find out what type of legal work they would be doing as a volunteer. After reviewing the resumes, each
organization will select a student or students to volunteer. The organization will call the student to make the student an offer for a volunteer position. If the student accepts then the organization and student plan a volunteer work schedule. Should students have any questions please call Joaquin Amaya, Director of the Public Interest Law Program, at 431-5765.

FLU VACCINE

The Student Health Center will offer the flu vaccine to all law students, staff, and faculty. **Friday, September 24, 2004** - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Raba Building Lobby

Cost will be $10.00 for students (may be billed to student account) and $15.00 for staff and faculty (cash or check). The cost will be $20.00 at the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. You may get more information about the flu vaccine by visiting the following website: [http://www.immunize.org/vis/2flu.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/vis/2flu.pdf).

WRITING COMPETITION

The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) is sponsoring a student writing competition on Legal Medicine. Every year the American College of Legal Medicine presents a $1,000 award in each of the following categories, for the outstanding original paper on legal medicine: The Schwartz Award (to a medical student) and The Letourneau Award (to a law student). For applicant criteria, format, content, and judging guidelines, please stop by room 105 in the Law Administration building. Deadline is **January 5, 2005**.

The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) is sponsoring a student writing competition in Bioethics. First prize is $1,000, second prize is $500 and third prize is $250. In addition, the ACLM will pay the costs of travel and lodging for the winner of the first prize to present his or her paper at the ACLM Annual Meeting, March 5, 2005, in San Diego, California. Travel and lodging arrangement will be made by the ACLM. For applicant criteria, format, content, and judging guidelines, please stop by room 105 in the Law Administration building. Deadline is **January 5, 2005**.
Time For The Annual Courthouse Tour and Judicial Reception
An event essential for Bexar County lawyers

The 17th Annual Courthouse Tour and Judicial Reception have been scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2004.

The Courthouse Tour has become an essential seminar for young lawyers beginning their practice in Bexar County. Lawyers and law students are encouraged to participate and benefit from instruction on the practical aspects of courthouse procedure. Attendees will receive insight into litigation practice from judges and/or experienced lawyers. A useful course book will also be provided.

The Courthouse Tour will take place from 1:30-5:30 P.M. It begins in the Presiding District Courtroom, Room 218 of the Bexar County Courthouse and concludes in 4th Court of Appeals Courtroom. The topics will include the Bexar County presiding and monitoring system, motion practice, local appellate practices, the district clerk’s office, probate courts, criminal courts, dispute resolution, and more.

This year’s speakers include: Judge Andy Mireles, Bexar County District Clerk, Margaret Montemayor, Ms. Sandra Hackard from the Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center, Judge Polly Jackson Spencer, Judge Irene Rios, Judge David J. Rodriguez, Judge Raymond Angelini and a panel discussion by the Fourth Court of Appeals.

The cost of the Courthouse Tour will be $25.00 per person or $20.00 for law students, with approval for 4 hours of CLE credit anticipated.

The Courthouse Tour will be followed by the Judicial Reception beginning at 5:30 P.M. at Club Giraud, where judges, lawyers and law students can enjoy hors d’oeuvres, a light buffet, cold beverages and conversation between the judiciary, bar and students.

Tickets for the Judicial Reception can be purchased for $25.00 in advance or $30.00 at the door.

This year, Bryan Lopez, 354-4300 and Sylvia C. Huckabay, 253-7170, will chair the Courthouse Tour & the Judicial Reception Committee.

Both events have been very successful in the past and are expected to be well attended this year. It is recommended that you promptly make your reservations. If you have attended these events in the past, SAYLA asks that you relay the news of these events to the newer lawyers in your office to promote attendance.

We look forward to a great turnout and successful events.

Please complete the registration form below and return to Sylvia C. Huckabay, Langley & Banack, Incorporated, 745 E. Mulberry, #900, San Antonio, Texas 78212, along with your check made payable to SAYLA, for an individual event or both the Courthouse Tour and Judicial Reception.

2004 Courthouse Tour/Judicial Reception
Registration Form

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