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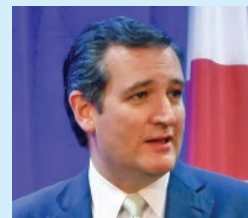
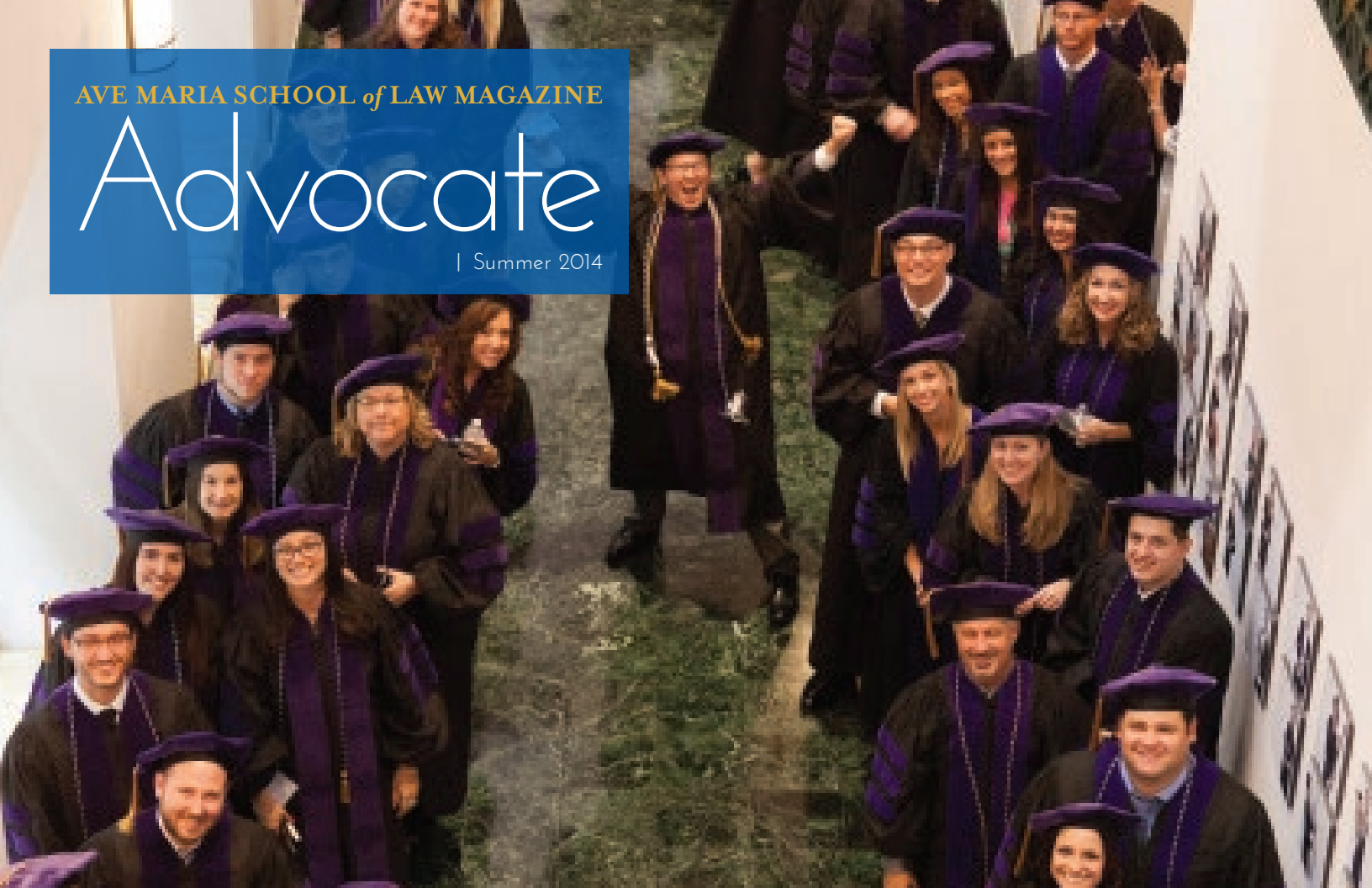
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The Blessed Virgin Mary has many titles, though from a lawyer's perspective, none more important than "Most Gracious Advocate." Ave Maria School of Law Advocate takes its inspiration from this title and from the recognition that lawyers are at their core, advocates. Ave Maria School of Law Office of External Affairs publishes the Advocate.



A Word from our Dean

Dear Friends of Ave Maria School of Law:

I am honored to address you as the new president and dean of Ave Maria School of Law.

First and foremost, let me express my gratitude to Dean Gene Milhizer who has returned to our faculty after serving the past six years as president and dean and also as acting president and dean. His outstanding service included the monumental task of overseeing the move from Ann Arbor to Naples. Under Dean Milhizer's leadership, our school was recently recognized by the National Jurist's *PreLaw* magazine as the nation's "Best Catholic Law School for the Devout." During his time in office, our school successfully launched "A Faith and Reason Signature Event" series, which during the past year featured Dr. Charles Krauthammer in one event, and United States Senator Ted Cruz in another. Both events were sold out and created tremendous energy for our school to build upon as we go forward in today's extremely competitive environment in legal education. I look forward to working with now Dean Emeritus and Professor Milhizer, and I hope to build on the excellence he has established as well as those aspects he has put in motion but have yet to achieve their full potential.

Let me share with you the more significant aspects of the vision I have for Ave Maria School of Law. There is no reason why we cannot become one of the top schools in Florida in regard to bar passage and post-graduation employment. Our faculty is top-notch. The academic excellence found in our classrooms rivals the best in America. We need to translate that classroom excellence into excellent results on the bar examination. Identifying the key aspects for that translation and then putting them into execution will be a primary focus of our efforts this next year. As to post-graduation employment, our school is situated in an area of our country that enjoys a strong and vibrant economy, with continued growth. We are the only law school in Southwest Florida, and the area has a large Catholic population. These potentials need to be leveraged and turned into legal jobs for our graduates. Creating potential opportunities for our students and alumni is another top priority.

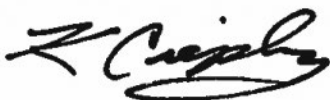
As for my leadership style, I tend to gather a lot of information up front in a collaborative manner. I seek consensus in establishing goals, strategies and standards; and then I focus on mission accomplishment by empowering, assigning responsibilities, removing excuses, and holding to standards. I like to walk around and talk to people face-to-face. I will give Ave Maria my very best, and I expect everyone who teaches, works, and studies at Ave Maria School of Law to do the same.

This is a particularly significant time for our school. Across the country, admissions for law schools are down. As a non-profit school primarily dependent on tuition, we are now in need of your help more than at any time in our school's history. To compete for the better applicants, we need to offer scholarships. The quality of the students we admit ultimately affects bar passage and post-graduation employment.

Our mission is unique. No law school in America matches our commitment to provide a legal education grounded in the Catholic tradition; Ave Maria School of Law walks its talk. At a time when unborn children remain unprotected by our laws, as our laws become more and more hostile towards the exercise of our religion, during a period of time when our nation's culture is at a crossroad, our school holds a heightened level of relevance. I ask you to help us any way you can.

Please let me know how I can better serve our Ave Maria School of Law community. I look forward to meeting you, and collaborating with you to take our school to new heights.

God Bless,



Kevin Cieply
President and Dean, Ave Maria School of Law

Sidebar

Law Students Participate in St. Thomas More and St. Thomas Aquinas Oratorical Competition

The Ave Maria School of Law tradition of commemorating the extraordinary contributions of two of the greatest saints of the Catholic Church continued with the 2014 St. Thomas More and St. Thomas Aquinas Oratorical Competition held on March 7. For the competition, students wrote essays answering the question, "How do St. Thomas More and St. Thomas Aquinas inspire you?" and then presented their essays orally at the competition on March 7 before an audience of family members, law students, faculty and alumni.

William Brett Branham '14 was named the Law School Oratorical Champion at the fifth annual oratorical competition. Mr. Branham received a \$250 cash prize donated by Honorary Chair Mary Parent, a 2012 graduate and the winner of the 2012 Oratorical Competition, and a \$100 Ave Maria School of Law Bookstore gift card. His name was also added to the trophy honoring each year's champion, which is on permanent display in the Law Library Reading Room next to the statue of St. Thomas More.



Students participating in the 2014 St. Thomas More and St. Thomas Aquinas Oratorical Competition were (front row from left to right): John Lamont '14, Michelle Quiles '16, William Brett Branham '14 (winner of the competition), Nicholaus S. Michels '16, (back row from left to right) Shea Hasenauer '16, Peter B. Schofield '14, Frank A. Roberts '15, Joseph Tompkins '14 and Jaime Hewitt '14.

Honorary Chair Mary Parent '12 presents the St. Thomas More and St. Thomas Aquinas Oratorical Competition trophy to the 2014 Law School Oratorical Champion William Brett Branham '14.



Serving as judges of the 2014 St. Thomas More and St. Thomas Aquinas Oratorical Competition were (from left to right): Assistant State Attorney Richard J. Montecalvo, Director and Assistant Professor of Research, Writing, and Advocacy Maureen M. Milliron, Associate Professor Kevin H. Govern, and Adjunct Professor Gregory T. Holtz.

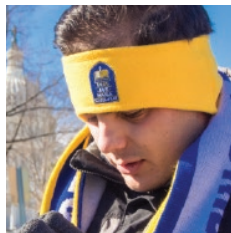




LAW STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MARCH FOR LIFE AND LAW OF LIFE SUMMIT

As they have done every year since the inception of Ave Maria School of Law, students, faculty and staff traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate on January 22 in the March for Life, the largest pro-life event in the world.

In conjunction with the March for Life, Ave Maria School of Law hosted two Law of Life Summits, annual pro-life action conferences spearheaded by Royce Hood '12. More than 300 attended the summit in Washington, D.C., on January 21, featuring 34 pro-life leaders from around the country. The first West Coast



Law of Life Summit was held in San Francisco on January 24. Pro-life leaders David Bereit, Father Frank Pavone, Father Terry Gensemer, Reggie Littlejohn, and Anne Carmichael were among those who spoke at both summits.

The Washington, D.C., Summit was co-sponsored by the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, Ave Maria School of Law, Americans United for Life, Life Legal Defense Foundation and the National LIFE Runners. The West Coast Summit was co-sponsored by Ave Maria School of Law, Life Legal Defense Fund and the National LIFE Runners.

Anna Ismer NAMED WINNER OF ST. THOMAS MORE MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Anna Ismer '16 is the winner of the 14th Annual St. Thomas More Moot Court Competition. The final round of the competition was held April 23 in the Donum Dei Moot Courtroom. Other finalists competing in the event were Shea Hasenauer '16, Mary Kanowsky '16 and Nicholaus Michels '16. Rebekah Skiba '15 was named winner of the best brief award for the 2012-2013 St. Thomas More Moot Court Competition.

Serving as judges for the final round of the competition were the Honorable John E. Steele, United States District Judge in the Fort Myers Division of the Middle District of Florida; Honorable Hugh D. Hayes, Collier County Circuit Judge of the 20th Judicial Circuit of Florida; and Honorable Janeice T. Martin, Collier County Judge of the 20th Judicial Circuit of Florida.



(From left to right): Honorable Janeice T. Martin, Nicholaus Michels, Shea Hasenauer, Mary Kanowsky, Anna Ismer, Honorable Hugh D. Hayes and Honorable John E. Steele

Sidebars



NATIONAL RADIO BROADCASTER Al Kresta SPEAKS AT AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW

Al Kresta, broadcaster, journalist and author, presented "The Absolute Necessity for Catholic Media" at Ave Maria School of Law on February 3. Mr. Kresta also broadcasted his talk radio program, *Kresta in the Afternoon*, from the Law School that same day. Heard on over 220 stations and Sirius Satellite, *Kresta in the Afternoon* looks at all areas of life through the lens of Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church. He has engaged in vigorous discussions or debates with nationally known figures from politics, the arts, the Church, academia and business.

In 1997, Thomas S. Monaghan, chairman of the Board of Governors and founder of Ave Maria School of Law, recruited Mr. Kresta to launch the media apostolate, Ave Maria Communications. Mr. Kresta currently serves as President and CEO of Ave Maria Radio. He is the author of *Dangers to the Faith: Recognizing Catholicism's 21st Century Opponents*, *Moments of Grace: Inspiring Stories From Well-Known Catholics*, *Why Are Catholics So Concerned about Sin?: More Answers to Puzzling Questions about the Catholic Church*, and *Why Do Catholics Genuflect? And Answers to Other Puzzling Questions About the Catholic Faith*.

AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW HOSTS FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS

John Bolton

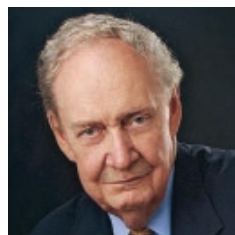
John R. Bolton, an American diplomat and lawyer, presented "America's Pressing National Security Problems" at Ave Maria School of Law on February 21. The event was organized by the Law School's Federalist Society and Student Bar Association.

Appointed by President George W. Bush, Mr. Bolton served as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations from August 2005 until December 2006. He was Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security from 2001 to 2005. Mr. Bolton also served in the administrations of President Ronald Reagan and President George H. W. Bush. His many accomplishments include the rescission of the UN's 1975 "Zionism is racism" resolution, U.S. renunciation of the International Criminal Court and the establishment of the Proliferation Security Initiative.

Mr. Bolton is currently a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), a Fox News Channel commentator, and of counsel to the Washington, D.C. law firm Kirkland & Ellis. He is the author of *Surrender is Not an Option: Defending America at the U.N. and Abroad* and *How Barack Obama is Endangering our National Sovereignty*.



(From left to right): Jeffrey W. Petrie '14, 2013-2014 Federalist Society President; John Bolton, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; and William Brett Branham '14, 2013-2014 Student Bar Association President.



AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW HOLDS MEMORIAL TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LATE Judge Robert H. Bork

A Memorial Tribute in honor of the late Judge Robert H. Bork was held by Ave Maria School of Law on March 12. Among those attending the Memorial Tribute were Mrs. Robert H. Bork and Mrs. Kate W. O'Beirne, a former member of the Ave Maria School of Law Board of Governors.

Judge Bork served with distinction as Solicitor General and Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. He was also famously a nominee to the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Bork played an important role as a faculty member in the formative years of Ave Maria School of Law. Along with Dean Emeritus Bernard Dobranski, he developed and taught the Moral Foundations of the Law course, which influenced hundreds of graduates and students during the law school's early years. In October 2013, the Law School renamed its Internal Appellate Competition in honor of the late Judge Bork.



Mr. Thomas S. Monaghan, chairman of the Board of Governors and founder of Ave Maria School of Law with Mrs. Robert H. Bork.



From Musical Notes to Legal Briefs

**BRANDON COOPER, CLASS OF 2016,
IS A JAZZ MUSICIAN TURNED LAW STUDENT**

The son of a U.S. Army master sergeant, Brandon Cooper has lived in seven countries and 28 states. Born in Naples, Italy, he spent ten years of his childhood in Europe, where his father had a recreational jazz band with other military musicians. As a result, music became part of Mr. Cooper's life at the age of four.

After completing a rigorous music program at Southeastern Louisiana University as a jazz soloist in trumpet and piano, Mr. Cooper began a career in music in New Orleans that put him on stage with Grammy Award-winning artist Esperanza Spalding, Musiq Soulchild, Wes Anderson, and Delfeayo Marsalis.

Mr. Cooper also earned a degree in political science with a pre-law concentration and a minor in history while at Southeastern. As a musician, he found law played a large role in his music profession as much of his time was spent negotiating contracts. He felt the life experience he had gained from living in many different cultures would allow him to make a difference in the negotiating process so he decided to attend law school. In addition, he sees a very strong similarity in music and law in the fact that both fields require an understanding of the roles of others in order to obtain a perfect harmony.

"I chose Ave Maria School of Law because I believed in the rich mission of faith, reason and community," said Mr. Cooper. "I loved the caring culture, and I felt I would have many great opportunities at Ave Maria. I also felt I had a different, less traditional background to share with my peers."

Mr. Cooper has finished his first year at Ave Maria School of Law, where he is the Student Bar Association secretary and a previously seated senator. He was instrumental in reactivating the St. Benedict the Moor Black Law Students

Association Chapter at the Law School, where he currently serves as vice president, and he is a founding member of Latino Law Students Association.

Taking to heart the Ave Maria School of Law community's commitment to serving the common good, Mr. Cooper is involved with NAACP Collier County, the Elections Board of Collier County, Preserve our Paradise, and the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County.

Mr. Cooper's academic performance and community efforts were recently recognized by the T.J. Reddick Bar Association, which selected him to receive a Henry Latimer Scholarship, one of two awarded annually to students pursuing a career in law. The scholarship was presented to Mr. Cooper at the association's 23rd Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on June 21, 2014.

The T.J. Reddick Bar Association is dedicated to promoting the professional excellence of black lawyers in Broward County, increasing the enrollment of minority students in college and law school, and promoting the general welfare of all citizens in Broward County. The association is named after T.J. Reddick, the first black attorney to open an office and practice law in Broward County, the first black appointed to the Broward County Court of Record, and the first black elected to serve as Circuit Court Judge in the state of Florida.

"Receiving this scholarship is an honor; it motivates me to continue the good work and sacrifices that I have already committed to as an Ave Maria law student," said Mr. Cooper. "I am truly proud because I am the first male in my immediate family to attend college and go on to a higher education program. For generations, it has been the tradition that all of the males in my family have served in the military. I truly love being a role model to younger generations in my family and community to show that anything you choose to do is obtainable as long as you put forth an honest effort and keep God first in your life."

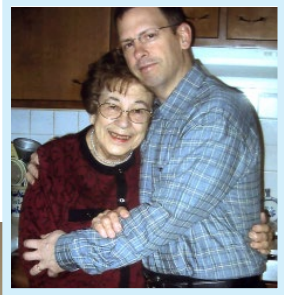
TAKING THE

Ave Maria School of Law's new President and Dean Kevin Cieply believes his mother directed him to the Law School.

The search for the Law School's new president and dean happened during a time in Dean Cieply's life where he found himself, as the result of his mother's recent death, reassessing where he was in his faith. Looking at the position announcement from the Law School, Dean Cieply saw the application deadline was January 10, the same day as his mother's birthday. Viewing this as his mother extending her guiding hand to show him where his life should go, he applied for the position. When he later stepped on the campus for his interview, he had no doubt that had indeed been the case.

"Everything about the school exudes the holiness of my mother, and reminds me of the character we strive to create within ourselves," said Dean Cieply. "Ave Maria symbolizes the goodness of human nature and the importance of safeguarding human dignity."

Following an exhaustive national search that attracted a large slate of extremely qualified candidates, Ave Maria School of Law agreed the Law School was where Dean Cieply should be. His appointment as Ave Maria School of Law's third president and dean was



Kevin Cieply becomes third
Ave Maria School of Law
President and Dean

Dean Cieply with students (left to right)
Anna Ismer '16, Jessica French '15, Patrick Finnegan '15,
Frank Roberts '15 and Leonard Scott Ballard '16.

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unanimously endorsed by the Law School's search committee and unanimously approved by the Board of Governors in March 2014.

"Ave Maria School of Law is dedicated to educating lawyers with the finest professional skills and in the traditions of the Catholic faith," said Thomas S. Monaghan, chairman of the Board of Governors and founder. "Dean Cieply brings with him a wealth of experience that makes him uniquely qualified to guide, inspire and lead our law school community in our efforts to offer a legal education characterized by the harmony of faith and reason."



GROWING UP

Dean Cieply's early childhood was spent in a small neighborhood surrounded by woods and farms outside of Enon, Ohio, where he "was very fortunate to grow-up in a home with two very loving and caring parents and a wonderful sister." His father was a retired U.S. Air Force officer and World War II veteran who then served more than 20 years with the Air Force Civilian Service.

His days were spent outside playing hot box, racing his bike around the circle driveway or playing Army on a dirt pile or in the woods with his friends. His parents would call him home with a hand bell so he simply needed to stay within "bell range." Looking back, Dean Cieply is not convinced there is a better neighborhood in America to have grown up in.

When he was in sixth grade, his family moved to Taichung, Taiwan, where he attended Morrison Academy, a missionary school, for three years. He attended all four years of high school at Baker High School after his family moved from Taiwan in 1976 to Fairborn, Ohio. He still maintains close ties with his best friend from Morrison Academy and his best friends from high school.



ON THE FIELD

Dean Cieply believes it would be difficult to overstate the impact soccer has had on his life, stating much of who he is today was forged while competing on the field.

"As a player, no one accused me of being the most skilled or the prettiest player on the pitch," he said. "I was blue collar with a chip on my shoulder. My play was full-throttle, very physical. As a co-captain of my college team, I felt my primary role was to simply show my teammates I was 'all in,' that I would show up prepared, ready, and with a no-holds-barred attitude each and every game."



He attended Northern Kentucky University (NKU) on a soccer scholarship, where he was named McDonald's All-American in 1983 and third team National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-American in 1984. He was NKU's top defensive player during his career and was inducted into the David Lee Holt NKU Hall of Fame in 2001. Dean Cieply was also an Academic All-American in 1984 and was named NKU's 1984 Male Athlete of Distinction, an award given each year to the University's top male and female student athletes.

His college coach Paul Rockwood continues to hold high relevance in Dean Cieply's life, and he stays in contact with him on a regular basis. He considers Coach Rockwood's advice to "trust yourself" to be the best counsel he ever received.

DISCOVERING THE LAW



Describing himself as neither the most mature or the most academically inclined individual in the years leading up to college, he found himself at age 19 married with a child and knew things had to change. Having no interest in reading up until that point (and doing very little of it), he suddenly found reading to be enthralling, and the more he read, the more he loved it.

His interest in the law developed while studying in the Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law Library, where it was quiet and no one from the soccer team bothered him. He graduated magna cum laude from NKU in 1985 and later earned a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the University of Notre Dame Law School and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from The Judge Advocate General's School. He is also a Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy Senior Military College Fellow. Dean Cieply is admitted to practice in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, and Wyoming, the Ninth and Tenth Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

MILITARY LIFE

Coming out of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at NKU as the General Marshall Award Winner (University's Top Cadet), Dean Cieply was commissioned as a Regular Army Officer in the Aviation Branch. Graduating number one in his class in flight school, his first tour was in Hawaii as a maintenance test pilot. Assigned along with three other new lieutenants to a unit, the four each served as platoon leaders, in addition to their flying responsibilities.

"We were in over our heads," said Dean Cieply. "Out of necessity, we became close friends and watched each other's back. It was challenging, but it was also very enjoyable."

In 1990 during his last year in Hawaii, he took command of a Headquarters Company and Missile Maintenance Detachment, which won the U.S. Army's Toftoy Award for the best missile maintenance. Still a lieutenant and as a



result, still relatively new to the concept of being a leader, Dean Cieply "learned a lot that year" with the assistance of two Warrant Officers, who were extremely effective at their jobs, and professional Non-Commissioned Officers.

Next, he was selected for the U.S. Army's Funded Legal Education Program (FLEP).



After graduation from law school, he went on to serve in the Criminal Law Division at Fort Carson, Colorado; as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in Phoenix, Arizona; as the Army Staff Judge Advocate for the Wyoming Army National Guard; and as the Chief, Legal Operations for Land at NORAD/NORTHCOM.

"The legal aspects of my career were indeed varied and fascinating," said Dean Cieply. "But very similar to my experience in Aviation, while the substance of my trade was fascinating and provided me with much fulfillment, the most fulfilling aspects of each job I held were the bonds I forged with my superiors, co-workers, and subordinates."

THE ROAD TO ACADEMIA

Nearing his military retirement, Dean Cieply explored a wide range of possible choices for his second career. The options, which he actually put together on a graph, included opening a sports pub and venturing out as a solo practitioner. Evaluating the choices based on what he felt would make him happy, provide for his family and match his strengths to his skill set, he found teaching always came out on top.



"Fortunately, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School (AJMLS) extended me an offer," said Dean Cieply. "For that, I will always be grateful to Dean Lynn and the faculty of AJMLS."

Retiring as a Colonel after 22 years of Active Duty Army and Active Service Army National Guard, Dean Cieply became an associate professor at John Marshall in 2008. In 2011, he was named Associate Dean of Academics. During his time there, he taught Criminal Law, International Criminal Law; Contract Drafting; Legal Research, Writing & Analysis I and II; Negotiations; Art of Advocacy; and Trial Advocacy.

TAKING THE HELM



On July 1, 2014, Dean Cieply began his duties as president and dean of Ave Maria School of Law. "I feel extremely blessed to have this opportunity and will treat it as a sacred duty," he said. "And I will give nothing less than my very best each and every day."

A major priority for him is addressing the need to establish Ave Maria as a leader in bar passage. Because it is the gateway for the students to practice their trade, the Law School needs to excel in ensuring those students are prepared when they sit down for the exam. In order to do that, one challenge that Dean Cieply believes must be addressed is the inability of today's students to focus for large periods of time without distraction.

"Students cannot learn the law and play fantasy baseball at the same time, and yet many are convinced they can," he said. "I hope to have the students at Ave Maria School of Law police themselves in our classrooms. To create an ethic that when we are in the classrooms, we give the professor our full attention. What we want to create is an ethos that when we sit for the bar, we are telling each and every other student of Ave Maria, those who have come before and those who will come after, that we have given it our best, that we have been 'all in' from the moment we sat in our first class to the last bar review session we attended. If we can develop that type of attitude, we will be an outlier in legal education."

His advice to those considering law school: "Go to law school if you actually love to read, analyze, and convey concepts to others both in written and oral forms. Go to law school if you know you must stand for something greater than yourself. Go to law school if you want to serve others. But if it is the title or money you are after, you would be far better off pursuing something different. And be honest with yourself as to the above."

Fundraising is another area of great focus for Dean Cieply. "A reality of life is that we need funds to accomplish goals," he said. "If we can bring our constituents together and have our community more involved with developing the excellence of our school, we can accomplish great deeds."

A Distinctive Mission

Ave Maria School of Law is uniquely positioned to be a leader in legal education because we stand for a clear mission, and our mission is one that stands for the best of humankind. Helping our students develop their moral compass empowers them to face and conquer the complexities of modern society. One cannot separate the practice of law from morality. Indeed much of our law is intended to reflect the morality of our nation. Lawyers as counselors have as their charge the responsibility to guide their clients through difficult terrain. Ave Maria School of Law, recognized as the nation's most devout Catholic law school, taps into the history of the teachings of the Catholic Church, provides an atmosphere where students can feel free to openly express and develop their faith, and is able to provide a culture that supports the moral and spiritual development of its students. Every great lawyer must reach within themselves during difficult times and draw on their character. It is the quality of that character that will determine the quality of their decision-making. Ave Maria School of Law provides a place for students to build and develop the highest levels of character. Character will never go out of style; it is our character-focused education which uniquely positions us to stay relevant in the future.

-Dean Kevin Cieply



OUTSIDE THE OFFICE

Dean Cieply and his wife Kelli began dating in high school before he even had his driver's license, and they have now been married for 33 years. They have three "wonderful" adult children and two "also wonderful" grandchildren. "The way our family enjoys each other gives me much pride," he said. "I think we truly respect and love each other deeply."

In addition to spending as much time as he can with his family, Dean Cieply watches every University of Notre Dame football game. He also follows the English Premier League and plays adult soccer, hoping to join a league in the Naples area.

Dean Cieply's life has been one of service—service to his family, his country and the law. It is this attitude of service he now brings to Ave Maria School of Law: service to the school's Catholic Mission, to the men and women who study and work there, to the alumni throughout the country and the world, and to the Southwest Florida community.





Dean Milhizer

On June 30, 2014, Eugene Milhizer completed his term as Ave Maria School of Law's second President and Dean. Dean Milhizer joined the Ave Maria faculty in 2001 after a distinguished career in the Judge Advocate General's office of the United States Army. Upon his arrival at Ave Maria, Dean Milhizer quickly established himself as a first-class teacher, cutting-edge scholar, and tireless servant of the Ave Maria community. He won three different awards recognizing his high-quality teaching and was routinely considered one of the best teachers in a faculty that prides itself on high-quality teaching ability. In addition, he has been a prolific author and speaker on the subjects of criminal law, military law, and the federal government's overreach through the HHS mandate, and his articles have continuously been published in some of the most distinguished academic and professional journals in the country. Because of his high level of ability, Dean Milhizer was asked to take a leadership role in the Law School's administration relatively

early in his academic career. At a point in which most professors are primarily focused on their teaching and research interests, Dean Milhizer was preparing to help a still young law school transition from Michigan to Florida, an enormously complex administrative task without precedent in the history of legal education. Without Dean Milhizer's efforts, such a feat would quite simply not have been possible, and Ave Maria would not have had the success that it had in quickly establishing itself in Southwest Florida.

Although I could spend the rest of this space (indeed, I could spend considerably more space) describing Dean Milhizer's accomplishments, I wanted to take this opportunity to offer some personal reflections on Dean Milhizer's enormously successful Deanship. I have had the privilege of serving as Gene's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for a year and half, and in that time (indeed, from the moment I joined the Ave Maria faculty), I have never encountered a leader who cares so much for the institution to which he is responsible and who so effectively situates his work as a part of his vocation from God. In the model of Cincinnatus, Gene did not enter academia seeking to become a Dean. Rather, he viewed the Deanship at Ave Maria for what it truly is—an act of tremendous service to the students, alumni, faculty, and staff as well as to the larger legal community and Our Lady. Accordingly, Gene has given of himself completely to Ave Maria, and, thankfully, will continue to do so for many years to come in what he aptly describes as “the best job on earth—being a law professor.”

Working with Gene has been one of the highlights of my professional career. I am enormously grateful for everything he has done for the Law School as well as for me. Despite the considerable commitments attached to the Deanship as well as to being a consummate husband and father, Gene nevertheless had time to provide guidance to a young academic whenever he was asked, even if it meant he had to listen to a presentation about the tax laws. Gene, I believe I speak for all of us when I say a heartfelt, “Thank you and God bless” for all that you have done for us, and I look forward to all of your contributions yet to come.

Sincerely,

W. Edward Afield

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor

“Thank you and God bless”



Best Catholic Law School for the Devout

PRELAW MAGAZINE RANKS AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW FIRST AMONG CATHOLIC LAW SCHOOLS.

Ave Maria School of Law was named the “Best Catholic Law School for the Devout” in the United States by The National Jurist’s *preLaw* magazine. The winter 2014 issue of the magazine ranked 28 Catholic law schools nationwide and did an extensive article identifying the best faith-based law schools in the country. Ave Maria School of Law was named the top Catholic law school, followed by the University of St. Thomas, St. John’s University, Catholic University, Fordham University, Boston College Law School and Notre Dame Law School.

“This ranking should come as no surprise to anyone who is familiar with Ave Maria School of Law,” said Eugene R. Milhizer, Dean Emeritus. “Our Catholic identity and Mission are central to

who we are and permeates every facet of our culture. It is integrated into the classroom, informs our scholarship, and resonates in all of our personal and professional affairs. It is who we are and what we stand for. It is upon this foundation that we approach law as a vocation to serve the common good and respect the dignity of every person.”

The rankings were based on the percentage and activity of students who belong to the faith; percentage and activity of faculty who belong to the faith; number of religion-focused courses and other ways the school incorporates the faith into the curricula; religion-related journals, centers and clinics; religious services and clergy at the law school; and the mission of the law school.

MOST DEVOUT CATHOLIC LAW SCHOOLS

1	Ave Maria School of Law
2	University of St. Thomas - Minneapolis
3	St. Johns University
4	Catholic University
5	Fordham University
6	Boston College Law School
7	Notre Dame Law School
8	Gonzaga University
9	Loyola University Chicago
10	Saint Louis University

Other Catholic law schools (in alphabetical order)

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Ave Maria School of Law promotes its strong ties to religion through its commitment to Catholicism, placing it No. 1 on our list of most devout Catholic schools. The Naples, Fla.-based school was created because the founders — most notably former Domino’s Pizza owner Tom Monaghan — believed other Catholic law schools had strayed from their roots.

“I do think that if all religious schools were true to their character, there would not be a need for us,” said President and Dean Eugene Milhizer. “In our case, it [religion] is central to who we are. It permeates the culture.”

Two Masses are held daily at the school’s chapel. Most of the student body and faculty is Catholic. There are crucifixes in classrooms, and classes normally begin with prayers.

Milhizer believes the emphasis on religion provides a richer study of the law. “We’re teaching law as a vocation, not as an exercise to gain power or exert will,” he said.

Secular institutions have limitations when it comes to teaching values because they fear retribution for possibly being “politically incorrect,” he said. In today’s environment, they have to tread carefully.

“We don’t have those limitations,” he said.

Many students are drawn to the school because of its commitment to religion. Joseph Tompkins, a third-year student, is Catholic and felt the school provided the most comforting and supportive atmosphere.

“I was admittedly scared going into law school,” said the 26-year-old Tampa native. “It was great to have the spiritual counseling that the school provides. If I would have gone to a public school, I wouldn’t have enjoyed the law experience as much.”

He also enjoys the emphasis the school places on religion when it comes to the study of the law. He doesn’t want to be in the position in the future in which he takes a legal case that might compromise his beliefs.

“It’s important to have that foundation,” he said.

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—Eugene R. Milhizer



A FAITH AND REASON

Signature EVENT

U.S. SENATOR TED CRUZ

Ave Maria School of Law presented *A Faith and Reason Signature Event* featuring U.S. Senator Ted Cruz on April 11 at the Hilton Naples. Proceeds from the event benefited the Ave Maria School of Law scholarship fund.

Senator Cruz spoke before an audience of 350 on the need to fight to preserve the religious liberty of the citizens of the United States.

"This nation was founded by brave men and women, many of whom were fleeing religious oppression," said Senator Cruz. "They came to a new world to find a land where each and every one of us could seek out the Lord God Almighty with all of our heart, mind and soul, free of repression from government power."

Senator Cruz told those in attendance he has been blessed to have had the opportunity during his career to defend religious liberty, an issue that is a deep passion of his. He talked about his work as the Solicitor General of Texas and later in private practice in successfully defeating challenges to the Ten Commandments monument on the grounds of the Texas State Capitol, the "under God" wording in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Mojave Desert Veterans Memorial Cross on government land in the Mojave National Preserve.

Today, however, Senator Cruz believes religious liberty is under attack more than at any other time in our nation's history. He cited the Internal Revenue Service's deliberate targeting of conservative groups, tea party groups, pro-life groups, and pro-Israel groups as just one example.

"The IRS told one pro-life group they would approve their application if they would simply agree not to protest Planned Parenthood," said Senator Cruz. "They asked another group to tell them the content of their prayers. Let me tell you something. The Federal government has no business asking any American the content of our prayers."

According to Senator Cruz, there is no arena where religious liberty has been more undermined the past five years than in the military.

"Men and women in the military are being told by their supervising officers not to share their faith with other soldiers or risk disciplinary action," he said.

As a member of the United States Senate Committee on Armed Services, Senator Cruz, along with Senator

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Mike Lee, introduced two amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act calling for the strengthening of religious liberty laws and for the Department of Defense Inspector General to investigate reports of military members suffering discrimination for expressing their religion. Despite the threat of a presidential veto, several Democratic members of the Committee on Armed Services joined with the Republican members to adopt the military religious freedom amendments that were later passed into law.

On behalf of the millions of people who value our religious liberty and constitutional rights, Senator Cruz thanked Ave Maria School of Law and other organizations, including Hobby Lobby and Little Sisters of the Poor, for taking legal action against the contraception provisions of President Barack Obama's 2010 Affordable Care Act.



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"For a nation founded by people fleeing religious oppression, how through the looking glass have we come?" asked Senator Cruz. "But I'm hopeful, I'm optimistic and I'm in prayer each and every day, as I know each and every one of you are, that the Supreme Court is going to do the right thing. It is going to strike down this provision, and it is going to uphold the religious liberty of each and every American."

Senator Cruz said those who believe in religious liberty must speak out. Law students, he said, have an incredible ability to speak out to their friends and their peers, to use social media, to use humor, to use their sphere of influence to reach out and impact others and to explain what religious liberty means to them, why it is so important and why we should respect the religious faith of everyone in America.

"Believing does not mean sitting back quietly and doing the golf clap," he said. "Believing is stepping in with everything you have, stepping in as the signers of the Declaration of Independence put it 'with their lives, their futures and their sacred honor'."

Senator Cruz reminded the audience the United States began with the proposition that sovereignty resides with the people, and the people collectively come together to form a government and to delegate certain powers to that government. But sovereignty always remains with the people, and, as Thomas Jefferson observed, the Constitution was to serve as chains to bind the mischiefs of government.

"Ave Maria School of Law is an institution that was formed as a place where men and women can come to study the law, study the Constitution, study the principles this nation was found on," said Senator Cruz. "It is where its graduates can go out and speak as unapologetic defenders of life, each and every human life, from unborn child to natural death. I am grateful, I am honored, I am humbled to be at an institution dedicated to defending eternal truths."

ABOUT U.S. SENATOR TED CRUZ

In 2012, Senator Cruz was elected as the 34th U.S. Senator from Texas. In the Senate, he serves on the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; the Committee on Armed Services; the Committee on the Judiciary; the Special Committee on Aging; and the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Before being elected, Senator Cruz served as the Solicitor General of Texas, the State's chief lawyer before the U.S. Supreme Court. Serving under Attorney General Greg Abbott, he was the nation's youngest Solicitor General, the longest serving Solicitor General in Texas, and the first Hispanic Solicitor General of Texas.

Prior to becoming Solicitor General, he served as the Director of the Office of Policy Planning at the Federal Trade Commission, as Associate Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice, and as Domestic Policy Advisor on the 2000 Bush-Cheney campaign.

In private practice in Houston, Senator Cruz spent five years as a partner at one of the nation's largest law firms, where he led the firm's U.S. Supreme Court and national Appellate Litigation practice. He has authored more than 80 U.S. Supreme Court briefs and argued 43 oral arguments, including nine before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Senator Cruz graduated with honors from Princeton University and with high honors from Harvard Law School. He served as a law clerk to Chief Justice William Rehnquist on the U.S. Supreme Court. He was the first Hispanic ever to clerk for the Chief Justice of the United States.

He has been named by *American Lawyer* magazine as one of the 50 Best Litigators under 45 in America, by the *National Law Journal* as one of the 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America, and by *Texas Lawyer* as one of the 25 Greatest Texas Lawyers of the Past Quarter Century.

Pomp and Circ

AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW CELEBRATES COMMENCEMENT 2014

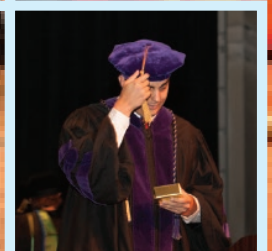
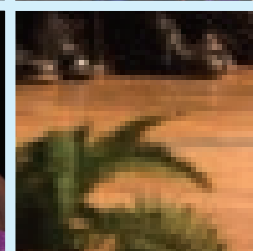
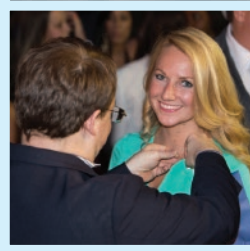
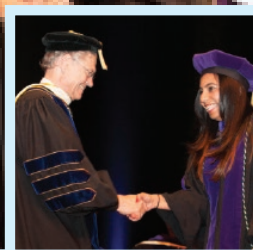
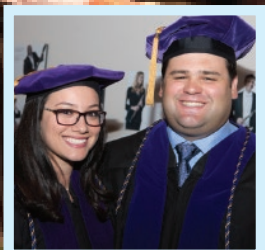
Ave Maria School of Law's 12th Annual Commencement Exercises were held at Artis-Naples on May 10. A diverse and accomplished group of more than 100 men and women crossed a threshold, shifting from efforts dedicated to preparing to become a member of the legal profession to the opportunity to apply that knowledge.

The 2014 Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient, His Eminence Francis Cardinal Arinze, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, delivered the Commencement Address.

Mr. Thomas B. Garlick, founder and managing partner of Garlick, Hilfiker & Swift, LLP and a member of the Ave Maria

School of Law Board of Governors since 2007, also received an Honorary Degree during the ceremony.

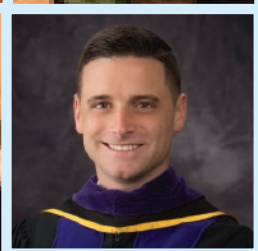
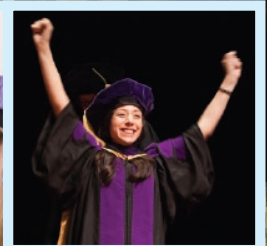
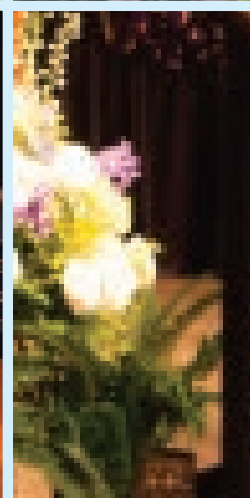
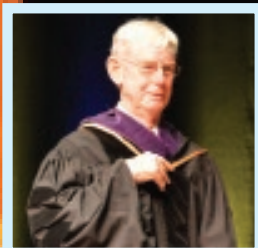
Ms. Mayra Talarico spoke on behalf of the Class of 2014. The Alumni Prayer for the Graduates was given by Ave Maria School of Law Alumni Association President and U.S. Air Force Captain Kevin Normile '08. Baccalaureate Mass, celebrated by Cardinal Arinze, was held on May 9 at St. Agnes Catholic Church. The New Alumni Reception and Pinning Ceremony was held on the Law School's campus following the Mass. Graduates, family members, friends and alumni attended this annual rite of passage in which alumni welcome the new graduates into the Ave Maria School of Law Alumni Association.



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“Coming to Ave, I knew I would receive a great legal education, but I never expected it to have such an impact on my life. Ave is where my education became a lifestyle, my professors became my colleagues, and my friends became my family. I will be forever grateful for the many gifts that this amazing law school has given to me.” Jamie Sammon '14

“Ave Maria School of Law offers its students a unique experience. It is the only law school that emphasizes the moral foundations of law, which makes for well-rounded legal study. The atmosphere is one of a close-knit family. Because of my years at Ave Maria School of Law, I feel confident as I enter preparations for the July bar exam.” Matthew A. Catania '14



Pomp and Circumstance



HIS EMINENCE FRANCIS CARDINAL ARINZE

Cardinal Arinze was considered a possible successor to Pope John Paul II in 2005, and he was one of the cardinal electors who participated in the papal conclave that elected Pope Benedict XVI. Following the resignation of Pope Benedict in 2013, Cardinal Arinze was again one of the most often-named papabili.

In 1965, Cardinal Arinze was appointed to the titular church of Fissiana and named coadjutor to the Archbishop of Onitsha. In August of that year, he was consecrated bishop at the age of 32. Only two years after he was asked to take over the pastoral government of the archdiocese, he was named Archbishop of Onitsha.

He was created and proclaimed Cardinal by John Paul II in the consistory of May 1985, of the Title of the Suburbicarian Church of Velletri-Segni. He was also appointed president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

As cardinal, he presided in the capacity of first President Delegate at the solemn closing of the Special Assembly for Africa of the Synod of Bishops at the altar of the Chair of St. Peter's Basilica in 1994. On October 24, 1999, he received a gold medallion from the International Council of Christians and Jews for his outstanding achievements in inter-faith relations.

In 2002, Cardinal Arinze was nominated Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. In April of that year, he was advanced to Cardinal Bishop of Velletri-Segni, which had been vacated by the ascension of Cardinal Ratzinger to the papacy. Upon his retirement in 2008, he assumed his current role as Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

Cooperation in the Promotion of the earthly city (Excerpt from Cardinal Arinze's speech)

“A young attorney graduating from Ave Maria School of Law has, with years of steady discipline and proven Catholic educational formation, been equipped with principles, robust social doctrine and a sound Catholic approach to life, which enable the graduate to be a significant contributor to the building up of the earthly city. The graduate of this institution has been prepared to go to the wider world and meet people who may be of the same or of a differing religious persuasion, to listen to them, to interact with them, and to figure out with them what could be done together to make this world a better place

in which to live. Good Catholic education prepares a citizen for meaningful participation in the building up of society.

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To be given special mention is respect for human life, from conception right up to natural death. The right to life is most fundamental. . . . The right to life is not given by governments. It is not conferred by some international agreements. It is not a favor bestowed by a religious body. It is a fundamental right given by God the Creator. It is a precious right appreciated by all people of good will across religious and cultural frontiers. . . . The

unequivocal Catholic defense of innocent human life is a precious patrimony which the Ave Maria School of Law graduate brings with him or her to life in the wider world.

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The Catholic attorney should stand out for his or her pursuit of the true, the noble, the good and the beautiful. He or she is expected to have enough courage not to succumb in front of temptations to compromise on these absolute values. A Catholic is invited to hold on to principles which have been honestly investigated, sincerely appreciated and convincingly lived.

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Serving Those Who Served Us

AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW IS A PROUD PARTICIPANT IN THE YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM

Eligible military veterans can attend Ave Maria School of Law at a significantly reduced cost thanks to the Law School's participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program, a part of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (Post-9/11 GI Bill).

Under the program, Ave Maria School of Law has entered into a dollar-for-dollar matching agreement with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to pay veterans' educational costs above those covered by the base GI Bill benefit.

Students who are eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill at the 100 percent level may also be eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program if, after September 10, 2001, they served an aggregate period of active duty of at least 36 months and were honorably discharged or were discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability after serving 30 continuous days.

Beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, qualifying eligible military veterans can attend Ave Maria School of Law at little to no out-of-pocket tuition cost through the Yellow Ribbon Program. Those qualifying under the program will have 100 percent of tuition and mandatory fees met through a combination of Post-9/11 benefits and the Yellow Ribbon Program.

"Duty, honor and service are principles we live by at Ave Maria School of Law," said Kaye A. Castro, Associate Dean for Student Affairs. "Our students who are veterans certainly understand these values and are a tremendous asset to our campus and classrooms. We are pleased to be able to provide financial assistance to them as they pursue their education."

Ira Combs III, Class of 2016, is one of those taking advantage of the Yellow Ribbon Program at Ave Maria. A U.S. Navy veteran, he is able to afford to attend law school full-time because of the program.

Before joining the military, Mr. Combs was not sure of what he wanted to do with his life other than he knew he wanted to work in a field he would be passionate about. Describing the military as the most diverse organization he had ever been a part of, he learned how to work with people from very differing backgrounds during his four years of service in the U.S. Navy.

He also became aware of issues impacting African-Americans, particularly the high incarceration rate of young black men, which is six times the national average. The desire to help reduce the number of black men in prison and the effect it has on the education, income, housing and health of the men and their families led him to law school.

Mr. Combs chose Ave Maria School of Law based on the recommendation of an alumna of the law school. Following graduation, he wants to practice criminal law in the Public Defender's Office, working to address the race and class inequality in the United States prison population.



The Heritage Society

SECURING OUR FUTURE

The Heritage Society was established to recognize alumni and friends who have included Ave Maria School of Law in their estate plans. These gifts take many forms including simple bequests by will, gift annuities, insurance policies, and charitable trusts. Many of these plans offer substantial financial and tax-saving benefits, often complementing an individual's overall estate plan.

The Heritage Society is also a sign of the confidence that many people today have in the vision and values of Ave Maria School of Law. It is this kind of confidence that will ensure the future of Ave Maria School of Law.

We would be honored and grateful to include you as a member of the Ave Maria School of Law Heritage Society. Please contact Donna Anthus in the Office of Advancement at (239) 687-5403 if you would like to discuss ways to include Ave Maria in your estate plans. If preferred, Heritage Society members may remain anonymous.

With your membership in the Heritage Society, you help ensure a steady stream of lawyers who will fight for faith and reason for generations to come.

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

Ave Maria law students and alumni are prepared to practice and are ready to make an immediate contribution to your organization.

What sets our students and alumni apart?

- A strong academic curriculum with an emphasis on ethics and professionalism
- A required third semester of advanced research and writing for litigation
- A robust externship and clinical program as well as a number of skills-based courses

For more information, contact Laura A. Weseley, Esq., Director of Career Services, at (239) 687-5351 or lweseley@avemarialaw.edu.



A FAITH AND REASON

Signature EVENT



DR. CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Pulitzer Prize Winner and Fox News Commentator Dr. Charles Krauthammer was the guest presenter at *A Faith and Reason Signature Event* hosted by Ave Maria School of Law on March 29 at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. It was a memorable night for the more than 500 guests who gathered to hear Dr. Krauthammer speak.

Dr. Krauthammer's presentation, "Politics in Washington, and a Forecast on the Upcoming Election," both captivated and entertained the audience that showed its appreciation with a standing ovation. The event garnered wide-spread media coverage and raised more than \$110,000 for the Ave Maria School of Law's scholarship fund. Sponsors of the event were the Naples Daily News and Cohen & Grigsby.

Dr. Krauthammer began his presentation by saying he was there to cheer up the audience.

"I guess you could sum up my talk this way," said Dr. Krauthammer. "The world is going to hell in a hand basket, but it's going to get better and here's why."

While agreeing it is very understandable to be quite disgusted with the goings on in Washington, Dr. Krauthammer told the audience they should not lose sight of the fact that it isn't very often that one is given the opportunity to live through a great national debate. He believes all the issues being discussed, debated and gridlocked over can be summarized into one ultimate question for a democracy: What is the size, the scope, the reach and the power of government?

"The debate we're having is the nature of the American experiment or to put it in the largest possible terms, the nature of the social contract between the citizens and state," said Dr. Krauthammer. "This has particular relevance for an institution for the devout, which is your law school, and for people of faith everywhere in America. That's one of the areas where this acute debate has now come home to hit, where the Supreme Court will be ruling, where you feel, as you should feel, personally involved."

Dr. Krauthammer described today's situation as a continuation of the ongoing battle between left and right regarding

equality versus liberty. Western Europe made the decision to promote equality over liberty, which has meant higher taxes, more regulation, more protection, more leveling of the classes and more intrusiveness of government in the lives of the citizens. The American approach is very different.

"There's a reason we have in New York Harbor a Statute of Liberty and not a Statute of Equality," said Dr. Krauthammer. "We believe in

helping the poor and the helpless, and this is a commonality of the Catholic tradition, the social gospel in many ways of Christianity, and of course, in the idea of the decent state. Not an entitlement state, but the safety net a decent society provides for the least among them. That is the American way, which doesn't sacrifice initiative, liberty, dynamism, innovation and risk in the pursuit of equality."

According to Dr. Krauthammer, a very ambitious, very ideologically aggressive liberalism has been in power since 2009, which has produced the debate on whether this kind of change in the nature of the relationship between the

citizens and state is what the country needs. He believes President Barack Obama made his agenda very clear when he gave his first State of the Union address.

"You don't remember this speech because you have real lives, you do things, you make things, you create things, you get involved in the community, you have families," said Dr. Krauthammer. "I, for my sins, have to watch this guy 24 hours a day. Clearly my sins are many so I remember every detail of it, and I remember the utter surprise and almost admiration I had for the boldness of this ideological vision that he proposed, every inch of which I opposed, and for the fact he made no attempt to hide what he wanted to do."

In that speech, President Obama laid out his plans to aggressively change the country, and he was going to do it in three ways: healthcare, education and energy. While not successful in nationalizing education or energy, the administration was able to pass Obamacare, which Dr. Krauthammer described as the living embodiment of hyper-intrusive, hyperactive, hyper-regulated liberalism. The passage of Obamacare turned a theoretical debate on what could happen to a debate based on seeing what was happening.

In Dr. Krauthammer's opinion, the ongoing problems with Obamacare stem from two mistakes on the part of the administration. In the past, all the great sweeping passes of legislation, such as Social Security, Medicare, civil rights, were passed with a large contingent of the opposition party supporting them. There was no such consensus with the passage of Obamacare. The second mistake was not listening to the American people. They didn't realize they were given a mandate to fix the economy and restore American confidence. They were not given a mandate to revolutionize the social structure of the United States and to radically alter the relationship between citizen and state.

"So they went for the gold and they passed it," said Dr. Krauthammer. "What they didn't see was that the American people are not passive, they are not prostrate, they are not demoralized, and they won't let themselves be run over by arrogant people in Washington who think they know the truth about how Americans should live."

The Tea Party movement and the 2010 election results were the reaction to this overreach of power said Dr. Krauthammer. In the U.S. House of Representatives, Democrats lost 63 seats, the most in 70 years. They lost five seats in the U.S. Senate and lost 680 seats in the state houses.

"That was the end of the Obama administration in terms of legislation," said Dr. Krauthammer. "They got Obamacare through but they haven't gotten through anything of importance ideologically since because they overreached, because the country, this amazing country where people simply have this sense of what is constitutionally proper in the American system, stood up and said no and voted the people of office."

With the worst economic recovery since World War II and a weak president both at home and abroad, Dr. Krauthammer considered the 2012 election to be an easy win for the Republicans. That was before the party nominated Mitt Romney as its candidate.

"I made the fatal mistake of underestimating the GOP genius for losing an unlosable election," said Dr. Krauthammer. "Obamacare was the issue the Republicans needed to make the case to win. So, what does the GOP do? It nominates the one man in a country of 300 million that can't make the case about Obamacare because he invented Obamacare."

Dr. Krauthammer is, however, optimistic about the 2016 election for two reasons. The first reason is he believes there is a strong field of young, dynamic conservatives who can successfully make the center-right case for the traditional American state of limited government versus the West European social democracy state. His list of possible candidates who could make the case and win the election included Scott Walker, Bobby Jindal, Jeb Bush, Chris Christie, Rand Paul and Ted Cruz.

The second reason for Dr. Krauthammer's optimism is because the country can see in Western Europe what will happen if the debt, the spending, the dependence and the over regulation are not stopped. The debate is no longer a theoretical one as it was in Ronald Reagan's time.

"We have this remarkable advantage," said Dr. Krauthammer. "Europe is kind of a time machine for us. It got started on the entitlement state 20 years before we did. They are 20 years ahead of where we are and will show us where we will be if we don't get off the track we are on now. As Herb Stein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under Nixon, once said, 'if something cannot go on, it won't.'"

ABOUT DR. CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Dr. Charles Krauthammer currently serves as a contributor for Fox News Channel, where he contributes political commentary and analysis. He appears nightly on its evening news program, *Special Report with Bret Baier*. Additionally, Dr. Krauthammer has written a syndicated column since 1985 for *The Washington Post* for which he won the 1987 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary. It is published weekly in more than 400 newspapers worldwide.

Dr. Krauthammer's latest book, *Things That Matter: Three Decades of Passions, Pastimes and Politics*, has been number one on *The New York Times* Best Seller list. Named by *The Financial Times* as the most influential commentator in America, Dr. Krauthammer has received the 2013 William F. Buckley Award for Media Excellence, the 1984 National Magazine Award for Essays and Criticisms, and the first annual Bradley Prize.

Prior to his career in journalism, Dr. Krauthammer served as a speech writer to Vice President Walter Mondale in 1980 and as chief resident in psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Krauthammer graduated from McGill University with a B.A. in political science and economics. He went on to become a Commonwealth Scholar at Balliol College in Oxford and earned his M.D. from Harvard Medical School.

Defending the Faithful

Roger Kiska '03

BATTLES INTOLERANCE
AND DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST CHRISTIANS.



"Nothing is more dreaded than the national government meddling with religion."

This statement was written in a letter by John Adams in 1812, but Roger Kiska believes that is exactly what is happening in today's world, and he views aggressive government intervention as the single largest danger to religious liberty.

Mr. Kiska, a 2003 graduate of Ave Maria School of Law, is senior legal counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), a not-for-profit legal association that works through litigation, policy and the legislative process, to defend religious liberty, life from conception until natural death and the conjugal family. He manages the European headquarters of ADF in Vienna, Austria, and oversees the ADF offices in India and Mexico City along with the organization's presence at the United Nations in New York and the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C.

"I work primarily in two fields," said Mr. Kiska. "First, I litigate cases before the European Court of Human Rights on religious liberty issues. These could include the issues of abortion, assisted suicide, the redefinition of marriage, home education or any religious liberty questions like rights of conscience or church autonomy. Second, I work with allies and politicians to inform and shape domestic legislation within Europe to ensure it is in line with religious freedom requirements protected under the European Convention of Human Rights."

Through his work, Mr. Kiska sees three leading threats to religious liberty, the first being so-called "equalities" legislation. Governments are mandating a preferred status for "sexual orientation," which more and more requires people of faith to act against their core religious beliefs and conscience in day-to-day dealings.

“A new form of witch hunt has begun”

“In fact, one of the most existential threats to religious liberty in Europe today is the European Union’s proposed Equal Treatment Directive on goods and services,” said Mr. Kiska. “If adopted, the legislation could make cases against Christian service providers commonplace in Europe. The legislation is so vague that it can be abused with impunity. The directive uses a subjective standard rather than an objective one, and there is a rebuttable presumption of guilt.”

The second threat to religious liberty, according to Mr. Kiska, is the passage of “hate speech” laws. Government, media and special-interest groups are more often ignoring freedom of expression, whether it be against the protections of the First Amendment in the United States or other international documents in Europe and elsewhere.

“A new form of witch hunt has begun,” said Mr. Kiska. “Those who dare challenge the cultural orthodoxy of the day by speaking on behalf of the family, against homosexual behavior, for life and for religious freedom can lose their jobs, be fined, go to jail or otherwise have their lives ruined. The resignation of Mozilla CEO Brendan Eich is an example of one of several recent watershed moments where a very vocal minority has called for and achieved the demise of freedom of expression and belief within Europe and the United States.”

Mr. Kiska describes the third threat as the reduction of freedom of religion, which is an all-encompassing term including both the forum interior and the forum exterior, to freedom of worship, which limits religious belief to a very small private sphere, such as at home or in church.

“Again, this is a very concentrated effort on behalf of state and inter-governmental bodies to steer society and culture into the direction it wishes,” said Mr. Kiska. “By changing how people are forced to act in the public sphere, it demonizes Christian moral beliefs and behaviors and over time eliminates them.”

ADF works to overcome these threats by defending rights of conscience, religious practice and religious expression at the highest legal levels through strategic cases.

“We also strive to broaden our working alliances with other like-minded individuals and organizations who all have the same goals in mind,” said Mr. Kiska. “We want to reclaim our rights as Christians, to be free from discrimination just because we are Christians, and to enjoy the same protection as Christians as everyone else in society enjoys.”

His work at ADF fulfills Mr. Kiska’s need to live out his faith through his work on a daily basis. He is proud of his work on behalf of parents in the field of education, particularly in countries like Germany, Sweden and Spain, and of his ongoing work in Belarus for religious freedom.

“But I think my most memorable moment came two years ago,” said Mr. Kiska.

“I was informed that a memorandum I wrote on

Christian confessional school funding convinced the single swing vote in the Swedish parliament to not vote for a bill that would have, in essence, brought an end to Christian private schools in Sweden.”

Mr. Kiska chose to attend law school after earning a master’s degree in theology, and Ave Maria School of Law seemed like the natural fit. A native of Manitoba, Canada, he was the first international student at the Law School as well as a member of the Law School’s first class.

“We were as close knit a group as could be,” Mr. Kiska said. “Ave Maria gave me many tools that ultimately affected my career greatly. It provided a solid foundation in legal reasoning and natural law, which, believe it or not, I get to use incredibly frequently. It gave me the strength to fight against the cultural norms of an elitist European Union and United Nations system, knowing, in large part because of my classmates, that many stand alongside me in my beliefs.”

Mr. Kiska views being an international lawyer as a great profession, one filled with travel and prestige. He enjoys working in the highest areas of government and getting to directly effect change in line with his Catholic beliefs. However, the downside sometimes stems from the same things: too much travel, change comes too slowly, and daily facing the reality that the inter-governmental bodies where he works are fundamentally opposed to the Christian worldview.

To those considering law school, Mr. Kiska cautions that law school is not an easy choice. Law is not like it is on television or in the movies, and increasingly, the job market is becoming more and more difficult. But for those who see law as their vocation and want to make a difference in the world, success is 100 percent possible with work and tenacity.

“I was an average student, not exceptional by any means, and someone who really did not stand out at all in law school,” said Mr. Kiska. “If you were to pick students to whom to give the proverbial ball to run with, I certainly would not have been one of them. I hope a lesson can be drawn for any student who feels somewhat undistinguished during his or her studies that he or she can indeed achieve his or her career dreams and beyond. And for those who choose a more non-traditional legal route as I did, I can’t think of a better place to go than Ave Maria.”



Championing Human Amy Pedagno '12

IS USING THE LAW TO LESSEN THE FEAR
AND UNCERTAINTY OF THOSE IN NEED.



Two weeks into her post-graduate fellowship with the Law of Life Project, Amy Pedagno found herself on a plane heading for a conference in Bangkok, Thailand. She arrived at the United Nations Conference Center on the first day with no idea of where she needed to be.

"Out of nowhere comes this little nun who showed me where to go and later met me for lunch to give me advice about the best places to eat and visit while I was there," said Ms. Pedagno. "If that wasn't a clear 'assist' from the Lord, then I don't know what is."

It is Ms. Pedagno's faith and her desire to do the Lord's work that led her to Ave Maria School of Law and, ultimately, to her current fellowship. She applied to Ave Maria because of the law school's mission and image as a different type of law school. While in law school, Ms. Pedagno participated in the Alliance Defending Freedom's Blackstone Legal Fellowship, a leadership development program. She spent half of her Law School career interning with a federal judge and did volunteer immigration assistance.

"Ave Maria School of Law provided me with so many opportunities, including my current fellowship, that I'm not sure I would have gotten if I'd gone to another law school," said Ms. Pedagno. "All my experiences at Ave have helped shape me into the lawyer I am today, and I am grateful for the professors and friends I had there who helped me along the way."

Having worked two summers with pro-life organizations and being drawn to working for a non-profit organization after graduation, Ms. Pedagno was approached by the Ave Maria Career Services Office regarding developing a grant proposal for a post-graduate fellowship doing pro-life work. As part of her work on the grant proposal, she searched for a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., needing the assistance of an attorney but with no budget to hire one. The Law of Life Project was that organization. Everything was progressing as planned until, at the last minute, the Law School could not provide funding for the fellowship.

Dignity

“This fellowship has given me an absolutely astounding perspective into the many facets of pro-life law.”

“Bill and Donna Bradt, benefactors of the Law School, graciously agreed to provide me with two years of funding for a post-graduate fellowship,” said Ms. Pedagno. “Without them, I would not be working for the Law of Life Project. I am so incredibly grateful to them and to the Ave staff who made this opportunity possible.”

The Law of Life Project is a public-interest legal organization dedicated to legally defending the right to life and dignity of the human being from biological conception until natural death in all matters worldwide where such a defense is required. Ms. Pedagno’s work is a mix of legal and advocacy projects. Since beginning her fellowship, she has worked on federal and state civil litigation, written multiple amicus briefs for cases at the United States Supreme Court and testified before government bodies. In addition, she has traveled to and filed briefs with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Bangkok, Thailand, and participated in conferences at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

“I have spoken with scared pregnant teenagers on the phone and helped to draft the statements of post-abortive women,” said Ms. Pedagno. “I’ve collaborated with other pro-life organizations, spoken at churches and universities, and joined rallies and press conferences. This fellowship has given me an absolutely astounding perspective into the many facets of pro-life law.”

While enjoying doing pro-life legal work and planning to continue to be involved in pro-life efforts for the rest of her life, Ms. Pedagno, over the past few years, has been feeling the call to immigration work. She originally planned to do child advocacy work, but because Ave Maria School of Law did not have a child advocacy clinic, she enrolled in the immigration clinic to get clinical experience.

This was when Ms. Pedagno discovered she really had a heart for this kind of law, enjoying both the clients and the problem solving that comes from navigating a system managed by multiple federal departments. She continued volunteering with the Law School’s clinic while studying for the bar exam, and after moving to Virginia, she began to volunteer with Catholic Charities’ immigration program. Additionally, Ms. Pedagno has a part-time, second job with an immigration law firm. Through her work and volunteer experience, she sees several underlying issues she believes contribute to the current immigration climate.

“Certainly, we, as a Church, country and global society, need to work at understanding and improving the problems that lead to immigration,” said Ms. Pedagno. “For me, immigration should be an actual choice, not merely a decision driven solely by external situations. No one should have to leave their homeland because they can’t feed their families or worship as they please or send their daughters to school. This means we have to continue to work for peace and to eradicate poverty.”

That, however, does not address the very real problems facing the United States immigration system according to Ms. Pedagno. The fact is there are millions of people living in the United States undocumented. Although immigration reform is a topic that sends many people’s blood pressure through the roof, Ms. Pedagno believes the country has to think carefully and compassionately about how to help undocumented immigrants while still respecting United States law. Similarly, she sees a need to make it easier for people to lawfully move to the United States.

“These are not easy problems, certainly, but they’re also not unsolvable ones,” said Ms. Pedagno. “To my mind, the biggest problem facing immigration reform is the fact that so many people still think of this issue in an ‘us’ versus ‘them’ paradigm. This way of thinking ignores the humanity of immigrants.”

This desire to help those in need was what made Ms. Pedagno choose to become a lawyer.

“For me, the best part about being a lawyer is the fact I have the knowledge and license to help people in a unique way,” said Ms. Pedagno. “It’s both an honor and a little bit of a rush when people come to me for legal advice, and it is rewarding to help them in situations often accompanied by fear or uncertainty.”

Ms. Pedagno’s advice to those considering law school: “Pray about it. Do your research. Go into law school with your eyes open. The hard work and the debt are worth it, in my opinion, if law school is where you’re supposed to be. But it’s not for everyone. Ask yourself why you want to be a lawyer. Reflect on whether law school is the best way to get you there. Pray some more. After all that, if you still think you’re meant for law school, then strap on your boots and hang on. It’s an exhilarating ride!”

Ave Maria School of Law Holds Estate Planning Conference



The first Ave Maria School of Law Estate Planning Conference was held on April 25 on the Law School's campus. The conference agenda included an impressive line-up of speakers and a wide array of topics:

- **Fiduciary Income Tax Planning in Difficult Economic Times**
Presented by: William A. Snyder, Snyder & Snyder, P.A., Davie and Jordan G. Lee, Shutts & Bowen
- **International Tax Planning and Asset Protection**
Presented by: Jonathan Gopman, Akerman LLP, Naples and Kevin Carmichael, Salvatori, Wood, Buckel, Carmichael & Lottes
- **10 Steps to Take Now in Light of Estate Tax Legislation**
Presented by: Barry A. Nelson, Nelson & Nelson, P.A.
- **Succession Planning for the Closely Held Business Upon Retirement or Death of the Principal**
Presented by: Jerome M. Hesch, Berger Singermann
- **Using Estate Planning Techniques to Optimize Family Wealth Preservation**
Presented by: Alan S. Gassman, Gassman Law Associates, P.A.
- **Navigating Today's Ethical Landscape - Do We Need A New Roadmap?**
Presented by: Gregory T. Holtz, Ave Maria School of Law
- **A Dozen of My Top Favorite Planning Ideas That I'm Willing to Talk About**
Presented by: Bruce Stone, Goldman Felcoski & Stone P.A.
- **Pitfalls for Planners**
Presented by: Laird A. Lile, Laird A. Lile, P.A.
- **Domestic Asset Protection Trust Planning**
Presented by: Al W. King III, South Dakota Trust Company, LLC

The conference received a Certificate of Accreditation for Continuing Education from the Florida Bar. Estate planners, including attorneys, trust officers, accountants, insurance advisors, and wealth management professionals, attending the conference were able to earn 8.5 General CLE Credits, including 1.0 CLE Credit in Ethics and 6.5 Certification Credits each in Elder Law and Wills, Trusts and Estates.

In addition, the Institute of Certified Bankers (ICB), a subsidiary of the American Bankers Association, approved the Ave Maria School of Law Estate Planning Conference for 8.75 CTFA (Certified Trust and Financial Advisor) credits.

The conference was envisaged by Jonathan Gopman, Chair of Akerman LLP's Chair, Trust and Estates, Family Services Practice Group and Ave Maria School of Law adjunct professor, who served as chair of the Estate Planning Conference Committee.

For information on conference self-study credit, visit <http://www.mylawcle.com/product/estate-planning-conference/>.

**Next year's Ave Maria School of Law Estate Planning Conference
is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2015.**

For more information, visit: www.avemarialaw.edu/estateplanning/index.aspx
or contact Karen Grebing at: kgrebing@avemarialaw.edu or (239) 687-5404.



A number of the speakers at the Estate Planning Conference participated in a panel discussion at the end of the day. (From left to right): Christopher P. Bray (moderator), Al W. King III, Alan S. Gassman, Bruce Stone, Jerome M. Hesch and Barry A. Nelson.



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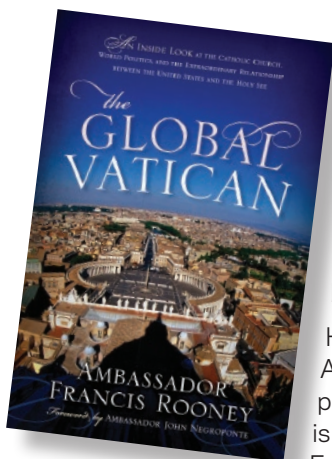


featuring AMBASSADOR FRANCIS ROONEY

Thursday, October 30, 2014

Ave Maria School of Law, St. Thomas More Commons

Appointed by President George W. Bush during a period of immense change and challenge for the United States, the Catholic Church, and the world, Ambassador Francis Rooney served as United States Ambassador to the Holy See, the governing body of the Catholic Church, from 2005 through 2008.



His new book, *The Global Vatican*, captures the interwoven nature of religious and political power and the complexities, battles, and future prospects for the relationship between the Holy See and the United States as both face challenges old and new.

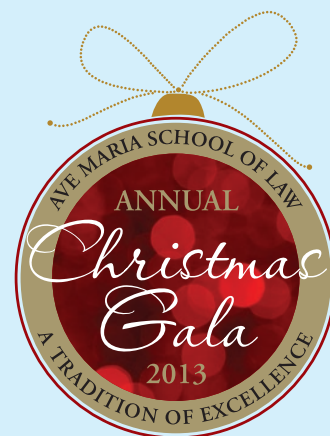
Currently Ambassador Rooney is the chief executive officer of Rooney Holdings, Inc., a diversified investment company, and Manhattan Construction Group, a civil and building construction company.

He has rejoined the Board of Advisors of the Panama Canal Authority, Republic of Panama, on which he was member prior to resigning in 2005 to enter government service. He is a member of the board of the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation and serves as chairman of the Board of Visitors of the University of Oklahoma College of International Studies.

Ambassador Rooney also currently serves on the boards of directors of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (NYSE) and Laredo Petroleum, Inc. (NYSE), both in Tulsa, Oklahoma; VETRA Energy Group, Bogota, Colombia; and Mercantil Commercebank, Coral Gables, Florida. He is a trustee of The Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress and a member of the board of directors of The Trust for the National Mall, both in Washington, D.C., and is a member of the Council of American Ambassadors.

He is a graduate of Georgetown University and Georgetown University Law Center. He is a member of the District of Columbia and Texas Bars, and holds a U.S. Coast Guard 100 Ton Masters License (sailing endorsement). He is married to Kathleen Collins Rooney, and they have three children.

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Ave Maria School of Law Christmas Gala a great success!

Ave Maria School of Law held a joyous celebration of the blessings of the season at its 2013 Christmas Gala at the Port Royal Club on December 6. More than \$70,000 was raised at the event, with proceeds from the evening benefitting the Ave Maria School of Law scholarship fund. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nicholson served as co-chairs for the event.

Honorary guests for the evening included His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan, Archbishop Emeritus of New York; Mr. Thomas S. Monaghan, Chairman of the Board of Governors and Founder; and His Excellency Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice.



The highlight of the evening was the surprise announcement of a scholarship named in honor of Mr. Monaghan.

GENEROUS SPONSORS of the Ave Maria School of Law Christmas Gala included the Naples Daily News; Butzel-Long; Garlick, Hilficker and Swift; The Club at Grandezza; the Vineyards Country Club; Brooks Brothers; Life in Naples; NBC-2; and Prestige Printing.



J. Kirkland Miller named Professor of the Year

In March, J. Kirkland Miller, visiting associate professor of law, received the Ave Maria School of Law Professor of the Year award. The honor was presented by the Student Bar Association at the Barristers' Ball.

Professor Miller is teaching Products Liability this summer and in the fall will be teaching Property I and Trial Advocacy. In the past, he has taught Complex Litigation; Client Representation and Negotiation Practicum; and, Research, Writing and Advocacy III – Pre-trial Litigation.

Tell us about your professional experience and what led you to Ave Maria School of Law.

Up until the time that we moved to Florida with the law school in 2009, I worked as a trial attorney in Michigan. I was hired by the law firm that I clerked at while in law school and eventually moved on to one of the largest litigation firms in the State of Michigan. Eventually, I became partner at a boutique law firm that served as regional counsel for American Medical Response. It was really serendipity that led me to Ave Maria School of Law. I "co-taught" a class with Professor Maureen Milliron; however, saying that I "co-taught" the course is probably inaccurate. She did all the teaching, and I told "war stories"! Soon thereafter, the school was looking to fill a position teaching pre-trial litigation (RWA III). That was right up my alley, so I jumped at the opportunity and fell in love with teaching.

How would you characterize your approach to teaching?

I try to engage students at every opportunity. I try to incorporate practical or "lawyering" skills into my doctrinal lectures. My favorite lectures are those that move from traditional Q & A lecture into an open discussion about the law. It is during those lectures that I see students making connections between the law and application of the law to certain facts. There is nothing more rewarding to a professor than seeing students having breakthrough moments!

What is your advice to today's law students?

My advice is simple: work hard; stay current with your studies; and don't think that you can succeed in law school employing lazy study habits that might have worked in undergraduate school. Also, when you land a job at a firm (or with a judge) during law school, don't be the last one into the office in the morning or the first one to leave at the end of the day. Do more than what is asked of you and you will definitely get noticed. Law firms will be fighting to hire you.

What is the best advice you ever received?

"Run everything out." (Anybody that has ever played baseball will know what that means!)

What has been your most rewarding or memorable experience?

Being married to a wonderful wife, best friend, and professor (Maureen Milliron) and having two great sons, Colin (16) and Drew (13), who both love baseball as much as their old man!

What do you hope to accomplish in the classroom?

Teach, inspire, and hold students accountable.



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Associate Dean Ted Afield and Associate Professor Kevin Govern Granted Tenure



The Ave Maria School of Law Board of Governors, upon favorable recommendations from the tenured faculty, granted tenure in May to Associate Dean Ted Afield and Associate Professor Kevin Govern.

Prior to joining Ave Maria, **Associate Dean Ted Afield** was an associate with the law firm Barnett, Bolt, Kirkwood, Long & McBride, P.A. in Tampa, Florida. Previously, he clerked for the Honorable Charles R. Wilson on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and worked as an associate with Fowler White Boggs Banker, P.A. in Tampa, Florida. While in private practice, Dean Afield focused primarily on federal and state taxation, corporate law, health care law, estate planning, and commercial litigation. He earned his A.B. *cum laude* in History from Harvard College, where he was a Harvard College Scholar, and his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was an Articles Editor of the *Columbia Business Law Review* (which also selected his note for publication) and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. In addition, Dean Afield holds an LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class. Dean Afield has published extensively in the field of taxation, and his publications have been accepted for publication in the *Florida Tax Review*, the *Rutgers Business Law Review*, the *Nevada Law Journal*, the *Catholic University Law Review*, and the *Cleveland State Law Review*. Dean Afield has served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Ave Maria School of Law since December 2012.

Associate Professor Govern began his legal career as an Army Judge Advocate, serving 20 years on Active Duty at every echelon during peacetime and war in worldwide assignments involving every legal discipline. He has also

served as an Assistant Professor of Law at the United States Military Academy and has taught at California University of Pennsylvania and John Jay College. He also serves as an Advisory Board Member for the Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, University of Pennsylvania School of Law. Professor Govern holds a Bachelor of Arts in History and German from Marquette University, where he was a Distinguished Military Graduate, and his J.D. from Marquette University Law School. In addition, he holds an LL.M. in International and Operational Law from the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General's School as well as an LL.M. in International and Comparative Law, *cum laude*, from the University of Notre Dame School of Law. He has published widely and spoken frequently on international and comparative law, national security and homeland security law, military operations, law and religion, and professional ethics. His recent scholarship has appeared in books under the Oxford University Press and four other imprints, and more than a dozen law reviews, journals, and professional publications.

To obtain tenure, a faculty member has the burden of establishing demonstrated excellence in teaching, a serious commitment to scholarly research and publication, and a proven record of service to the Law School. Dean Afield and Professor Govern have fully satisfied these standards and have also demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the Mission of Ave Maria School of Law.

PROFESSOR JOHN RAUDABAUGH PARTICIPATES IN PANEL AT NATIONAL LAWYERS CONVENTION

John N. Raudabaugh, Reed Larson Professor of Labor Law at Ave Maria School of Law and a former member of the National Labor Relations Board, participated in a panel presentation during the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies' 2013 National Lawyers Convention held in November in Washington, D.C. The panel on "Recess Appointments: Implications of Noel Canning" was hosted by the Labor and Employment Law Practice Group. Panel members were (left to right): Mr. Noel J. Francisco, partner at Jones Day; Professor Raudabaugh; Judge Raymond Kethledge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; and Ms. Elizabeth Wydra, Chief Counsel at the Constitutional Accountability Center.

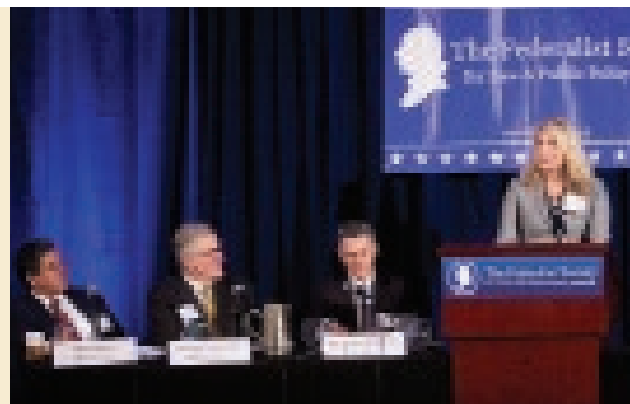


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Peter Carfagna and Edward Staros named to Ave Maria School of Law Board of Governors

In May, Peter A. Carfagna and Edward V. Staros were named to the Ave Maria School of Law Board of Governors. The board consists of accomplished leaders from across the nation and from a variety of fields, including legal education, the judiciary, Catholic clergy, government and business, who provide guidance and leadership to Ave Maria School of Law and serve as representatives of the law school in their communities.

"We are honored to have Mr. Carfagna and Mr. Staros join our Board of Governors," said Thomas S. Monaghan, chairman of the Board of Governors and founder of Ave Maria School of Law. "The expertise and vast experience they both bring to our already outstanding board will greatly benefit Ave Maria School of Law. I'm confident they will make significant contributions toward furthering the mission of our law school."

Mr. Carfagna is chairman and CEO of Magis, LLC, a privately owned sports marketing, management and investment company, including family ownership of the Lake county Captains, a Cleveland Indians Class A Affiliate. Prior to founding Magis, he served as chief legal officer and general counsel of International Management Group (IMG) and was senior partner at Jones Day LLP before that. Mr. Carfagna is a member of the board of directors of various private companies, as well as charitable and professional sports organizations, including the Sports Legacy Institute and the Ladies Professional Golf Association. He is a visiting professor of Law at Ave Maria School of Law, where he teaches sports and entertainment law classes. Mr. Carfagna also serves as a lecturer in law, teaching sports law and



marketing courses at Harvard Law School and as an executive in residence at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Mr. Carfagna is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Harvard College, a recipient of an M.A. with Honors in Jurisprudence/Law from Oxford, where he attended under a Rhodes Scholarship, and a recipient of a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He and his family reside in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Staros is the vice president and managing director of The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples. He was appointed the vice president and managing director of the Forbes Four-Star, AAA Five Diamond Ritz-Carlton, Naples in October 1999.

In 2002, he oversaw the opening of The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples. Mr. Staros was the third employee of The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, LLC, when it was established in 1983, and is one of the company's "founding fathers." Past positions with the company include corporate director of rooms; general manager of The Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta (Downtown) and The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead. In 1988, he was promoted to the company's first regional vice president, a position Mr. Staros held until 1992, when he was promoted to vice president of worldwide operations. Mr. Staros serves on the board of directors for various community organizations, educational institutions and corporations. Additionally, he is a founding sponsor of the Naples Winter Wine Festival and honorary trustee of the event, which funds the Naples Children's Education Foundation. Mr. Staros holds a bachelor's degree from Florida State University's School of Business, with a major in hospitality and a minor in finance. He and his family reside in Naples, Florida.

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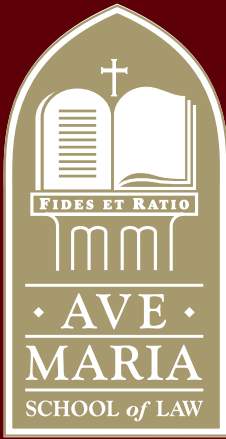
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Join us for a joyous celebration of this blessed season at the Ave Maria School of Law's "Queen of Heaven Ball" to be held on Friday, December 5, 2014, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. This year's gala will feature our honorary guest, Thomas S. Monaghan, chairman of the Board of Governors and founder.

The evening promises to be a grand event, complete with a festive holiday dinner and a wonderful auction featuring a wide array of vacation get-a-ways, fine dining opportunities and golf packages.

We are grateful to our 2014 "Queen of Heaven Ball" co-chairs, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Von Zwehl, and to our volunteers and staff for their help in making this year's Gala what we hope will be our best ever. All proceeds from the "Queen of Heaven Ball" will benefit the Ave Maria School of Law Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are \$350 per person. For those unable to attend the "Queen of Heaven Ball" we will be most grateful for your donations.

Advance bidding and tickets can be purchased online at the Ave Maria School of Law website "Queen of Heaven Ball" at www.bidpal.net/amslball.

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