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Texas Bar Bootcamp

On **Saturday, February 23, 2013**, the Office of Academic and Student Affairs will be holding a Bar Bootcamp. Topics covered in this workshop include:

- Overview of the Texas Bar Exam
- The Multistate Performance Test
- The Procedure and Evidence Exam
- The Multistate Bar Exam
- The Texas Essay Exam
- Multiple Choice Exam Tips
- Writing Tips
- Exam Taking Tips/Strategies

The workshop will be held in **LCB 104** from **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided. A minimum enrollment of 10 students is needed. To register, contact Office of Academic and Student Affairs at 210.431.4340 or email academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu.

Texas Bar Exam Multiple Choice Workshop

Learn how to apply your knowledge the way the MBE portion of the bar exam will test it. You will get:

1. General overview with strategy on how to approach questions
2. Three-hour live lecture covering the most heavily-tested MBE topics
3. Question-based review with practice questions and answer explanations

Date: Saturday, March 2, 2013  
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided  
Location: Law Classroom Building, Room 104  
Tuition: $25.00. The first 45 students to enroll will pay only $15.00

To enroll or for more information, please contact Patricia Solano at academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu or 210.431.4340.

PANEL DISCUSSION - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

San Antonio College is hosting a panel discussion on the Law and African-Americans in celebration of **Black History Month**. The theme is “The Continuing Viability of the Notion of Uniqueness of Perspective, Value of Diversity, and Facing the Challenges of the Future.”
roundtable discussion topics are:

- The extent of diversity and minority participation in the law and its viability as a continuing value;
- The extent to which this perspective continues to be valued and/or threatened;
- The extent to which race is or is not a factor in the legal work that African-American and other minority groups engage in daily;
- Opportunities available to students considering attending law school and pursuing a career in the law, in both the private and public sphere;
- Barriers and opportunities facing the minority lawyer considering a career in the law;
- Recommendations for the student aspiring to attend law school and pursue a career in the law.

The event will also be broadcast and streamed live:

Title: Local African American Judges and Attorneys
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013
Time: 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. CST
Duration: 1:45:00
Link: http://sacms.alamo.edu/mediasite/Viewer/?peid=81c217eed4944c52905628f0377c5dd01d

The event is open to the public. Please call San Antonio College, Department of Criminal Justice for parking directions. Seating is limited (Nursing & Allied Health Complex NAHC 218 A & B: W. Evergreen and Howard Street). For additional information call 496-1313 or 486-0989.

INTERESTED IN HANDS-ON, REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE FOR COURSE CREDIT?

Sponsored by the St. Mary’s Center for Legal and Social Justice, Clinic and Practice Credit Program students and alumni share how these courses were instrumental in preparing them for the demands of law practice.

Come find out why the ABA Standards Review Committee says that students in these courses “develop problem-solving skills, learn to exercise critical judgment, and enhance analytical thinking as they bring substantive law to bear on practice experience.”

If you are interested in a hands-on, real life experiences practicing law, and want to learn more about applying to our programs, we hope to see you there!

Experiential Learning Panel
When: Thursday, February 21, 2013
Where: Law Administration Building Atrium
Time: 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
Lunch will be served!

For questions, please contact Nicole Monsibais at nmonsibais@stmarytx.edu

**LUNCH AT THE CLSJ**

Stop by for lunch and information at the Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) on **Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 12:00 p.m.** Current clinical students come lunch with your colleagues, faculty and staff. Feel free to bring an interest new (non-clinic) law student friend with you.

**FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION PROGRAM AND NETWORKING EVENT**

Come meet our federal judges!

The San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and St. Mary’s University School of Law is pleased to welcome two distinguished alumnus to campus on Thursday, February 28, 2013. The Honorable David Ezra (J.D. ’72’), Senior United States District Judge, and the Honorable Craig Gargotta, United States Bankruptcy Judge (J.D. ’89’), will be speaking at St. Mary’s University School of Law’s Alumni Room from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. with a free catered reception to follow from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Judge Ezra, who was confirmed as a United States Federal District Judge in 1987, recently joined the San Antonio Division of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, where he presides over both criminal and civil cases. Before joining the Western District of Texas, Judge Ezra earned the distinction of being the longest serving federal judge in Hawaii’s history. Judge Gargotta was named a United States Bankruptcy Judge in 2010, and now presides in San Antonio. Recently appointed United States Magistrate Henry Bemporad, who previously served as Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Texas, will also be in attendance at this event.

This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about the federal judicial system. Both judges are excited to share their legal experiences and words of advice to students interested in pursuing a federal legal career. Students are also invited to attend the free catered reception immediately after the conclusion of the talk to meet the judges and other distinguished members of San Antonio’s federal legal community. We hope to see you there.

**EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND WRITING ASSISTANCE AT THE CENTER FOR TERRORISM LAW**

This Spring semester the Center for Terrorism Law will offer a variety of educational seminars that will be open to all interested law students. Seminars will cover the gamut of national security and international law topics: ranging from discussions of the Fellows' research projects to informational sessions on careers in the national security and international law fields, and including everything in between. Seminars will be approximately **one hour long**, and will be announced in
future editions of the WITAN.

Fellows at the Center for Terrorism Law are holding "open hours" for all interested law students who would like some assistance with research, writing and citing, especially in the areas of national security and international law. No appointment necessary - just come by the Center for Terrorism Law Classroom at 102 Raba (near Computer Services) between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Mondays or 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law in Raba for more details on either of these programs. We hope to see you!

**DEFENSE COUNSEL OF SAN ANTONIO - STUDENT CHAPTER**

Defense Counsel of San Antonio (DCSA) Student Chapter is a new organization on campus looking for members. The Student Chapter of DCSA aims to get students involved with members of the local bar and bench. The DCSA will host a **reception for Judges**, on campus in the Alumni Room on February 26, 2013 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. where the judges will lead a panel discussion followed by a reception and students will be able to engage with local attorneys and the judges. Additionally, DCSA Student Chapter will be implementing a **mentorship program** between member attorneys and students, where the attorneys will take students to hearings and introduce them to the judges. Dues for the semester will be $15. If you are interested in membership or have questions, please email DCSAStudentChapter@gmail.com or contact the officers directly: Brandon Strey (bstrey@gmail.com), Alexa Smith (asmith33@mail.stmarytx.edu), or Gregg Gillian (Gregg_Gillian@yahoo.com).

**INFORMATION SESSION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Director General of the U.S. Department of State will be speaking at St. Mary’s University about her career and experience which will be followed by an open Q&A. Please join us on Thursday, February 28, 2013, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the University Center, Conference Room A. Light hors d’oeuvres and refreshments will be served from 12:00 - 12:15 p.m. Don’t miss out on this rare opportunity to speak with the Director General of the U.S. Department of State. Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops.

**CALLING ALL RUNNERS AND WALKERS**

The Military Law Association (MLA) will host its third annual Long Mile 5K/10K on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. The race will begin and end at the Alumni Athletic & Convocation Center on campus. The course will be a scenic and safe jaunt through campus, and will stay open until the last participant crosses the finish line. The event is open to the public, and will be family friendly, so please invite your friends and family to participate. Walkers are welcome in the 5K event. The race is the MLA's main fundraiser to benefit the Fisher Houses in San Antonio.
three Fisher Houses offer a home-away-from-home for families whose loved ones are receiving treatment at a military hospital. The MLA is also looking for volunteers to staff the race and cheer on our participants. Race registration is now open on active.com, and volunteer sign up is available on the MLA TWEN page. For additional information, please contact Matt Blyth at matt.blyth@gmail.com or Lisa Germano at lisabeth.germano@gmail.com.

**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED - “WOMEN IN LAW”**

Do you know a female St. Mary’s University School of Law student with strong leadership qualities? If so, nominate her for the **Alma L. Lopez “Women in Law” Student Leadership Award**. Nominations are due by 12:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 6, 2013** in the Law Ministry Office, Raba Building, Room 105. Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a student. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. No self-nominations will be accepted. The award recipient and all nominees will be recognized at a reception for the Fourth Court of Appeals, following oral arguments on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Contact Sister Grace Walle, FMI at gwalle@stmarytx.edu or 210.436.3063.

**COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS INTERNSHIP**

A **summer internship** with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the **Court of Criminal Appeals** in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2013. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should send a résumé and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive two pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed two years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The deadline for applications is **12 noon on Thursday, March 21, 2012**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

**TOP 10% OF FIRST YEAR STUDENTS TO RECIEVE INVITATION TO JOIN THE LAW JOURNAL**

On January 28, 2013, the faculty approved amendments to the bylaws of the **St. Mary’s Law Journal**, which are effective immediately.

There are now two ways to become a Staff Writer on the **Law Journal**: (1) the Grade-On Selection Process and (2) the Write-On Competition.
Grade-On Selection Process. Juris doctorate students who earn a place on the Dean’s List (calculated as the top ten percent of each section) at the end of their first semester of study will be invited to become Staff Writers on the *Law Journal* without the necessity of participating in the Write-On Competition. Invitations will be distributed by the Editor in Chief in hardcopy or electronic format during the Spring semester no later than April 1, and must be accepted by invitees in hardcopy or electronic format by a date set by the Editor in Chief.

Write-On Competition Selection Process. Students who do not Grade-On to the *Law Journal* may become Staff Writers by participating in the Write-On competition at the conclusion of the spring semester.

A student who accepts an invitation to become a Staff Writer will not become a Staff Writer until the student has completed the required courses listed in the bylaws and has satisfied Staff Writer Orientation requirements. Orientation occurs only once each year, normally in August.

Details about the Staff Writer selection process may be found in Part V of the *St. Mary’s Law Journal* bylaws, which are posted on the website.

**CAREER SERVICES WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU**

How may we better serve you? Please take this brief online survey to let us know. [https://law-stmarytx-csm.1sympli.com/surveys/2013OCSStudentSurvey](https://law-stmarytx-csm.1sympli.com/surveys/2013OCSStudentSurvey).

**SAVE THE DATE - SPRING JOB FAIRS**

Mark your calendar for the below Spring Job Fairs:

- **Austin Legal Job Fair in Austin** – February 22, 2013
- El Paso Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day in Corpus Christi – March 8, 2013
- Houston Legal Job Fair in Houston – March 15, 2013
- Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg – March 22, 2013

If you are interested in the Public Service Career Day, El Paso, Midland/Odessa and Valley Job Fairs, please go to [https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/](https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/) to register.

The Metroplex, Austin, Corpus and Houston Job Fairs will be handled through St. Mary's Symplicity at [https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/](https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/).

**OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS**

- **February 25, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Criminal Prosecution:** Professor Schmolesky
March 4, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Estate and Probate: Barrett Shipp, Esq.
March 4, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Public Interest: Professor Kauffman
March 18, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Family Law: Associate Dean Ana Novoa
March 25, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Criminal Defense: Clinical Professor Stephanie Stevens

To sign up for a slot, email Anndria Flores at aflores11@stmarytx.edu. All slots are on a first come first serve basis. A wait list will be created after the slots are filled and more sessions will be added as needed.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

Alternative Careers Panel
Wednesday, February 20, 2013
12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Atrium, Law Administration Building
Lunch will be served.
Come and meet attorneys who have chosen to use their law degree in an alternative way and learn about various careers you can do with a law degree.

WLA and BCWBA Speed Networking Event
Thursday, February 21, 2013
4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room
Refreshments will be served.
The Women’s Law Association, Bexar County Women’s Bar Association and the OCS present Speed-Networking. You’ve heard of speed-dating? Join us for a fun evening of networking and building connections with attorneys. Business attire is a must as you will meet attorneys from many different areas of practice. Come and take advantage of the opportunity to mix and mingle with essential contacts. In order to attend this event you must RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops. Space is limited, sign-up now. This event is open to all students. The first hour from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. will be speed networking. The second hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. will be a networking reception.

Solo Practice Academy: Cost Effective Legal Research for Solo Practitioners
Monday, February 25, 2013
4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Law Library Room 217
Refreshments will be served.
This is the second session of our Solo Practice Academy series. It will go through Cost Effective Legal Research techniques for solo practitioners who do not have full and unlimited access to Westlaw and Lexis in their practices.
**Patent Law Information Session**  
Wednesday, February 27, 2013  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room  
Lunch will be served.  
The OCS and the Technology and Intellectual Property Student Group are sponsoring this session. Practicing Law Institute’s (PLI) Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course, Mark Dighton, will be visiting our campus from New York City to discuss the patent bar exam and considerations for taking the exam as well as some information about the patent career field. Topics for discussion include:

- The latest info on the Patent Bar Exam  
- Who is eligible to take the exam  
- How it works, now that it's on computer  
- When you should take it (you don't need to…and probably shouldn't…wait until you graduate)  
- How and when the new Rules’ changes coming out of the Patent Office will impact the Exam  
- Recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam  
- Scholarships to PLI’s other IP programs will also be discussed

**Solo Practice Academy: Setting Up a Virtual Office and Growing Your Practice with Social Media**  
Monday, March 4, 2013  
4:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room  
Refreshments will be served.  
Ralph Perez, a St. Mary’s Law Alum who owns a bankruptcy firm in Corpus Christi will talk about how to set up a virtual office and how to effectively use social media to market your firm and grown your client base.

**What do Transactional Lawyers do?**  
Wednesday, March 6, 2013  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room  
Lunch will be served.  
Attorneys who have a transactional practice do very different work than litigators. Come hear from attorneys from a variety of practices including transactional lawyers in big firms, small firms, in-house counsel, and government about what their jobs are like. The panel will be moderated by Leslie Hyman a partner at Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen & Benson, LLP.

**CLINIC APPLICANTS FOR SUMMER/FALL/SPRING 2013-14**

Couldn’t make it to the Clinic Information Sessions but still want to apply to the Clinical Education Programs? Check out our TWEN page “Clinic Applicants for Summer/Fall/Spring 2013-2014” For questions, please call Marisa Santos at 210.431.5703 or email
Applications are now being considered on a rolling basis. For more information on the clinical programs please visit the Center for Legal and Social Justice Clinic website at http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=centerForLegalAndSocialJustice.

MINISTRY SERVICES

Liturgy and Eucharist Celebrations are held at Chapel of Assumption as follows:

M/W/F – 12:15 p.m.
T/Thu – 12:30 p.m.
Sunday – 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The American Bar Association can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you for your career. Join the American Bar Association Law Student Division today to start building your professional network. Join now for the special law student rate of just $25 a year at www.ambar.org/JoinFor1 or $60 for three years at www.ambar.org/JoinFor3.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible study classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

NOISE LEVEL

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum. Your fellow students thank you!

EVENT SET-UPS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Work Order requests for event set-ups for student organizations should be submitted 10-days in advance to Ofilia Rodarte, Dean’s Office, orodarte@stmarytx.edu. Please note this is a St. Mary’s University Housekeeping Division policy. This advance notice allows the Housekeeping Division to appropriately schedule staff, set-up, and breakdown of your event. Work Orders received after this deadline will be accommodated when possible, however not guaranteed.
IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM 2013

The Scholar: St. Mary’s Law Review on Race and Social Justice, cordially invite all to the Immigration Symposium on Friday, 5th of April 2013. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. Our goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students.

Speakers:

Benjamin T. Greer
“Human Trafficking: T-Visas and Ethical Concerns”

Rosemary Vega, Tausk & Vega Attorneys at Law
“Crime and Immigration: An Overview”

Nancy Shivers, Shivers & Shivers
Immigration and Nationality Law
“Naturalization Perils and Opportunities”

Professor Bill Ong Hing, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis School of Law
“Prosecutorial Discretion”

Roberto Balli, Board Certified Criminal Defense Attorney
“The Sentencing of Crimmigrants”

Johanna KP Dennis, Associate Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center
“Imputing Parental Immigration Status and Residency for Undocumented Immigrant Children”

Professor Aaron S. Haas, Dir. of Citizenship and Immigration Clinical Program
Washington and Lee University School of Law
“Marginalization of Religious Persecution in U.S. Asylum Laws”

Joe Martinez Jr., Special Agent
U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
“ICE Audits: What Employers Must Do To Comply and be Prepared”

David R. Walding, The Bernardo Kohler Center
“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status”

POC: Claudia Balli, Symposium Editor claudiavballi@yahoo.com or Francisca Parra @ lawscholar@stmarytx.edu
ST. MARY’S LAW JOURNAL DISTINGUISHED COMMENTS

The Editorial Board of the *St. Mary's Law Journal* is proud to recognize the following distinguished Comments:

**Publication In the *St. Mary's Law Journal***

*Water Can Be for Drinking Again: Economic and Collaborative Solutions to a Texas Water Fight*
— Aaron Culp

*The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act: An Attractive but Risky Alternative to Texas Trade Secret Law*
— Paul Hanna

*Deep in the Heart of Texas: How Carbon Sequestration Will Affect Valuation of the Subsurface*
— Sarah Ann Lishman

*Texas Legislative Implications of Minors Accused of Sexting*
— Mallory Myers

*Power Play: An Examination of Texas’s Anti-SLAPP Statute and Its Protection of Free Speech and Citizen Participation Through Accelerated Dismissal*
— Dena Richardson

**Publication In the *St. Mary’s Journal On Legal Malpractice & Ethics***

*Social Media and Online Legal Speed Dating? In Theory Yes, In Practice Maybe Not*
— Paige Thomas

*The Limited Power of the Bar to Protect Its Monopoly*
— Zach Zurek

**Credit With Honors***

*Confluence of International Security Law and Refugee Law in Turkey’s Response to the Syrian Refugee Emergency*
— Elizabeth Germano

*Facebook in the Courtroom: A Guide to Introducing Social Media As Evidence*
— Rebecca Gorham

*Life without Parole for Juvenile Homicide Offenders*
— Sidney Mandella

Please join us in congratulating these Staff Writers for their excellent work!
WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

The 2013 Bert W. Levit Essay Contest, sponsored by the Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability of the American Bar Association is now accepting entries. The winner will be awarded a prize of $5,000. Postmark deadline for entries is February 22, 2013. For more information or to enroll, please visit http://bit.ly/Levit2013.

The National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL) is pleased to announce that it is offering up to five scholarships to law school students to attend its 2013 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar is designed for attorneys and other professionals seeking a basic knowledge of municipal bond law and related municipal finance issues. The seminar will be held April 17-19, 2013 at the Swissotel Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. The 2013 seminar brochure and details will be available on the NABL website (www.nabl.org) in early February. Click here to view the 2012 seminar brochure. Please take a few minutes to review the application and seminar information. Completed applications are due no later than February 28, 2013. For specific questions please contact Linda Wyman, NABL Chief Operating Officer at (202) 503-3300.

NEW - The Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas is offering a $2000 scholarship to a deserving second or third year law student pursuing the study of Aviation and Space Law. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2013.

The National Law Review (NLR) is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR 2013 Law Student Writing Competition. Suggested topic is Labor Law. Submission deadline is Monday, March 4, 2013. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition.

NEW - American Bar Association Affordable Housing and Community Development writing Competition. Entry deadline is March 8, 2013. Prize is $1,000. For more information, please go to http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/affordable_housing/2013_ah_writing_competition_guidelines.authcheckdam.pdf.

The law firm of Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C. is proud to offer eight (8) scholarships to deserving law school students who author winning essays on either the cerebral palsy or car accident topics. Awards can be used for tuition, supplies, or other school related expenses. A short essay is required and must be submitted by March 15, 2013. More details about the scholarship can be found at www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/.

The Texas Energy Council and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to $2,500 in various disciplines. For more information, please go to http://www.txenergycouncil.org/miscfiles/TEC%20scholarship%20instructions%202013.pdf.
Deadline to enter is March 22, 2013.

The Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School announces its 2nd annual writing competition. The topic for this year’s writing competition is “The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws.” First place will award $3,000, second place $1,000 and third place $500. Submissions are due on or before March 25, 2013. For further information please visit: http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition.

The Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2013 Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition. Awards include one grand prize of $3,000 and two honorable mentions, each $1,000. Topics may include any aspect of tax law. Submit papers by email to aberkow@jmls.edu by Sunday, March 31, 2013.

NEW - Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation Scholarship is offering several scholarships to law students. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2013.

NEW - Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Law Student Writing Competition. Prize is $1,500 and airfare/lodging to attend the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2013. Please visit http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IL504000.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship. One full scholarship to attend the Sovereignty Symposium will be offered in her memory. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email julie.rorie@oscn.net. Deadline to enter is April 1, 2013.

NEW - The Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties is now accepting applications. Application packets must be RECEIVED by Friday, April 5, 2013. Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted. The fellowship competition is open to first-year law students who intend to carry out significant activities during the summer (in between their first and second year) in the areas of civil rights and/or civil liberties. For more information on this opportunity, please visit http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the_robert_masur_fellowship_in_civil_liberties/.


NEW - Howard C. Schwab Memorila Essay Contest. Prize is a certificate and possible publication in Family Law Quarterly and on the Section website. Deadline to request entry number is April 12, 2013. Essay is due April 26. [link]

The Law School Scholarship of the Federal Bar Association-El Paso Chapter (EPFBA) will award a $2000 scholarship to an outstanding El Pasoan who will begin law school in Fall 2013. The award is based on academic achievement, community involvement, and dedication to the study of law. Please email EPFBA Scholars@gmail.com for more information or for an application please visit [link]. Deadline to apply is April 19, 2013.

Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA’s meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how submit a brief, please go visit [link]. Deadline to submit a brief is April 19, 2013.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. The competition is open to all law students. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is $2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 26, 2013. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information visit [link].

NEW - Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition. Prize $5,000 and possible publication. Entry deadline is May 1, 2013. [link]

Entries for The Symposium XXVI Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of $750, $500 and $250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [link] or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email julie.rorie@oscn.net. Entries must be received by May 1, 2013.

National Association of Women Lawyers is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women’s rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of $500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by May 1, 2013. Writing guidelines may be found at
The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) announces the 2013 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship, traditionally given in the amount of $5,000, is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a plaintiffs’ lawyer or criminal defense lawyer, along with a dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. For more information on this scholarship, please go to the AAJ website at http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm. Application deadline is May 1, 2013.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. First place: $1500, second place, $1000 and third place is $500. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. EDST, May 15, 2013. Rules may be found at http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx.

The International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas is sponsoring the 2013 Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded $1,000 and $500 for second place. Entries must be received by May 31, 2013. For more information on this writing completion, please visit the ILSTexas website at http://www.ilstexas.org/International%20website%20scripts%20-%20do%20not%20touch%20!!!/Student%20Outreach/2013/contest2013.pdf

The American College of Employee Benefits Counsel is pleased to announce the Ninth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is June 1, 2013. For competition rules please go to www.acebc.com.

The American Judges Association (AJA) announces its Twenty-Fifth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Comparing Hearsay Rules in Different Courts.” First prize is $3,000, second prize is $1,500, and third prize is $1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2013. For more information, please see http://aja.ncsc.dni.us.

LexisNexis Matthew Bender is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by June 3, 2013. Eligibility requirements can be found at http://bit.ly/Moore-2013.
Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship.** One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email julie.rorie@oscn.net. Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013.**

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce their twentieth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing.* The 2013 recipient of the Brown award will received $10,000 for their winning paper. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 7, 2013.**

The **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is $5,000; second prize is $2,500; and third prize is $1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2013.**

**NEW - Criminal Justice Citizen Amicus Brief Project.** Prize: $500 and possible publication in a future Criminal Justice Section periodical. For more information please visit: [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/citizen_amicus.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/citizen_amicus.html)