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The Board of Advocates concluded the 2014 Larry G. Hyden Mock Trial Competition last week. Congratulations to the following winners:

Finalists
Kenny Yu Sung Lam (3L)
Mauricio Alejandro Martinez (3L)

Best Speaker
Mauricio Alejandro Martinez (3L)

Semi-Finalists
Zachary Chandler Bowen (3L)
Victor Sanchez (3L)

The Board of Advocates and Law Ministry would like to thank the following for their support and time:

Sponsor
The Firm of Jordan, Hyden, Womble, Culbreth & Holzer P.C.

Judges
Honorable Ronald B. King
Honorable Craig Gargotta
Mr. Gerald H. Goldstein

EMAIL PASSWORD CHANGE

It is important to be aware of the October 1st due date to change your password. All students must change their passwords PRIOR to the October 1st due date, as all accounts that have not had the password changed will be disabled. Disabled accounts will not be able to access wifi, (wireless services), email, Gateway, Blackboard, or any other online services. Students are encouraged to visit the Reset Password tool located on the login page of Gateway at gateway.stmarytx.edu to initiate the password change. Information on the Password Policy, Frequently Asked Questions, and other helpful information describing the password requirements is available in Gateway under the Resource tab. Help desk staff members are ready to assist you and may be reached by telephone at 210.431.4357 or by email at helpdesk@stmarytx.edu. You are invited to visit the help desk at either of the two locations, Cotrell Commons in the Blume Library or on the first floor of the Charles Francis building.

WAR STORIES: REPRESENTING PLAINTIFFS IN OIL AND GAS ISSUES

The American Association for Justice (AAJ) and the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Society (OGERLS) are co-sponsoring War Stories: Representing Plaintiffs in Oil and Gas Issues with presentations by St. Mary’s University of Law Graduates: Luke C. Kellogg, J.D. ’89 and Laura H. Burney, J.D. ‘84. The event is Monday, September 29, 2014 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the
Alumni Room of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. AAJ will be giving away a $100 prepaid debit card as a door prize and providing FREE lunch. All students are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Brittani Booker, msbooker17@aol.com, or Paul Gaines, jamesgaines1901@yahoo.com.

SECTION E MEETING
Intersession and Spring Registration

On Wednesday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m. in LC 102, Professor Cochran and Dean Mather will meet with section E to discuss intersession and Spring registration and requirements for graduation. The meeting is mandatory; students should consult with Professor Cochran if they cannot attend.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

All students are invited to meet with Dean Sheppard and Associate Deans Mather and Valencia in an open-format town hall meeting scheduled from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 8, 2014 in Law Classroom 105. Students are encouraged to attend, come with questions, comments, or concerns, and talk with Dean Sheppard.

RED MASS

The 62nd Annual Red Mass, A Legacy of Faith and Law will be celebrated on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at San Fernando Cathedral. The Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S Archbishop of San Antonio, will preside over the blessing of the judicial and academic Year. The Honorable Gina M. Benavides of the Thirteenth Court of Appeals of Texas will offer reflections. This event is open to all law students, faculty, and staff and their families. Persons of all faiths are welcome to attend.

FIRST INFORMATION MEETING ON CHINA PROGRAM
Wednesday, October 15, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Atrium, Law Administration Building

Are you interested in studying in China next summer? Please join Professor Bob Hu for the first informational meeting of the China program. You will learn more about the program, travel, housing, and internship opportunities in China. Lunch will be provided. For questions, please contact Professor Bob Hu at rhu@stmarytx.edu.

LAWCOUNTABILITY, J.D.

Have you checked Lawcountability, J.D. yet? This week’s 10-minute webinar - Week # 4 - Mastering Mentoring is now available on your Lawcountability, J.D. dashboard. Be sure to click Yes when asked if you saw the presentation so that your reminders will arrive on schedule.
**FLINT FEST**

Come on out on **Friday, October 17, 2014** to **FLINT FEST**. Learn about the Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck. This year’s event will be held at [Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Hall](#), 223 E. Summit Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212, **starting at 6:00 p.m.** Your $10 contribution at the door will get you food, drink and a chance at door prizes. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry. For more information, please contact Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

**CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS**

The **2014 Lone Star Classic**® will be held on **October 16 – 18, 2014** in San Antonio. The competition is open to all law schools that are accredited by the American Bar Association. We anticipate having 16 teams compete. This year’s problem will be a criminal case. It will take place in the State of Lone Star, a hypothetical venue, and will utilize the Federal Rules of Evidence.

If you are interested in serving as a [bailiff](#) or [marshal](#) for the preliminary rounds, please stop by the [Board of Advocates](#) (BOA) office or contact [Ms. Rebecca Fischer](#) for an entry form. Students serving in one of these capacities will receive two BOA points for each round in which they serve, which enables those seeking to join BOA in the future to meet the required participation points set out by the organization.

The **preliminary rounds** will take place on Thursday and Friday, October 16th and 17th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to **semi-final rounds** on the morning of Saturday, October 18th. The **final round** will take place on the afternoon of the 18th. Both the semi-final and final rounds will be held at St. Mary’s University School of Law.

If you are interested in advocacy, joining a mock trial team, or just want to see what these competitions are all about, this is an excellent opportunity to witness some of the best mock trial teams in the nation compete. BOA looks forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rebecca Fischer at beccafischer@mac.com.

**LAW LIBRARY RESEARCH WORKSHOPS**

If you would like to attend a particular workshop, please contact Professor Martinez at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu so that he may plan for refreshments. Food will be provided for workshop attendees.

**Choosing a Paper Topic**

**Tuesday, October 7, 2014**

12:30 - 1:10 p.m.

Law Classroom, Room 101
You’ve selected a class that sounded interesting. A few days into it, you realize your grade is based on a scholarly paper due at the end of the semester. How do you transform the lectures you are receiving and all the information from the course into a paper? Join the Law Library Faculty as they help you with tips on gathering information, selecting a topic, and mastering this daunting task.

Tuesday, October 14, 2014
12:30 - 1:10 p.m.
Law Classroom, Room 103
Need help finding the perfect apartment or a wonderful doctor? How about a good part-time job? From health to safety to voting, let Prof. Martinez show you some government resources that can help ease the stress of getting settled in a new city.

ACADEMIC SCHOLAR PROGRAM

ALL 1Ls are encouraged to attend their designated Academic Scholar sessions. Academic Scholars are 2Ls and 3Ls who are here to help you learn and perfect the skills you need to succeed in law school. Each Academic Scholar will hold a weekly 50-minute session. This is an excellent source of help as you learn to brief cases, develop outlines, and begin to prepare for exams later in the semester.

WHO IS YOUR ACADEMIC SCHOLAR, AND WHEN DOES YOUR SCHOLAR SECTION MEET? Please check the colorful spreadsheets posted on the bulletin board just inside the doors of the Law Classroom Building. You can find your name associated with your assigned Academic Scholar, as well as the time and location of your Academic Scholar Sessions. Your Scholars look forward to seeing all of you there.

RARE BOOK ROOM TOURS

The Sarita Kenedy East Law Library is offering brief tours of the Rare Book Room. The Law Library has an outstanding collection of rare law books and special collections housed in a humidity and temperature-controlled environment. The rare books collection consists of Mexican law, Texas Law, international law, and a number of valuable works on English, American, Spanish, and European law. The tours are 10-15 minutes long. Please contact Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian Fang Wang at 210.436.3435 x1366 or email fwang@stmarytx.edu to set up an appointment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. MARY’S DACA PROJECT

The St. Mary’s Immigration & Human Rights Clinic DACA Project is seeking volunteers for the Fall semester. The St. Mary’s DACA Project assists “Dreamers” L young immigrants brought to the United States as children - to apply for Deferred Action status pursuant to the Presidential announcement of June 15, 2012.
Volunteering with the St. Mary’s DACA Project offers hands-on experience and exposure to a growing field of law. Volunteers will assist with completing and assembling the client’s application and forms. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with community outreach sessions dedicated to finding additional eligible applicants.

Volunteering is easy, and no experience or immigration law knowledge is required. Hours are flexible and easily accommodated to not interfere with class schedules. The DACA Office is located right by the Law School at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Speaking Spanish is useful, but being bilingual is not a requirement of volunteering. Finally, hours worked count towards the Texas Pro Bono College Certificate.

If you are interested, please email StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu or contact Maria Calixto at 210.436.3953 to volunteer.

**APPOINTMENTS CAN NOW BE MADE FOR 1L FINGERPRINTING**

Appointments can now be made with L1 Identity Solutions to conduct fingerprinting for all first-year law students for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on the below listed dates and times.

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Check your St. Mary’s student email account for detailed instructions on making your appointment.

**PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS (PCP)**

Start planning for a spring externship NOW! Join us for a meeting and come get advice from students who have completed the program on **Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. If you would like to participate, contact AMANDA RIVAS as soon as possible at arivas@stmarytx.edu or 210.431.5712. PCP office hours in Career Services are Mondays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**SPRING POSITIONS:**
- Veterans Administration, Audie Murphy- (San Antonio)
- Equal Justice Center- (San Antonio)
- Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-tax, property, others)
- Catholic Charities- (San Antonio)
- Disability Rights Texas- (San Antonio)
- UTSA Commercialization- (San Antonio)
Office of Attorney General - Child Support (San Antonio)
Office of Attorney General - Consumer Protection (San Antonio)
Texas Civil Rights Project (Austin)
Office of the Governor (Austin)
MALDEF (San Antonio)
Texas General Land Office (Austin)
KCI - In-House Counsel (San Antonio)
State Bar of Texas (San Antonio)
RAICES (San Antonio)
Family Violence Prevention (San Antonio)
CentroMed - In House Counsel (San Antonio)
Bexar County Juvenile Probation - General Counsel (San Antonio)
MORE TO COME!!!

Read about the two program options (PCP Externship or PCP Independent Study) at https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/lawcenters/practice-credit-program/.

PLAN ahead: The PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) MANDATORY Spring orientation class will be held January 9, 2014. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class. Contact Amanda Rivas with any questions about the program or class.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS

Please RSVP to attend any of the below listed programs: RSVP in the “Events” section of Symplicity under “Workshops.” You will not be included in the head count for food if you do not RSVP at least 24 hours before the event. If you do not RSVP you may still attend the event; however, we ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

Collegiate Meet the Professionals Series: Texas A&M Aggies
Wednesday, October 1, 2014
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library
Lunch will be provided.
Calling all Aggies! The Collegiate Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. The program is limited to 10 students. This program will be presented by Devin "Buck" Benson, who obtained his Bachelors of Science at Texas A&M College Station and his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law. Mr. Benson is a partner at the San Antonio law firm of Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen, Benson & Jones, LLP. Join us for this great networking opportunity. This program is being held in conjunction with the Aggie Bar Association Student Group.

Collegiate Meet the Professionals Series: Texas Tech Red Raiders
Thursday, October 2, 2014
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library
Lunch will be provided.
Calling all Red Raiders! The Collegiate Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. The program is limited to 10 students. This program will be presented by Marc Stroope, who obtained his undergraduate degree in Zoology at Texas Tech and his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law. He is an attorney with The Gardner Law Firm in San Antonio. Join us for this great networking opportunity. This program is being held in conjunction with the Red Raider Bar Association Student Group.

Meet the Professionals Series: Insurance Defense Law
Tuesday, October 9, 2014
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library
The Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. The program is limited to 10 students. Sarah Minter, a local insurance defense attorney at the law firm of Goldman and Associates, will present this program. You may bring a brown bag lunch.

Oil and Gas Mini-Counseling Session with Professor Laura Burney
Wednesday, October 15, 2014
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216 of the Law Library
Not sure how to get started on your career plan? Interested in a career in Oil and Gas Law? Sign up for our mini group career counseling session with Professor Laura Burney. Space is limited to 10 students to a group. The session will discuss job search strategies in this area of law. Please note these sessions should last about 30 minutes to an hour. The sessions are designed to give you ideas of places to intern, CLEs to attend, and bar associations to join to gain experience in this area and help launch your careers. This is not a session to have your resume or cover letter reviewed. All slots are first-come, first-served! RSVP in Symplicity! You may bring a brown bag lunch.

Insight from the Bench: A View into the Field of Criminal Law
Thursday, October 16, 2014
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room
Lunch will be provided.
Come hear Judge Michael Fields speak about his court and the practice of criminal law. Judge Mike Fields was elected as presiding judge of Harris County Criminal Court No. 14 in November, 1998. He presides over one of fifteen county criminal courts at law with countywide jurisdiction over serious misdemeanor cases such as driving while intoxicated, domestic violence, illegal possession of drugs, criminal pollution, and theft. This event is co-sponsored by BLSA and OCS.
First-Year OCS Information Sessions  
October 16-23, 2014  
Classroom and Law Alumni Room  
(Times and locations vary depending on Professor specifications)  
First-year students will be emailed details.

STMU 5K FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Join the fun on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at the St. Mary’s 5k for the Neighborhood Run/Walk to support the neighborhood and your good health. There will be a $10 registration fee. You may pre-register at www.stmarytx.edu/5k or register on the day of the race. Proceeds will go to neighborhood revitalization. Mass and race registration begin at 7:30 a.m. The timed 5k run and walk will start at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Pecan Grove. Dogs welcome!

FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE


LAW MINISTRY

Sister Grace Walle, FMI, is the Campus Minister for the St. Mary’s University School of Law. Her office is located in Room 105 of the Ernest Raba (Law Faculty) building. Sister Grace is available for pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. Sister Grace also coordinates service programs that provide outreach to the community. You may reach Sister Grace by telephone at 210. 436.3063 or by email at gwalle@stmarytx.edu. Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside of her office.

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. Additional scholarships may be available in the “Writing Contests and Competitions” section of Symplicity.

The Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program Office invites interested applicants to join us for two upcoming webcasts, conducted through Adobe Connect, to provide information for the Class of 2015 PMF application. The Class of 2015 PMF application will open from October 1-15, 2014, and the announcement can be found at www.USAJOBS.gov when it opens (simply search for “Presidential Management Fellows” during the open period). To learn more about eligibility and how to apply, please review the “Become a PMF” section on the PMF website at www.pmf.gov. In addition, the 2015 PMF Assessment Preparation Guide has been
Tuesday, September 30, 2014 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time): A one-time Applicant Information Session that will focus on a general overview of the PMF Program, the 2015 PMF application, and a panel of current Fellows offering their advice and experiences. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions throughout the presentation.

Wednesday, October 8 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. (Eastern Time): A question and answer session will take place; applicants may submit questions regarding the 2015 PMF application cycle.

These webcasts will be conducted on-line through Adobe Connect and will have dedicated PMF Program Office staff to answer questions. Applicants can connect at http://opm.adobeconnect.com/pmfapplicantchat/ and select “Enter as a Guest.” Please note that the audio from the webcasts will be provided through your computer/device audio output.

1-800-LAW-FIRM, PLLC is now accepting essay entries through October 5, 2014 on the topic “What would you do to improve the legal system.” This competition offers a $10,000 grand prize. Please go to http://www.1800lawfirm.com/scholarship" for more information.

Each year, Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) awards a $1,000 scholarship to one minority student at each Texas law school. The scholarship promotes diversity in the legal profession by assisting members of minority populations within the bar to: (1) enter the legal profession; and (2) participate in the programs and activities of TYLA and the State Bar of Texas. The application deadline is October 10, 2014. More information is available on the TYLA website at http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/.

The Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2014 Securities Law Writing Competition. First prize is $5,000, second prize is $3,000 and third prize is $2,000. The topic may be any subject in the field of securities law. Unpublished papers, papers published in any law journal or other publication during calendar year 2014, and papers scheduled for publication in 2014 or 2015 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of your submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. The deadline to submit a paper is November 15, 2015.

The Center for Alcohol Policy is accepting submissions for their national essay contest. The topic for this year’s contest is: “As states contemplate the legalization of prohibited products, like marijuana, what are some lessons policymakers and regulators can learn from the movement to end alcohol Prohibition in the 1930s?” Prizes are $5,000, 2,500, and 1,000. For more information, please visit www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org. All entries must be received by November 17, 2014.

The International Section of the New York State Bar Association, with the support of Cleary, Gottlieb, Stern & Hamilton LLP, is pleased to announce the annual Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition. Students may submit an article regarding any area of public or private international law or practice. The award is $2,000. For rules please visit
The American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers is pleased to announce awards to be presented for (a) the best book chapter or book, (b) the best publishable article or substantial book review, and (c) the best student case note or comment on a topic dealing with consumer financial services law. For more information please visit http://www.accfsl.org/writing-competition/. The deadline for entry is December 1, 2014.

The Institute for Energy Law of The Center for American and International Law announces its 2014 Hartrick Scholar writing competition. The general subject for this year’s competition is any topic related to energy development. The winner will receive a $2,500 cash award. For more information and guidelines, please visit http://www.cailaw.org/iel/index.html. The article must be submitted no later than December 19, 2014.

The Reeves Law Group is now accepting submissions for its 2014 Scholarship Contest. For complete rules, please visit http://www.robertreeveslaw.com/scholarship/. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2014.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law announces the first annual Jameson Crane III Disability and the Law Writing Competition. Papers may be on any topic relating to disability law. The winner will be awarded $1,500, and two second place winners will each receive a $1,000 cash prize. For more information, please visit: www.tjsl.edu/cranewritingcompetition. The deadline to apply is midnight, PST, January 15, 2015.

Pacific Legal Foundation’s Program for Judicial Awareness announces its law student writing competition. Prizes are $3,000, 2,000, and 1,000. For rules and information, please visit http://www.pacificlegal.org/pja/writingcomp. The deadline to apply is January 16, 2015.

The Florida State University Center announces the Mollie and Paul Hill Student Writing Competition in Medical-Legal Interprofessional Collaboration for 2015. The award is $250. Go to http://med.fsu.edu/userFiles/file/2015%20Student%20Writing%20Competition.pdf for details. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2015.