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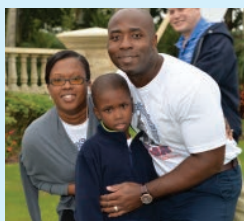
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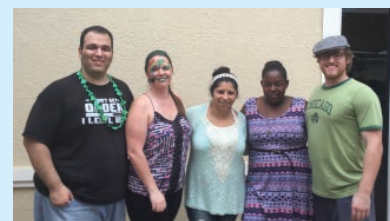
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The Blessed Virgin Mary has many titles, though from a lawyer's perspective, none more important than "Most Gracious Advocate." Ave Maria School of Law Advocate takes its inspiration from this title and from the recognition that lawyers are at their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

A Word from our Dean



Dean Cieply volunteers alongside 1L students during an orientation service day at the Naples Equestrian Challenge.

Dear Friends of Ave Maria School of Law:

It was hard for me to say goodbye to the Class of 2016; they were a talented, hard-working, and dedicated class. Beth Humann, one of their graduates, scored the second highest score on the February 2016 Florida Bar Exam. She also, with her classmates Deanna Vella and Kimberlee Mitton, made it to the semi-finals in the Orseck Moot Court Competition. The softball team won the National Championship for Law Schools, and their commitment will certainly be hard to beat. Legendary Lou Holtz gave a stirring and inspirational commencement speech. Our Honorary Degree recipients, Mr. Karl Keating, Mr. Vinnie Von Zwehl, Mrs. Connie Von Zwehl, and Coach Holtz, have all contributed a tremendous amount to our communities and Catholic education. The commencement also gave us the opportunity to recognize and honor the late Dean Emeritus Bernard Dobranski, who was the founding Dean of Ave Maria School of Law. We are forever grateful to Dean Emeritus Dobranski and his family. It also gave us time to remember Robert "Sterling" Earhart, who passed away in his 1L year, Spring of 2014. God Bless Sterling.

This year we are blessed to welcome the new Class of 2019, and we welcome back our 2L and 3L students. No doubt, it will be a challenging, exciting, and rewarding year. We continue our quest to take our school to her highest potential. In addition to being named the Best Law School in the Country for the Devout and the Most Diverse Law School in the Country by *National Jurists' PreLaw Magazine*, we will strive to be the Law School of Choice for our Veterans. It is a natural fit for our school. Before our Founder, Mr. Thomas S. Monaghan, became the owner of Domino's Pizza and the Detroit Tigers, he was a Marine. He attributes his success in life to Our Lord and to his training as a Marine. We also have three retired JAG Corps Officers on our faculty: board member, Jim White, who is a retired JAG officer, first Lieutenant and Captain in the Air Force, board member, Dick Klaas, an Army Veteran and Judge Patrick Conlin, a Veteran of the Korean War. One of our newest board members, Hank White, is a retired Rear Admiral (a Two-Star Admiral). In addition, many of our students, alumni and staff are veterans, having proudly served their country. Most importantly, cultivating an atmosphere on campus that honors and serves our veterans is, simply put, the right thing to do.

In that vein, we are naming our library the "Veterans Memorial Law Library." At the entrance of the library, we will dedicate a Bronze Plaque to benefactors who graciously contribute at a level that qualifies them to be named a "Founder." And inside the library, we will create a Veterans Wall of Honor, where individuals may contribute a gift to honor the name of a veteran of their choice. More information on these new initiatives can be found on page 30.

We are also naming our Estate Planning Clinic after one of our professors—the "Gregory T. Holtz Estate Planning and General Practice Clinic." Professor Holtz is the epitome of an expert who practices his craft of estate planning in harmony with the Catholic Church and its teachings. We are proud to place his name on our clinic.

I believe this academic year will be our finest for events and speakers. On February 4, 2017, we will welcome back Dr. Charles Krauthammer, and on March 25, 2017, we will celebrate Tom Monaghan's 80th Birthday with a swing band and a trip down memory lane.

As you can see, while it was hard to bid farewell to the Class of 2016, we look to this new Academic Year with great expectations.

God Bless,

Kevin Cieply
President and Dean

Ave Law Student Ranks #2 on the Florida Bar

“Unlike many people who attend law school, I really enjoyed it. I think there were two major factors that contributed to this: the smaller size of the school and the top-notch instruction I received.”

Elizabeth Humann graduated from Ave Law last December and then took the February 2016 Florida Bar Exam. She received the second highest score in the state - a tremendous accomplishment. Because of her score, she was invited to be a speaker at the Induction Ceremony at the Fourth District Court of Appeal at the Palm Beach County Courthouse. Beth walked during Commencement this May.

Q. How would you describe your law school experience at Ave Maria School of Law?

“Unlike many people who attend law school, I really enjoyed it. I think there were two major factors that contributed to this: the smaller size of the school and the top-notch instruction I received.

Since Ave is smaller than most law schools, the professors are far more accessible than at other schools. I went to a large undergraduate university, and getting a meeting with a professor practically required an Act of Congress. At Ave, I was able to request appointments with professors whenever I needed clarification on a topic. The smaller class sizes also foster a family-type environment. I know that sounds cliché, but at Ave it is actually true. As a “non-traditional” student (a.k.a. “old”), I was concerned that I would have difficulty being accepted by my much younger peers. This was never the case. I was immediately welcomed both at on and off-campus social events.

The Professors at Ave are fantastic. Anyone can know the doctrinal concepts of the law, but it takes special people to communicate that to law students. The professors I had were not only knowledgeable, but were true teachers as well. They did not make it easy for us, but when I got to bar prep, I was so grateful for the solid foundation they had laid.”

Q. You ranked #2 for the Florida Bar Exam in February. That's quite an accomplishment. How did you feel when you first learned of this news? How did you approach studying for the bar exam?

“I was blessed to be the recipient of a very generous scholarship at Ave Maria. Since I will never know exactly where that money came from, I went into bar prep determined to show my gratitude to my donors by performing as well as I could on the bar exam.

When you take the bar exam, you spend about an hour afterward second guessing every answer you chose. By the end of that hour, you have entirely convinced yourself that you have failed. So when I found out that I had passed the bar, I was ecstatic. About a week later, when I received the call that I had done well, I had this overwhelming sense of happiness that I had accomplished what I set out to do: I had both brought credit to the school and I had shown the people who contributed to my scholarship that they had invested wisely. I hope I continue to prove that to them throughout my legal career.

For me, the key to bar prep (I might be developing a theme here) is to focus on being grateful. It is hard to describe the misery of bar prep. It's 14 hour days, 7 days a week, for 8 weeks. It's an absolute emotional roller coaster. Every time I was tempted to give up for the day, I would take five minutes to think about how lucky I was to be in my position. Thousands of people who would love to go to law school or even college will never have the chance to do so, and I'm complaining about another hour of Property? At least once a day I gave myself an attitude adjustment.”



Q. You are now working for the law school. What is your position and what does your day-to-day entail?

“I currently work both full-time at a private firm in Naples as well as part-time for Ave Maria. My full-time job is at the Law Office of James Chandler, where I practice criminal defense. The reality is that you can score second on the bar, but that does not do a thing for you when you appear in court. Judges don’t care how I did on the bar and I’m up there just as nervous as the next person.

My part-time position at Ave is assisting with bar preparation. I am technically an “adjunct professor” but frankly I don’t feel deserving of that title yet. I have been helping to prepare bar takers for the Florida essay portion of the bar. I think I counted once, and there are 27, yes 27, potential topics on the Florida section of the bar. I have been holding workshops in which we establish essay strategies for these topics. Hopefully it is helpful.”

Q. What is your advice for those currently considering law school?

“My advice for people considering law school is to enroll only if you are passionate about it. It seems like many people fresh from undergrad go to law school as a default plan- they aren’t sure what to do next so why not go to law school? Those people either end up dropping out or are miserable later. Law school is a huge commitment both timewise and financially. If you aren’t sure what you want to do with your life right after undergrad, get some temporary job somewhere, make a few bucks, and enjoy your twenties until you figure out what is really rewarding to you. But if you are 100% positive that law school is for you, throw yourself into it wholeheartedly. Work as hard as you can. Do law review or moot court. Join some organizations. Don’t do it halfway, because you get out of law school exactly what you put into it.”

Sharing the good news...



The Spring 2016 issue of *National Jurists’ PreLaw Magazine* ranked Ave Maria School of Law the **most devout Catholic law school in the nation**. We were also ranked **the number one most diverse law school in the country** quantified in a study by Dr. Jack Manhire at Texas A&M University School of Law. We are extremely proud of our Ave Law students, faculty, staff and alumni who represent the culmination of these well-deserved distinctions.



Sidebars

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

President:

- Naomi Hatton '17

Vice President:

- Victor Bermudez '18

Secretary:

- Thérèse Desilets '18

3L Senate:

- Brittney Davis '17
- Cameron Colledge '17
- Bibiana Potestad '17
- Daniel Whitehead '17

2L Senate:

- Bartlomiej Milewski '18
- Sarah Sulsona '18
- Stephanie Williams '18
- Michael Mahoney '18



Naomi Hatton '17 and Victor Bermudez '18



AVE LAW MEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS!

The Ave Law Men's softball team travelled to Charlottesville, Virginia to play in the 33rd Annual Virginia Law School National Softball Invitational and became the champions of the tournament! There were 115 teams in the National Tournament and our Men's team went 7-0 to win and become the 2016 National Champs. Ave Law is now known as a competitive and respected school. Congratulations to our team for all of their hard work and dedication.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL ST. THOMAS MORE ORAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION



Molly McCann '18

Please join us in recognizing the first year law students who competed in the Oral Advocacy Competition this spring, along with their fearless leader, Director and Assistant Professor of Research, Writing and Advocacy, Maureen Milliron. The top four finalists were Victor Bermudez '18, Molly McCann '18, Kathleen Mullally '18, and Hershal Spangler '18. Molly McCann was the winner of the competition.

2017 SAVE-THE-DATES

JANUARY 20

MARCH FOR LIFE WALK NAPLES

JANUARY 27

MARCH FOR LIFE WALK WASHINGTON D.C.



MARCH FOR LIFE IN NAPLES

Ave Maria School of Law hosted an inaugural March for Life walk on our Naples, Florida campus. It was a great way to bring together the Ave Maria School of Law community for a unique opportunity in support of a great cause close to our hearts.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Every year a group of Ave Maria School of law students, alumni and faculty travel to Washington, D.C. in January to participate in the March for Life, the largest pro-life event in the world; this year was no different. This march, celebrating the dignity of human life was a moving experience, and our students were interviewed on EWTN. A special thank you to the Lex Vitae students who organized this event on behalf of the school.



Chapel Rededicated



Shea Hasenauer '16, Professor Brian Scarnecchia, Jessica Bermudez '18



Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

The St. Thomas More Chapel was rededicated on January 17th by Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida as the Chapel of St. Thérèse of the Little Flower. Renamed in honor of an anonymous donor, the Chapel honors the memory of a saint the world came to know through her autobiography, "Story of a Soul". In describing her life, St. Thérèse noted the "little way of spiritual childhood." She lived each day with an unwavering confidence in God's love. "What matters in life," she wrote, "is not great deeds, but great love." Thérèse lived and taught a spirituality that reached everyone and everything well and with love. She believed that just as a child becomes captivated with what is before her, we should also have a childlike focus and be totally attentive to love. Thérèse's spirituality then, is of doing the ordinary, yet with extraordinary love.

She saw herself as the "little flower of Jesus." Her mission was to give glory to God by just being herself amidst all the other flowers in God's garden. Because of this beautiful analogy, the title "little flower" will forever be identified with St. Thérèse.



Winning Team: Jovanni Fiallo '16 and Andrew Riordan '16 with Hendry County Circuit Court Judge James D. Sloan



Nicholaus Michels '16, Jacquelyn Boudreau '16, Anna Ismer '16, Sean Blanc '16, Brandy Shafer '17, Nancy Nevarez-Myrick '16, and David Lockard '17

And a special thank you to the Moot Court Board, our Faculty, local judges and attorneys, and particularly to the Moot Court Board Vice-President for Internal Competitions, Aimee Schneckner '17, for managing the entire competition.

ST. THOMAS MORE TRIAL COMPETITION

On March 12, 2016 Ave Law held a Trial Competition at the Collier County Courthouse. This competition was open to 2L and 3L students who had taken or are currently taking Trial Advocacy and Evidence. This year's trial was a criminal case and teams of two argued in front of local judges and attorneys. The two teams to make it to the finals were Andrew Riordan '16 & Jovanni Fiallo '16 vs. Anna Ismer '16 & Sean Blanc '16.

Winning Team: Jovanni Fiallo & Drew Riordan

Best Advocate: Sean Blanc

Verdict for Defense: Anna Ismer and Sean Blanc

AVE LAW HOSTS INTERNATIONAL CENTER ON LAW, LIFE, FAITH AND FAMILY (ICOLF) EXPERT MEETING

Ave Law was proud to host an International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family (ICOLF) Expert Meeting in February where the topic of discussion was "The persecution of Christians in the Middle East & North Africa: Reflections on International Legal Strategies Through the Prism of Religious Freedom." Ave Maria School of Law Professor Jane Adolphe, who is based at the Holy See in Rome, did an excellent job spearheading the meeting. She noted that "this was an international gathering of scholars featuring our own professors who work within the fields of international criminal law, international humanitarian law, international human rights law and national security law."



Ave Women in Office

We're pleased to share some exciting news for the women of Ave Law. **Naomi Hatton '17 has been appointed as the first-ever woman President of Ave Law's Student Bar Association.** Please join us also in welcoming Michelle (Micki) Hurvitz '17 as the new Editor-in-Chief of Ave Law Review, Siobhan Bonilla '17 as the new EIC of the International Law Journal, Brittney Davis '17 as President of the Moot Court Board, and Presley Davis '18 as the President of the Women's Law Association. Congratulations to all of these accomplished women!

IN MEMORIAM



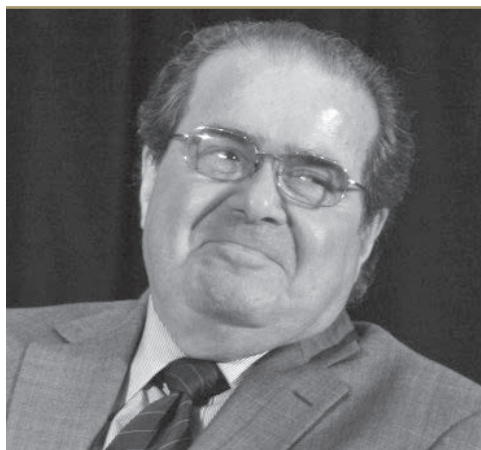
REMEMBERING DEAN EMERITUS DOBRANSKI

The Ave Maria School of Law community deeply mourned the passing of Dean Emeritus Bernard Dobranski this year. He was extremely instrumental in the founding of the law school and obtaining ABA accreditation. He always took time for his students who needed him and he was a model citizen for Catholic universities and law schools. Dean Emeritus Dobranski was an exceedingly accomplished man, who served not only as the founding Dean of Ave Maria School of Law, but also as the Dean of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and the Dean of Catholic University's Columbus School of Law. His passing is a great loss not only to our law school but also to Catholic Legal Academia as a whole.

With admiration and deep respect for his leadership of Ave Maria School of Law through an incredible evolution, may he rest in the peace of Christ.

“Bernie was pivotal in so many ways to the founding of the law school and the success it experienced under his leadership. He brought immediate credibility in the legal community and his extensive experience and reputation in Catholic higher education helped us in countless ways. He was a man with clear vision and deep convictions.”

-Thomas S. Monaghan, Ave Maria School of Law Founder and Chairman



REMEMBERING JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA

Ave Maria School of Law mourned the passing of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia in February 2016. For over three decades on the Supreme Court, Justice Scalia was a leader of the conservative intellectual resurgence in this country and will be remembered as a true American patriot. Scalia was a great American jurist who was instrumental in the founding of Ave Maria School of Law. Many from our Ave Maria School of Law community had the honor of knowing Justice Scalia personally.

“Justice Scalia was a man of great intellect, principle, courage and faith; he will be greatly missed. He most certainly has left a legacy that will not fully be comprehended for some years to come. We at Ave Maria School of Law are grateful for the time he spent with us, particularly in our formative years...helping to advise us on issues of curriculum and coming to inspire our faculty and students with his presence.”

- Thomas S. Monaghan, Ave Maria School of Law Founder and Chairman of the Board

“Honorable Antonin Scalia was instrumental in Ave Maria School of Law’s early days and participated in meetings and curriculum planning at the invitation of our first Dean, Bernard Dobranski. In 2005, I had the distinct honor of introducing Justice Scalia as an Ave Maria Lecturer. He was a proponent of judicial restraint and of interpreting the Constitution in a way that was faithful to its text. His influence is likely to endure for years to come. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. He will long be remembered for his service to the court, and to our country.”

- Professor Richard Myers, Ave Maria School of Law

BLESSED WITH A CHAPLAIN

AN INTERVIEW WITH MONSIGNOR
FRANK MCGRATH, AVE MARIA SCHOOL
OF LAW'S CHAPLAIN

Moving from the Northeast to Naples is quite a change of pace. What do you cherish most about the Ave Maria School of Law community?

It definitely was a “change of pace” from the life of a parish pastor to a law school chaplain. I left behind family, brother priests and lay colleagues, wonderful parishioners at St. John’s, Darien, fire and police first responders whom I served as chaplain. It was a surprise move that I did not initiate. It was totally unexpected. However, I had a deep conviction soon after a telephone conversation in which Mr. Monaghan gave the invitation that the Lord wanted this and that Mary also was involved in this call. Let’s just say that “It came out of the blue.” Blue, as we know, usually refers to an unexpected lightning bolt coming out of a blue sky. But, blue is also Mary’s color. The awareness that God was leading me brought peace and great joy. As a result, it became not an unfortunate and painful move, but a missionary adventure in the Lord.

What I cherish most about Ave Maria School of Law is the family-like warmth and the professionalism of the faculty, the Dean, and staff dedicated to the mission of the school. When I arrived, I was warmly received by Tom Monaghan’s staff and the school staff. During those first few days Dean Cieply, faculty members, staff, and students warmly received me and encouraged me. Being a school chaplain is a new experience for me; I needed encouragement and it was generously provided. Before arriving, Tom talked with me in a telephone conversation about my work here and how I might contribute to the mission of the formation of the students as men and women of strong Catholic conviction and Christian virtue. He said that my main responsibility would be to celebrate Mass and the Sacrament of Penance. He wanted a priest on the campus and thus reinforce the Catholic environment. I love being a Catholic priest! It is not easy, but being the Lord’s priest is very rewarding. Recently a priest said that if he had a thousand lives to live, in each life he would choose again to be a priest. What I cherish most about being here is being a priest

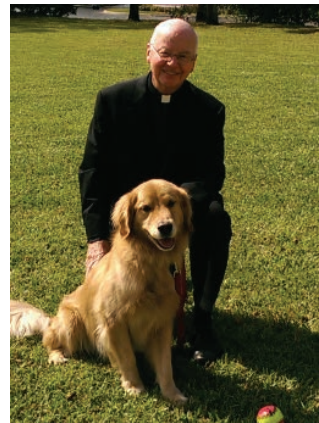


at Ave Maria School of Law. Hopefully some of our students will follow the same path and be ordained.

I am also cherishing the extra prayer and study time that I have found here. In some ways, I am living like a monk. St. Benedict, founder of Western monasticism, summed up the monk’s rule of life as “work and pray.” A monk’s prayer and contemplation is balanced by his physical and apostolic work. I am enjoying the prayer time that I have and then after prayer I “go forth from my monastic cell” to work with the students. Mass, then morning prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Office and the rosary are where I bring to the Lord the needs of the school community. It is also where I find inspiration and receive my “marching orders” for the day. I should add that I am also enjoying the Southern Florida weather and an occasional swim in the Gulf. The weather is fantastic!

Then there is the intellectual stimulation of the school environment. I occasionally sit in on classes, hear lectures by guest speakers prominent in the fields of law, ethics, and philosophy. There are rich discussions with professors and students as well. I smile and tell myself that I am learning law by the process of osmosis. In my former life as a pastor engaged all day with people and administration I had a lot less time to read and study. I greatly appreciate the study time here at Ave Maria School of Law.

I cherish working with the young law students; they inspire me. They have come here for the purpose of becoming informed and skilled attorneys who are empowered by their faith and love for God. They hope to be well informed Catholics who bring their faith into the public square. I should add that not all are Roman Catholics. We are blessed with the presence of Protestants, Mormons, and Muslims. They are all very inspiring men and women.



You and your Golden Retriever, Driver, currently live on campus. How would you describe the environment?

Environments are created for the most part by the interaction and attitudes of the individuals involved. Here at Ave Maria School of Law I have found a very positive interaction among staff, faculty and students. People here genuinely desire to serve and help one another. Respect for one another is very evident. It is an



environment of kindness. Also, I am deeply moved by the intensity of study. It is a joyful environment, but also a very focused, hard-working place.

In your question you also included my dog, Driver. He loves it here! And, everyone seems to love him. I'd say that he adds significantly to the environment by his unconditional love, loyalty and willingness to play fetch with his tennis ball. He has several fans. He consoles many as well.

Parishioners in Connecticut gave him to me on my 40th anniversary. I could not leave him in Connecticut. He has proven to be an asset to all of us.

You have seen the world through your many travels and experiences. One of the most interesting and unique facets is the fact that you served as a fire chaplain. What did you enjoy most about this position? What is one of your fondest memories?

I cannot point to any one fondest memory while serving as chaplain for both firefighters and police officers. The question does bring to my mind several stories. Here are a few:

- Showing up in the middle of the night at a house fire in Westport, CT where one of the firefighters almost lost his life when trapped on a second floor. Gratitude for my presence expressed by the firefighters was overwhelming. Many chaplains will be able to identify with this show of appreciation for the presence of the priest. I should add that I brought the firefighter home that night from the hospital emergency room to his fiancé. His helmet had actually cracked in the heat, but he was not touched.
- Simply enjoying the brotherhood and camaraderie around the firehouse dinner table. Not all meals lasted long. Once, we had just said the Grace over the meal of a delicious and well-prepared pork tenderloin. We were all very hungry, but just as we picked up our forks the alarm rang! We all groaned, but jumped up and off we went into the streets of Brooklyn. Fortunately, the

call turned out to be minor. We got back to our dinners. But, on another occasion, while at Rescue 1 in Manhattan, we left some very good looking steaks on the counter at 8:00 PM and did not return until after 11:00.

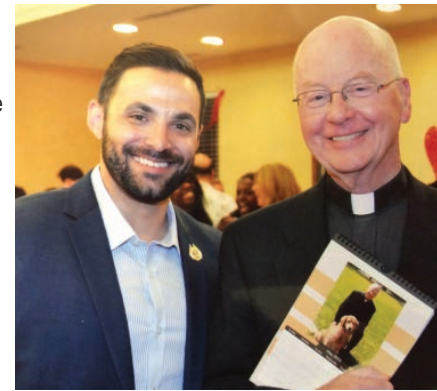
- Not all memories are fond memories, such as the several funerals and hospital visits. Being at the World Trade Center the day after the attack is a profound memory.

We feel incredibly blessed at Ave Maria School of Law to have you as our Chaplain. You bring such warmth and spiritual guidance to our campus. How would you describe a typical day for you?

Thank you. I am the one who has received the blessing by being here. A typical day begins at 6:00 AM. A lot of students are still sleeping at that hour. Lights are still off in the windows of the campus housing. I rise for a light breakfast and study the daily readings for the Mass of the day. Praying over the Word of God is a rich life-giving prayer experience. The morning Mass is at 7:30. I walk to the Commons and chapel with Driver, who gets tied up outside so that arriving students can see him and give him a pet. After Mass I remain at the chapel for a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. I pray the Divine Office, which includes psalms, hymns, petitions, and scripture readings. I conclude with the Rosary. On Wednesdays after Mass I attend the Legion of Mary meeting, which is always a very rich faith experience. The rest of the morning involves interactions with students and staff, desk work, confessions and then the 12:30 Mass is celebrated. After lunch is a reading time, more office work, a little siesta, and appointments. A few times a week I take an early evening exercise time in which I walk, bike, hit some golf balls, swim or use an off-campus health center. I am often free on Saturday when I play golf about two times a month.

What is one important message you aim to share with those you inspire on a regular basis?

The important message to share is the powerful and personal love that the Lord has for each individual person. The Lord, Jesus Christ, is very near to each person. He died and rose for us. He wants each of us to receive His mercy, His help, His love, peace and joy. We enter into this reality at each Mass and every Holy Communion. To choose God and His way is what brings true happiness that becomes eternal.



Faculty News



RICHARD S. MYERS, Professor of Law

Paper presentation:

- “Obergefell, Substantive Due Process, and the Constitutionality of Laws Banning Assisted Suicide” at the annual University Faculty for Life conference held at Marquette University, June 11, 2016



Dean Emeritus **EUGENE R. MILHIZER**, Professor of Law

Publications:

Search Incident to Arrest Article: Applying the Digital Search Incident to Arrest Doctrine to Predigital Content in the St. Louis University Law Review

HHS Mandate: Hobby Lobby and Beyond: Considering Moral Responses to the HHS Mandate Litigation in the Prudentia Iuris of the Pontifical University of Argentina

Speaking engagements:

- The HHS Mandate at Florida Coastal Law School in Jacksonville
- The Miranda decision in the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary at the Charlotte County Bar Association



KEVIN GOVERN, Professor of Law

Recognition:

- Executive Board Member, Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, University of Pennsylvania Institute for Law and Policy, Philadelphia, PA

Speaking engagements:

- Featured Panel Moderator and Speaker on Negotiating Across Religious, Cultural, and Moral Differences, Conference on The Ethics of Negotiations in Armed Conflict, Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, University of Pennsylvania Institute for Law and Policy, Philadelphia, PA, April 2016
- Featured Speaker on Defense Support to Civil Authorities, Policing in America: Powers & Accountability Symposium, Washington & Lee University Law School, Lexington, VA, January 2016



ELIZABETH M. DONOVAN, Director of Experiential Education and Associate Clinical Professor of Law

Speaking engagements:

- What is Human Trafficking? Frances Pew Hayes Center for Lifelong Learning, Hodges University, Naples, Florida, March 2016
- Advances in Legislative Efforts to Fund Victim Services and Efforts to End Demand
- “Human Trafficking in Plain Sight: Identifying Best Practices” Hodges University, Naples, Florida, March 2016
- Human Trafficking: A Crime Against Humanity Ave Maria School of Law, Naples, Florida, March 2016



CLIFFORD W. TAYLOR, Visiting Professor

Speaking engagement:

- Summer Meeting of the Public Corporations Section of the Michigan Bar on the topic of the significance of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, June 2016



TIMOTHY J. TRACEY, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Law

Published Work:

"Just Because You Can, Doesn't Mean You Should: Equal Protection, Free Speech, and Religious Worship" in the *Northern Illinois University Law Review*. The article considers the implications of the U.S. Supreme Court's equal protection jurisprudence on the treatment of religious worship under the free speech clause of the First Amendment. It argues against the use of the Court's equal access precedents as a tool for protecting religious worship.

"Bob Jonesing: Same-Sex Marriage and the Hankering to Strip Religious Institutions of Their Tax-Exempt Status" in the *FIU Law Review*. The article considers whether the Internal Revenue Service may constitutionally shuck religious organizations of their tax-exempt status due to their religious beliefs about marriage. Dean Tracey presented this article at the Religion and the Law Symposium at Florida International University College of Law.



LIGIA DE JESUS CASTALDI, Associate Professor of Law

Publications:

Ligia De Jesús Castaldi, *La Ejecución del Fallo sobre fecundación in vitro contra Costa Rica: un reto jurisprudencial para del Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos* [The Execution of the judgment on in vitro fertilization in Costa Rica: a jurisprudential challenge for the Inter-American System on Human Rights], *REVISTA REPUBLICA Y DERECHO* (forthcoming in 2016)

Ligia De Jesús Castaldi, *Los Casos sobre Fecundación in vitro ante la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos: un análisis de sus argumentos de fondo y posibles efectos* [The in vitro fertilization cases before the Inter-American Court on Human Rights: an analysis of its merits and potential effects], *REVISTA INTERAMERICANA DE DERECHOS HUMANOS* (forthcoming in 2016)

Ligia De Jesús Castaldi & María Inés Franck, *Inter-American Court Judgment Against Costa Rica on In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF): A Challenge to the Court's Enforcement Authority*, *OXFORD HUM. RTS. HUB* (April 28, 2016)

Conference presentations:

Life and family issues at the Inter-American System on Human Rights, Edmund Burke Fellowship, C-fam offices, New York City (January 5, 2016). Audience of about 20 conservative law students and recent law graduates from 5 different countries.

Abortion advocacy in the Inter-American System on Human Rights/ Same-sex marriage advocacy in the Inter-American System on Human Rights, Archdiocese of Santo Domingo *Capacitación Participación Sociedad Civil, Asamblea General de la OEA* [Training for Civil Society Participation in O.A.S. General Assembly], Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (April 4-6, 2016). Two lectures to 150 local Catholics and Evangelicals in preparation for the 46th Organization of American States General Assembly, celebrated in Santo Domingo in June 2016.

Faculty Achievements



The Ave Maria School of Law Board of Governors, upon favorable recommendations from the tenured faculty, has granted tenure to Professor **TIMOTHY TRACEY** and Professor **PATRICK GILLEN**. 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 Ave Law. Professor Gillen and Professor Tracey have fully satisfied these standards and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the Mission of Ave Law. We look forward to their continuing contributions to our law school for years to come.



Professor Timothy Tracey is the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. He has taught Criminal Law, Professional Responsibility, Torts 1, Torts II, and Contracts at Ave Maria School of Law. He has practiced in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Bankruptcy, and First Amendment Law. Professor Tracey began his legal career at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP in Atlanta, Georgia where he practiced commercial litigation and bankruptcy. After discovering his interest in the First Amendment, he practiced at the Center for Law & Religious Freedom in Northern Virginia, where he litigated numerous First Amendment free speech and religious liberty cases. His last year of legal practice was spent at the office of the Alliance Defending Freedom in Washington D.C. where he litigated First Amendment Cases. Professor Tracey has handled appeals in the Fourth, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits, the California Court of Appeals, and the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Professor Patrick Gillen teaches Constitutional Law, American Legal History, Federal Courts, Civil Procedure, Appellate Practice, Evidence, and Florida Constitutional Law. Prior to joining the faculty, Professor Gillen served as a judicial clerk for the Hon. Daniel A. Manion, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and the Hon. Robert D. Potter, United States District Court Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. In addition to these clerkships, he was engaged in the private practice of law for six years where his practice was focused on civil litigation involving a wide variety of matters, and engaged in public interest litigation in cases concerning constitutional law and civil liberties for seven years. Professor Gillen still engages in pro bono litigation involving civil rights.



This year **MOLLIE A. MURPHY** and **KEVIN GOVERN** were promoted to the rank of "Professor of Law." This is a promotion that reflects great confidence in their abilities and potential, as well as recognizes the achievements they have made to our school in the areas of teaching, scholarship and service. We are blessed to have them both as outstanding professors and individuals.

Professor Mollie Murphy teaches Torts, Complex Litigation, Advanced Torts, and Mass Torts. She has also taught Civil Procedure and Conflict Resolution. Her research and publications address topics in the civil procedure and complex litigation areas. Professor Murphy began her legal career as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Edward A. Tamm of the United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. Thereafter, she worked for several years in the D.C. office of Jones Day, where she specialized in the areas of antitrust and litigation. She began her teaching career at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and later spent several years as a faculty member with the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Professor Murphy was one of the first members of Ave Maria's founding faculty.



Professor Kevin Govern has taught Administrative Law, Computer Law, Contracts I, Contracts II, Health Care Law, Law, Ethics and Public Policy, Military Law, National Security Law, and Professional Responsibility at Ave Maria School of Law. Professor Govern began his legal career as an Army Judge Advocate, serving 20 years 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 has published widely and spoken frequently on international and comparative law, national security and homeland security, cyber security and cyber defense, military operations, and professional ethics.

AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW

By the Numbers

12

Number of Acres on our campus in the Vineyards, Naples



#1 IN THE U.S.

RANKED THE "BEST CATHOLIC LAW SCHOOL IN THE U.S. FOR THE DEVOUT" BY PRE-LAW MAGAZINE 2014 AND 2016

48 Number of U.S. States that our Alumni and students represent

\$3.7 Million Scholarships awarded annually

12 Number of Foreign Countries that our Alumni and students represent

59 Faculty and Adjunct Professors

101 Number of Employees

71 Number of national undergraduate institutions Represented

251

Total number of enrolled students

28 Average Age of our students



1,718 Number of Pro-Bono Hours our law students contribute annually to Southwest Florida charities

1200 Alumni that are drawn from almost every state and several foreign countries

15 Number of years established as an independent law school, with 6 of those in Naples, Florida

\$0 AMOUNT OF TUITION PAID BY VETERANS QUALIFIED FOR THE YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM

\$39,450 Full- Time Tuition

81

Ave Maria graduates have secured 81 prestigious judicial clerkships, employment in firms of all sizes around the country, positions with federal and state agencies, and jobs with both domestic and international public-interest employers and enjoys a successful record of national career placement



RANKED THE #1 MOST DIVERSE LAW SCHOOL IN THE NATION BY PRE-LAW MAGAZINE



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AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW CELEBRATES COMMENCEMENT 2016



Mercedes Charles '16 and
Professor Mark Bonner



Dean Cieply and Karl Keating



Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane,
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice
in Florida



**LEGENDARY FOOTBALL
COACH LOU HOLTZ
ADDRESSES AVE LAW
GRADUATES**

On Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Artis-Naples, Ave Maria School of Law held its fourteenth Commencement Ceremony, and the seventh here in Naples, Florida. Our graduating students culminated their three-year law school journey and embarked on a new chapter in their lives.

President and Dean Kevin Cieply welcomed and addressed the students. "Being courageous is not being unafraid. It is going forward even when you are afraid," the Dean reflected. "Class of 2016, the essence of Ave Maria School of Law is embodied not in the three years you just experienced, rather its essence lies in what is ahead for you," said Dean Cieply. "God has seeded in each one of you tremendous and beautiful wisdom, integrity, grit, loyalty, and a will to do good. Cultivate it and share it with the world."

Among the highlights of the event was a touching speech by Class of '16 Student Speaker, Shea Hasenauer, and an impactful speech by the legendary Lou Holtz who was our Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient.

"Everyone needs four things in your life: something to do, someone to love, someone to believe in and something to hope for," said Coach Holtz. "God didn't put you on this earth to be average." "There's only three rules you have to follow: Rule #1, Do what's right. Rule #2, Do everything to the best of your ability. Rule #3, Genuinely show people you care. Above all, put your faith in

Farewell

"Today all of us walk across this stage with our unique stories about where we came from and where we are going. We leave a school that has begun a good and worthwhile transformation. This transformation is a process. I have a simple dream for Ave Maria that I would like to share with you. My dream is to come back to school in the near future with my own children, and to walk across campus sensing and just knowing that Ave Maria is thriving in every respect."

—Student Speaker, Shea Hasenauer '16



Dean Cieply, Connie Von Zwehl
and Vincent Von Zwehl



God, in Jesus Christ."

Karl Keating, founder and senior fellow at Catholic Answers, was also an honorary degree recipient along with Vincent and Connie Von Zwehl, two long-time benefactors who have been tireless advocates of Catholic education and tremendous supporters of Ave Maria School of Law. We're extremely proud of the Class of 2016 and wish them all of the success in the future to come.

On Friday, May 13 as an important prelude to Commencement, Ave Maria School of Law was honored to welcome Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida and member of Ave Law's Board of Governors, as our main celebrant of Baccalaureate Mass. Mass was held at St. Agnes Catholic Church with the honor of also being celebrated by Ave Law Chaplain Monsignor Frank McGrath, and Very Rev. Robert J. Kantor, V.F., Pastor of St. Agnes Church. We are very grateful to Father Bob Kantor and to the parishioners of St. Agnes for hosting us in their beautiful church.

Following the special Baccalaureate Mass, graduation candidates and their families were invited to the Law School for a celebratory event with faculty and local alumni. Candidates were inducted into the ranks of alumni during the Alumni Pinning Ceremony.

*We will always remember
Robert "Sterling" Earhart
in our hearts and prayers.*

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Dean Emeritus Milhizer and Pat Adams



Brandon and Mrs. Cooper



Connie Von Zwehl and Moira Fennessey



Bartłomiej Milewski '18, Molly McCann '18



Professor Ligia Castaldi
with Kellie Fiedorek '09



Jaime Hewitt '14 with
Ron Kezeske '12



Pat Baier with
Mrs. Jane Kassolis



Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida with Archbishop Charles J. Chaput



Dean Cieply with Monica Rengifo, Ave Law Web Developer and son, Fabian Rengifo

Our annual Queen of Heaven Ball

celebrating Ave Law's 15th Anniversary and featuring our honorary guest speaker, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia was a great success. Archbishop Chaput's talk was inspirational and relevant to Catholics in today's world. We were pleased to present Archbishop Chaput with an Honorary Degree. The event was held at the Ritz Carlton Beach Resort with Christina and Vincent "Cap" Mona as our Honorary Co-Chairs for the event. A sincere thank you to them, to Kellie Fiedorek '09 who delivered a moving talk on her years at Ave Law and the important work she continues to do with the Alliance Defending Freedom, and to our Queen of Heaven Ball sponsors: Butzel Long, Ave Maria Mutual Funds, Naples Daily News, Brown & Brown, Florida Blue, Garlick, Hilfiker & Swift, LLP, Prestige Printing, 50/Fifty Floral and Life in Naples.



David Lee, Dr. Anne Cochran Grey, Ambassador Michael Novak



Vincent and Christina Mona



Admiral Henry F. White, Jr. and Mrs. Emmy White

Ave Maria School of Law
was honored to welcome

Governor Mitt Romney

as our Faith and Reason Signature Event speaker on February 10th. It was a memorable day enjoyed by almost 300 members of the Ave Maria School of Law community and invited guests. A special thank you to our Founder, Tom Monaghan, for inviting Governor Romney, Rick Borman for his excellent work serving as our Master of Ceremonies and moderating the presentation, Board of Governors member Ed Staros and his team at The Ritz-Carlton for the beautiful venue, Nancy Nevarez-Myrick '16 for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and to our students Drew Riordan '16, Siobhan Bonilla '17, Monica Kelly '16, Michelle Hurvitz '17 and Daniel Whitehead '17 who honored us by serving as Student Ambassadors and participating in the program. We are grateful to Governor Romney.



Master of Ceremonies and Moderator
Rick Borman with Governor Mitt Romney



Dean Cieply, Andrew Riordan '16, Siobhan Bonilla '17, Governor Mitt Romney,
Monica Kelly '16, Michelle Hurvitz '17 and Daniel Whitehead '17.



Ana Mendieta '16, Marcia Earhart, Scott Earhart, John Spurlock '16



Moira Fennessey and Jim Fennessey, Jennifer Hoy, Mike Hoy and Judy Spillers



Tom Monaghan, Mrs. Marjorie Monaghan, Daughter Susie Staub
and Mitt Romney

On February 22, Ave Maria School of Law hosted **EDWIN BLACK**, an award-winning New York Times international investigative author to have a discussion about his bestselling book, *War Against the Weak*.

War Against the Weak is a documented study of American eugenics with research spanning over 150 years and into the archives of four countries. Mr. Black's visit was held in conjunction with the Holocaust Museum and Education Center of Southwest Florida of Naples.

With more than a million books in print, Mr. Black's work focuses on human rights, genocide and hate, corporate criminality and corruption, governmental misconduct, academic fraud, philanthropic abuse, oil addiction, alternative energy and historical investigation.



Law students and invited guests were thrilled to hear **BISHOP FRANK CAGGIANO** present on the topic of "The Challenge of Missionary Discipleship." The event took place on campus in the St. Thomas More Commons building.

The Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano was installed as Fifth Bishop of Bridgeport on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at St. Theresa Church in Trumbull, Connecticut. Bishop Caggiano came to Bridgeport from the Diocese of Brooklyn, where on June 6, 2006, he was named Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and Titular Bishop of Inis Cathaig by Pope Benedict XVI. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 16, 1987 in the chapel of the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, Queens. Bishop Caggiano presently serves on four committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Bishop told those in attendance that "mercy extends a helping hand" and helps us "to become one with the person we are reaching out to." Referring to the Holy Father and the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Bishop said that a person's "title or status in life" are surrendered in the act of showing mercy toward another.

Following the talk, the Bishop answered questions from law students and guests. Connie and Vinny Von Zwehl of St. Pius X Parish, Fairfield, who also reside in Naples, Florida were the gracious hosts of this event.



Ave Maria School of Law would like to personally **THANK** our tried-and-true volunteer photographer, **TONY ZOLLO**, for all of his endless dedication to our law school. The entire Ave Maria School of Law staff, faculty, students and community are appreciative of you, Tony, and we are blessed to call you a part of our family. **GOD BLESS YOU** for all you do for Ave Law.

A pew has been dedicated in our chapel in honor of Tony's parents, Adelina and Antonio Zollo.

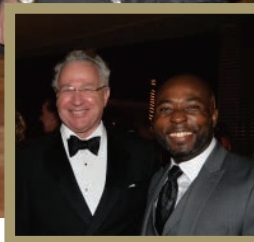
EVENTS



Molly McCann '18 and
Thérèse Desilets '18



Shea Hasenauer '16, Dean Cieply,
Kelli Cieply, Scott Earhart



Professor Mark Bonner,
Gerard Anglade '17



Paul Udouj '17 and
Bibiana Potestad '17

Here's to the Night

On Saturday, March 12, 2016 Ave Law's Student Bar Association hosted the annual Barristers' Ball. This year the event was held at the Naples Grande Beach Resort and the theme for the evening was Casino Royale. After dinner, students, faculty and staff danced and enjoyed the festivities of casino night. Thank you to the Ave Law Student Bar Association for executing such a successful event.

There were three special awards announced during the evening:

Student Organization of the year — TIE:

Black Lawyers Association and the Women's Law Association

Professor of the Year:

Kirkland Miller

R. Sterling Earhart Community Service Award:

Andrea Phillips '17



Andrew Riordan '16, Professor Kirkland Miller

Three Times a Charm

J. Kirkland Miller (Kirk Miller), Visiting Associate Professor of Law, has been named Professor of the Year for the third year in a row by the Ave Law Student Body. Professor Miller began as an Adjunct Professor at Ave Maria School of Law and has been teaching full-time with the law school since 2008.



Ave Law Continues to Grow SW Florida's Premier CLE Estate Planning Conference

Now having successfully completed its third year, the Ave Maria School of Law Estate Planning Conference offered estate planning professionals in Southwest Florida a unique professional development and networking opportunity and the chance to earn over 10 credits in each of the following categories - CLE, CTFA and CFP. The conference included lectures and panel discussions at an exceptional value designed to examine current developments in estate planning and to strengthen the practitioner's knowledge and application of estate planning techniques. The conference served as a forum for the discussion by professional colleagues of complex estate planning issues and solutions.

The first two conferences were held on the Ave Maria School of Law campus which was an excellent opportunity for the school to share their campus with the Southwest Florida community and provide a perfect networking setting for legal and financial professionals to interact with one another. The Estate Planning conference has received an amazing response and continues to grow each year. This year's conference was held at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples.

Gregory T. Holtz, Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, served as the 2016 Estate Planning Conference Committee Chair. "This year's program committee focused on creating an educational experience that was

not only timely and interesting but helpful and relevant to the entire estate planning community," said Mr. Holtz. "Attendees had a unique opportunity to create a conference agenda that responded to their interests and also the needs of their specific practices."

Celebrating the success of what has become the premier annual estate planning event in Southwest Florida, the Conference attracts nationally recognized speakers and quality sponsors. The speakers showcased at the 2016 conference were nationally recognized Jonathan Blattmachr, S. Stacy Eastland, Marve Ann Alaimo, Tae Kelley Bronner, Jill Creager, Jan Dash, Barry Flagg, Alan S. Gassman, Jonathan E. Gopman, Kevin Govern, William Hennessey, and Jerome M. Hesch.

The conference wouldn't be what it is today without its sponsors. The 2016 sponsors included Trust, Northern Trust, Hawthorn PNC Family Wealth, CliftonLarsonAllen, PCE Valuations, Ariel Capital Advisors, LLC, Leslie Hindman Auctioneers, Farmer & Associates, PLLC, Akerman LLP, Cummings & Lockwood, LLC, Gassman Law Associates, P.A., Providence Family Offices, Roetzel & Andress, LPA, Collier County Bar Association, Lee County Bar Association, Hill, Barth & King, Veralytic, Innovative Benefits Consulting, Inc. Corporate Valuation Services, Marquis Wealth Management Group and STEP Southwest Florida Chapter.



SAVE-THE-DATE: APRIL 28, 2017

Fourth Annual Estate Planning Conference, The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort

A GROUNDBREAKING APPROACH TO LAW SCHOOL LEARNING



The Advanced Critical Thinking program at Ave Maria School of Law offers a new approach to thinking that will give students the tools to succeed in law school and in life. It's a groundbreaking approach to learning that guides students to understanding course work and applying concepts faster and more effectively.

The Advanced Critical Thinking (ACT) Department's mission is committed to

pioneering the most effective approaches available to help all students achieve their full potential as scholars, legal professionals, and conscientious leaders of society. All ACT faculty are attorneys and professors with expertise and experience in helping students develop the higher-order cognitive skills and mental habits that typify highly successful law students and practicing attorneys. ACT offers a full array of coursework, instruction, workshops, presentations, and individual academic counseling to assist students in reaching their full academic and intellectual potential.

The ACT program begins in the very first year of law school, and continues right up to taking the bar exam.

We sat with Brett A. Brosseit, the Director and Assistant Professor of Advanced Critical Thinking, to better understand this unique approach.

You've witnessed a great deal of success stemming from your program through your students and what they are saying about their experiences. What makes this program "groundbreaking"?

Legal education tends to be highly traditional, and has remained surprisingly static for many decades. During this time, tremendous advancements in the learning sciences have shed new light on the ways we learn and

grow intellectually. While scholars, practitioners, and educational accrediting authorities have strongly urged law schools to embrace newer, more effective evidence-based learning approaches for improved outcomes, the broader legal academy has been slow to respond. The ACT Department professors are leading pioneers of evidence-based legal education. By combining the most effective aspects of traditional legal education with the most current research on human learning and performance, we are able to develop innovative evidence-based tools, strategies, and approaches that help law students leverage their unique individual strengths, learn more effectively and efficiently, and harness untapped potential for unparalleled success in the study and practice of law. The ACT Department programming, designed by professors with joint expertise in legal education and learning science, is truly unique in the field of legal education, and offers a distinct advantage to students at Ave Maria School of Law.

For those who may be unfamiliar with this type of learning, how would you describe its importance in terms of being critical to the success of law students?

The programming we have developed in ACT stems largely from the science of expert level performance in a wide variety of fields. In designing our programming, we draw from research on Olympic athletes, fighter pilots, and top performers in disciplines including law, medicine, business, and the arts. By carefully investigating the way that experts learn and achieve peak performance in various fields requiring sustained focus, mental acuity, and emotional "grit," we are able to formulate novel, highly effective programming to help law students break through personal barriers to achieve unprecedented levels of performance. In fact, research indicates that some of the key skills associated with top performance as a law

"The nice thing about ACTLA is that it helps students identify the type of work that they should be doing in their courses and directs them to it. Students also make frequent self-assessments of their progress and can meet with the ACTLA professors for further guidance to make sure that they stay on track."

—Angela Greenwalt '17

“As a former teacher, I know the importance of tailoring the material to each learning style. The ACT Department helps individual students investigate how they best absorb information. It encourages not only higher-level thinking in each subject area but in the area of learning itself. They offer support in whatever way you need. I would recommend every student sit down with the ACT Department at least once. It is a wonderful department that can help you learn—to learn your way.” —Andrea Phillips ‘17

student or practicing attorney are unlikely to fully develop in the absence of targeted instruction and deliberate practice. For this reason, ACT programming proves essential to all students interested in achieving peak performance, regardless of their innate intelligence, life experience, or prior level of academic accomplishment.

How do you feel these newly learned skills can translate into much more for students following their completion of law school?

The ACT Department helps students develop the key intellectual and professional skills and dispositions, or habits of mind, associated with top success as a law student and practicing attorney. Our programming is extremely practical and applied in nature. All of our professors have practiced law, and we know what it

takes to succeed and excel in real life. Our goal is to help students develop the advanced analytical and problem solving skills embodied in the proposition of thinking like a lawyer, and we deliberately equip students with the unique ability to fully control and direct their own intellectual and professional development for lifelong learning and continued success in practice. While students who regularly engage with ACT often experience significant academic breakthroughs and improved results during law school, our alumni also frequently report that the skills and abilities they developed while working with ACT come into play even more strongly in practice, helping them achieve exceptional success in their careers while making a positive difference in peoples’ lives. That, we believe, is the ultimate definition of success!

SPOTLIGHT ON: SUPPORTING OUR VETS



Ave Law students travel to Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers to support those Veterans participating in the Honor Flight program. Honor Flights have a meaningful purpose where they transport our Veterans to Washington, DC to be honored at their memorial. We're grateful for Sean Lux, current Ave Law student and Founder and Director of this program.

A Scholarship with Meaning



The Ave Maria School of Law Cardinal Newman Scholarship Program has recently expanded to those that are graduates of a Catholic College or University, graduates of an accredited college or university who were active members of a Newman Center or Catholic Student Center, qualified candidates from eligible Cardinal Newman Guide approved schools, FOCUS missionaries, and/or members of a Catholic parish supporting the universities in the greater Ann Arbor, MI area.

We asked current second year Ave Law students, **Victor and Jessica Bermudez '18**, to share their unique story as recipients of Cardinal Newman Scholarships.

How did you first hear about Ave Maria School of Law and the

Cardinal Newman Scholarship?

What ultimately made you choose Ave Law?

Jessica: I heard about Ave Maria School of Law while I was in college at Franciscan University of Steubenville. I was working for an Ave Law alumni, who ran a private consulting business and was a legal attaché to the Holy See at the United Nations in New York City. Ultimately, it was my professor from Franciscan University, Dr. Brian Scarnecchia, who encouraged and inspired me to apply to Ave Law. Dr. Brian Scarnecchia is currently a Professor at the law school and informed me of the Cardinal Newman Scholarship. I hadn't considered law school before his recommendation. Once I envisioned myself as a law student with my husband at Ave Law, I couldn't imagine doing anything else. Both my husband and our families were confident that I would be a successful law student. I am so grateful that I decided to pursue a legal education at Ave Law.

Victor: I originally planned to attend law school in Southern California where I grew up. However, after hearing about the Cardinal Newman Academy, I decided to visit the school. When I arrived, I was impressed by the staff and the students I met. The people who impressed me the most were the professors. After attending classroom mock lectures, and a dinner with the professors, I knew they were going to be dedicated to my success as a law student and a lawyer. I called my wife (then fiancée), and told her that I knew this is where we needed to spend the first three years of our marriage.

You are unique in that you are a married couple going through law school together and you are both very involved and dedicated to the law school's mission. Describe what it's like going through this experience together.

Jessica: Being in law school together has been such a bonding experience for us. While we were engaged, I remember watching Victor study for the LSAT and wondering how I would keep up with him once he started law school. Fortunately, God had plans for us to experience this together. It is great because neither of us has to experience the challenges of law school alone.

Our lives have been in sync. This past academic year we had all but one class together. We help keep each other accountable for the work that needs to be done and make sure to celebrate each other's achievements. We have a great appreciation and respect for what we are trying to accomplish during our time at Ave Law.

Victor: I can't think of a better way to go through law school than by going through it side by side with someone who loves you, takes care of you, and knows exactly what you're going through. Jessica and I are in a perfect position to offer each other just that. We are each other's biggest supporters. I am very blessed to be in law school with my wife.

How would you describe being a part of the Ave Law community? What has been most rewarding to you so far?

Jessica: The community at Ave Law is so special. I feel so blessed to have such amazing classmates. It is a joy being able to engage in conversations with friends, even in passing. I feel so supported and uplifted by those around me. The diversity amongst students makes us a strong community because our passions and interests have helped us share new perspectives and an appreciation for the work we hope to accomplish as attorneys. The most enriching part of the Ave Law community is its faith community. Being in communion with Christ is the most important aspect of our community. Also, I feel connected to all of the students I pray for while I am at Mass. I know that law school isn't easy for anyone, especially me, but being able to take our concerns to prayer has brought me the greatest peace. There is nothing more rewarding than being at peace while in law school.

Victor: The law school community is a close community. The sections are close, and everyone is very supportive of each other. I've heard stories from other law schools about students ripping out pages from library books and doing whatever they could to bring others down to raise their rank. This isn't what it's like at Ave Maria. Although we're competitive and we all want to succeed, my classmates aren't afraid to lend a hand to students in need. Also, the upperclassmen are very supportive of the 1Ls. They will often take time away from their busy schedules to help struggling 1Ls understand the complex legal principles taught in class.

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CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOLARSHIP



“Victor and Jessica epitomize the quality of student we were hoping to attract with the Cardinal Newman Scholarship. They practice their faith openly and freely and are happy to share their experiences with others. It is clear that both are deeply faithful as evidenced by their involvement in academic, spiritual, and extra-curricular activities that enrich their Catholic faith as well as those around them.

They are hard-working, insightful, well liked and respected and contribute greatly to our law school. I believe both will be leaders and mentors for future Cardinal Newman students and I have no doubt they will continue to make us proud.” —Claire T. O'Keefe, Esq., Director of Admissions

What do you hope to gain upon completion of your time at Ave Maria School of Law from a spiritual perspective?

Jessica: Since interning at the Guardian ad Litem Program this summer, I have been exposed to so much suffering and darkness in the lives of young children. It has awakened in me a new reliance and appreciation for prayer and faith. I hope that, upon my completion of law school at Ave Maria, I can become an attorney who advocates and prays for peace, consolation, and restoration for those suffering. I pray that I can be more Christ-like to all those I encounter, because as I have experienced, attorneys have an amazing opportunity to help those who are in need the most.

Victor: Jessica and I were married for three weeks before moving to our apartment at Ave Maria School of Law. During our time here, we will lay the foundation for our married life together. The Catholic spirituality at Ave Maria will play a vital role in building that foundation. We are blessed to have a dedicated Chaplain, supportive staff and faculty, and a loving community of classmates who each play a vital role in strengthening our faith and encouraging us to be the best version of ourselves.

Where do you see your paths taking you after law school?

Jessica: After law school, I would like to use my law degree to do advocacy work for a non-profit organization. I have enjoyed interning at the Guardian ad Litem Program this summer. The attorneys are hardworking and passionate about advocating for the children they represent. My externship gave me a glimpse of what I am capable of doing as an attorney.

Victor: After law school, I plan on becoming a civil litigator. I haven't yet decided on a precise area of law, but I hope to work in an area that places me in the courtroom often. As a litigator, my goal will be to put into practice what I've learned from Ave Maria and strive always to practice law in an honest and professional manner.

For more information on the Cardinal Newman Scholarship program, please contact the Admissions Office at info@avemarialaw.edu or (239) 687-5420.

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We are delighted to welcome two new members to our Board of Governors, Henry F. White, Jr. and Leslie (Mitzi) Magin



Henry F. White, Jr.

a native New Yorker, is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and the Fordham University School of Law. Following law school graduation, he joined the law firm of Hill, Betts & Nash in New York City where he was involved in numerous trials and arbitrations.

While specializing in Admiralty and Maritime matters, he was also involved in practicing general corporate and transportation law. He then entered the New York City Government serving initially as a deputy commissioner of transportation for New York City responsible for all mass transit systems owned and operated by the City of New York and later as counsel to the Mayor of New York City. Following this civilian government service, he established and managed the New York City office of a California-based firm, Barger & Wolen, adding an insurance practice to his portfolio. Subsequently, he was appointed President of the International Institute of Container Lessors until recruited to be the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the American Bar Association.

He later served as Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the CCIM Institute. Mr. White has also served on the Department of Homeland Security's Commercial Operations Advisory Committee for U.S. Customs and Border Protection and concurrently enjoyed a distinguished career in the U.S. and Naval Reserve retiring with the rank of Rear Admiral. Admiral White is an Adjunct Professor at Ave Maria School of Law.



Leslie S. (Mitzi) Magin

was born in Chicago, Illinois but grew up in California where she graduated from the University of California (Berkeley). Named a Woman

of Initiative in 2010 by The Community Foundation of Collier County, she has been a positive force in the social services and education arenas for over 30 years. An advocate of Catholic education and philanthropic community leader, Mitzi currently serves on the St. Ann School Foundation and has also served on the St. John Neumann High School's Capital Campaign. She was also a past Board member of Catholic Charities of Collier County. Mitzi is well known for her role as one of the co-founders of an evening fashion event which benefits the St. Ann School Foundation and has held the position as Honorary Chairman for the past 14 years. She is also quite active in supporting social services programs. Finding a way to help the less fortunate, in an understated way, reflects Mitzi's selflessness and compassion. She is an outstanding example of a philanthropist who has touched the lives of many and who has made a true difference in her community.

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EDWARD CARDINAL EGAN CONFERENCE ROOM NAMED

Ave Maria School of Law has named the former Dean's Conference Room in honor of His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan, Archbishop Emeritus of New York. In a ceremony presided over by Monsignor Frank McGrath and attended by members of the Board of Governors, the conference room was blessed and dedicated to the memory of His Eminence. It will be known as the Edward Cardinal Egan Conference Room. Ave Law was extremely blessed to have the late Cardinal Egan serve on our Board of Governors for more than twelve years. He will be missed, but not forgotten. May he rest in the peace of Christ.



Donna Heiser, Chief Advancement and Communications Officer, Monsignor McGrath, Francis M. Fodale, Dean Cieply, Professor Frank Fodale, Alyssa and Katie Fodale, Theresa Fodale, and Lisa Fodale.

FOUNTAIN NAMED IN HONOR OF THE FODALE FAMILY

Professor Frank Fodale and his wife Theresa have generously donated to our Capital Campaign and named the St. Thomas More Commons Fountain in their family's honor. Professor and Mrs. Fodale together with members of their family gathered on campus recently for a Mass and Dedication by our Chaplain, Monsignor McGrath. We are very grateful to Professor and Mrs. Fodale for their generosity.

GREGORY T. HOLTZ ESTATE PLANNING AND GENERAL PRACTICE CLINIC NAMED

In thanks for his continued generosity and many years of support to Ave Maria School of Law, Dean Cieply has announced that the Estate Planning and General Practice Clinic will be named the Gregory T. Holtz Estate Planning and General Practice Clinic. A ceremony is planned for the fall.

"We are honored to recognize Professor Holtz for his unwavering support of Ave Maria School of Law and for his many achievements as a lawyer, professor, and leader," said Dean Cieply. "Over the past several years, Greg has enhanced the law school in many ways through his able leadership with Ave Maria School of Law's annual Estate Planning Conference, as a member of the faculty and for his outstanding guidance in developing our Estate Planning Clinic. We are proud to honor him in this way to recognize his loyal support of our law school."



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Altar	\$5,000	1 ✕
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Another option is to honor a Veteran with a lasting tribute on our Veterans Wall of Honor. Each 1'X6" Plaque can be inscribed with the Veterans name and Rank for a \$2500 donation. A veteran is defined as anyone who is or was eligible for VA benefits. A certificate noting the donation will be provided.

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Many people are surprised to learn that a planned gift to Ave Maria School of Law can also protect your assets, provide for your loved ones and guarantee an income for life. With the help of your financial advisor, you can easily add a charitable bequest in your estate plan, make Ave Maria School of Law a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy or create a Charitable Gift Annuity that will pay you a fixed percentage return for the rest of your life or a loved one's life. Upon your passing the remaining funds from your initial gift will go to Ave Maria School of Law.

To learn more about making a gift through your estate, and how you can create a legacy with planned giving opportunities, please contact me at (239) 687-5405 or by e-mail at dheiser@avemarialaw.edu. When you make a planned gift to Ave Maria School of Law, you will have the assurance of knowing that your funds will be invested wisely through the Ave Maria Foundation and that it will impact generations of students. With your help, we can continue Tom Monaghan's dream of creating a law school dedicated to Our Lady, with a true fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church, a dedication to promoting the harmony of Faith and Reason and a commitment to enhancing the Culture of Life.

Donna C. Heiser,
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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 Heiser in the Office of Advancement at (239) 687-5405 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.

Planned or deferred gifts are designed to help you enhance your estate planning, tax planning, investment objectives and retirement needs while ensuring the future needs of Ave Maria School of Law. When you make a planned gift to Ave Maria School of Law, you help us provide much-needed scholarships and financial aid to deserving students, enabling us to provide support for faculty enrichment, legal clinics and campus enhancements.

Always consult with your attorney or financial advisor when making a charitable donation.

For information on how you can leave a legacy by including Ave Maria School of Law in your will or other planned gifts, please contact Donna Heiser, Chief Advancement and Communications Officer at **(239) 687-5405** or **dheiser@avemarialaw.edu**. All inquiries are confidential.

AN INSIDER'S LOOK INTO THE LAW LIBRARY

Ulysses Jaen is the Director of the Law Library at Ave Maria School of Law. We sat down with him to ask him about his impressive career path and what makes the law library such a special entity on campus.

Throughout your extensive career path, you've worked in law offices and law libraries, and you are an Assistant Professor of Law. What do you enjoy most about being the Director of the Law Library at Ave Maria School of Law?

Teaching! Whether it is helping others find the answers to their pressing legal questions or exposing them to knowledge that they may not have known existed. The multiplying effect that teaching has means that I can do more by helping others learn than what I could ever do by myself.

You and your team create a very supportive and inclusive environment at the library. What are some of the resources that they deem extremely useful to those currently enrolled in law school?

Our best resource is our staff. Librarians love being useful and can help you in more ways than any computer ever could. We do love technology, and have our own library app, our digital library, thousands of e-resources, a state-of-the art computer lab, unlimited study aids at no extra cost to our students, and 24/7 access to databases even beyond graduation. We also invest heavily in experiential learning so you will find abundant practitioner materials digitally and in print. Our Florida collection is amazing. We offer practically everything valuable related to law in Florida that most lawyers can only dream of.

What is something unique you would like individuals in the community to know about the library that may not be obvious?

Our library holds tens of thousands of titles in print, but it also has access to the best and most used electronic resources by law library users across the country. In fact, we have many items that are unique to us like priceless donated rare books, and access to mission-oriented items from the best libraries in the world. Our library is open to the public, and we welcome them with open arms. We even offer a document delivery service for their convenience. However, our main focus is our law school's needs.



Rebekah Skiba '15, Emerging Technologies Reference Librarian with Ulysses Jaen, Director of Law Library and Assistant Professor of Law

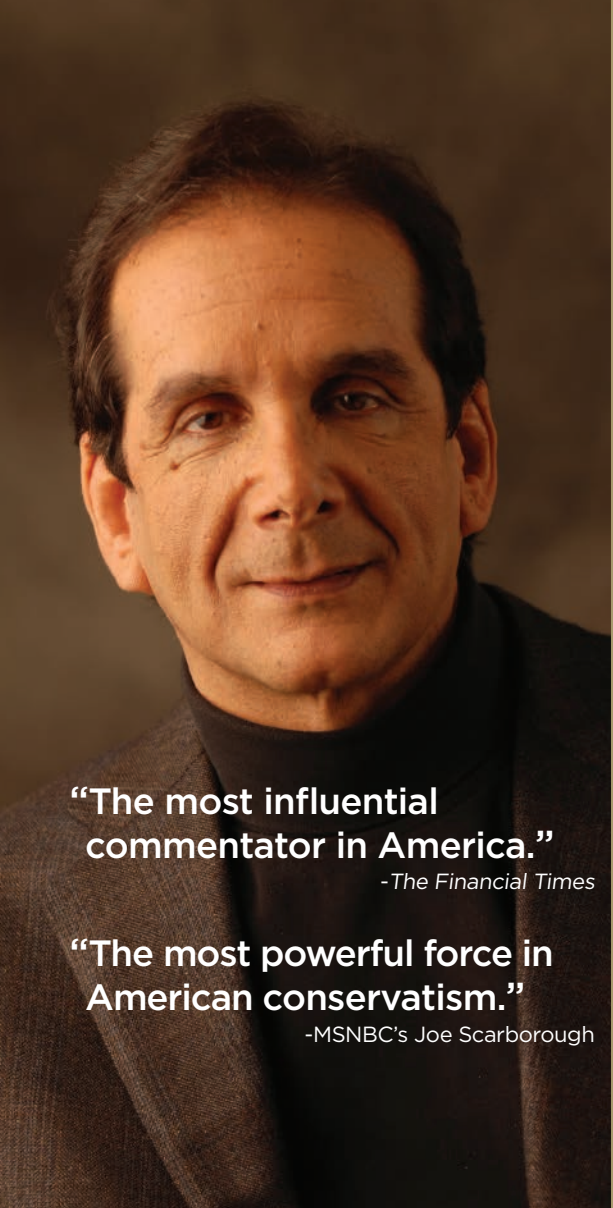


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Where Are They Now?

Joshua McCaig

graduated from Ave Maria School of Law in 2003. Prior to this he was a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville. Joshua is an attorney with the law firm Polsinelli PC in Kansas City. In 2007 he founded the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Kansas City and served as its president through 2012. In 2009, Josh co-founded the Junior Board of Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, acting as the inaugural President from 2010 through 2012, and co-chairing the first Soiree at Science City fundraiser in 2012. Joshua is the current President of the National Lawyers Association, the largest professional bar association in the nation with a pro-life position as part of its platform. Mr. McCaig, through his accomplishments, is a great example of how he finds the importance of faith as a part of his career path.



What attracted you to attend Ave Maria School of Law? What would you say is the greatest gift you've taken away from your law school experience?

I was immediately drawn to the mission of Ave Maria School of Law and the unique opportunity of being a part of its founding. It was one of my greatest honors to be a part of the inaugural class and to spend three years with the most impressive group of people I have ever had the privilege of knowing.

In 2007 you started the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Kansas City. What prompted you to create this organization?

In 2006 we moved from Ann Arbor to Kansas City, where we went from a vibrant Catholic legal community to a wonderful city but one that did not have a formal Catholic lawyers organization. This prompted me to start one, so I organized a group of well-respected Catholic attorneys in the area, met with the local Bishops and the rest is

history. Now the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Kansas City has over 300 members and continues to grow.

You were a part of uniting Catholic lawyer's guilds into a Catholic Bar Association. Congratulations on your accomplishments. What do you envision as the top three immediate goals for this group?

The Catholic Bar Association is a response to a need within the Church, a need to unite Catholic attorneys into an international organization, and is really an extension of the mission of Ave Maria School of Law. The CBA is, at its core, about building Catholic community. It is about providing

a place where legal professionals can go to grow in their faith, a place where members can find support to live out their Catholic faith within their profession and a place where they can develop professionally through education and networking opportunities. In the immediate future, the CBA is working to build chapters nationally, select leaders for various initiatives and grow the membership base.

Where do you see yourself in the next five years?

I've learned better than to make plans. The Lord puts opportunities in my path that are much more exciting.

What would you say to those who ask about your faith, specifically how does it impact who you are as an attorney?

Christian discipleship is a way of life. We can say, "I believe", but do we really, for if we truly believe and if we truly have a relationship with Christ then following Him does not begin and end at the church doors, but carries into every aspect of our lives, including our professional life. As Christians we are called to be on a mission, to evangelize and bring our faith to the world. Being an attorney means nothing to me but using my profession to proclaim Christ's message of hope, mercy and salvation.

Jamie Sammon

a 2014 Ave Maria School of Law graduate who was second in her class, recently joined the Ave Law faculty as Assistant Professor. She will perform duties as a Professor in the Advanced Critical Thinking (ACT) Department. She graduated from Laurentian University with a B.A.(Honors) in History, Law & Justice, and Political Science.

Jamie spent two years at Clark & Gentry, a medium-sized law firm in Manhattan. There, she worked primarily in the areas of captive insurance and corporate law, with additional work in commercial real estate, estate planning and administration, and tax planning. We are blessed to have Professor Sammon as part of our Ave Law Community.

What brought you to the decision to attend Ave Maria School of Law as your law school path?

Prior to university, I had always attended Catholic schools that fostered both intellectual and spiritual growth and development, so it was a huge change to attend a secular university. After only a short while, I realized – and greatly missed – the important role that the Catholic faith played in shaping my education. So, when I discovered my passion for the law, I began searching for a law school that had excellent academics and a strong devotion to the Catholic intellectual tradition. The first school that popped up in my Google search was Ave Maria School of Law. The more I explored the website, the more I felt called to this particular law school. Eventually, my mother (skeptical about my reasons for wanting to go to a Florida school) and I traveled down from Canada for a Voir Dire and after an hour, she realized why Ave had such a strong hold on my heart.

Upon graduation you were second in your class. You went to work for a law firm in Manhattan with a focus primarily on captive insurance and corporate law. Now you've come back to Ave Maria School of Law as an Assistant Professor. Can you tell us a little about this career change and what brought you back to Ave? We're blessed to have you.

I had always wanted to teach and knew that my ultimate career goal was to return to Ave and give back to the



community that gave me so much. Of course, I knew that I needed a great deal of experience before I would be prepared to teach at the law school level. Taking a job in Manhattan seemed like a great place to start and it provided many opportunities, but most of all, it forced me to hit the ground running. I was exposed very quickly to several complicated areas of the law and had to learn

and work at a rapid pace. Thankfully, Ave prepared me very well to take on this challenge. Unfortunately, however, it left me with no time or energy to devote to helping law students, which I am very passionate about. So, when the opportunity arose to come back to Ave and teach, I eagerly and happily jumped at it. I am so blessed to be back!

In your free time, you run two non-profit organizations supporting underprivileged countries. Can you please tell us a little about this work? You are an inspiration to others.

Thank you! Along with another Ave alumnus, Luca Hickman, I serve on the board of directors of Fresh Coast Foundation (www.freshcoastfoundation.org). FCF is a non-profit Christian organization dedicated to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through sustainable, enterprise-based humanitarian work. Our primary focus is on developing aquaponics systems for Christian schools and orphanages in developing countries. To date, we have worked in Haiti and Kenya and we are always actively looking for new opportunities both at home and abroad.

The second non-profit, Akwaaba, is located in the Czech Republic and serves to assist in building and maintaining self-sustaining orphanages in Ghana. It was on a mission trip to Ghana, living and working with many orphans living in deplorable conditions, that this organization was founded. My co-founder and I wanted to ensure that orphaned and abandoned children had a safe, loving place to live and plentiful food cultivated on their own soil. Since starting law school, however, I have largely stepped back from my role in this organization, though I still love getting updates about the children.

Where Are They Now?

Kellie Fiedorek

earned her J.D. from Ave Law in 2009. She currently serves as legal counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom, where she is a member of the Marriage and Family Team.

What made you decide to choose Ave Maria School of Law as your path in law school?

Ave Maria School of Law's motto "Fides et Ratio" drew me to consider the law school initially. After visiting the school, the faculty and administration's commitment to providing an exceptional legal education rooted in the philosophical underpinnings of the law and the Catholic intellectual tradition, as well as the school's emphasis on cultivating a zeal for truth, freedom, and serving society's most vulnerable attracted me. And meeting many students with diverse backgrounds, yet all committed to passionately pursuing their legal education, solidified my decision to go to Ave Maria.

What did your scholarship mean to you?

My scholarship gave me the opportunity to receive an excellent legal education that has equipped me not only academically, but also personally, to engage and transform the legal culture to one rooted in truth and respect for freedom. My three years at Ave contributed to achieving my dream of being an attorney fighting on the front lines for life, marriage, and freedom.

What was the most important thing you feel you learned through your law school experience?

Throughout law school I had experiences that confirmed to me that I loved constitutional law and defending constitutional freedoms. I also deepened my understanding that respect for the dignity of the human person is key to understanding our constitutionally protected freedoms and the important role marriage and family have in preserving human flourishing and the American experiment. But I'm even more thankful for the experiences I had that taught me the power of storytelling in a legal career. I've found that the art of storytelling is pivotal to engaging hearts and minds, and in defending those who don't have a voice—the unborn, the vulnerable, those whose freedom is being threatened by the government—in both the court of law and the court of public opinion.



You are very good at giving back and being active in the Ave Law alumni community. Why is this important to you?

The education and experiences I enjoyed at Ave Maria paved the way to some incredible opportunities for me to do precisely what Mr. Monaghan founded Ave Maria to do: to work to restore the legal culture to one that respects life and protects freedom. Ave Maria's profound impact on my life and career motivates me to support and work to ensure the law school's success so that future students will also benefit from the unique education and opportunities Ave Maria affords.

You currently serve as legal counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom as a member of the Center for Marriage and Family. What do you find most rewarding about your current career choice?

The honor and privilege to work with our clients, who are some of the most courageous people I know. They deeply inspire me as they willingly put everything on the line to stand for the truth and what they believe is right. Our freedom of speech and religious freedom are cornerstone freedoms in America. I love defending and advocating for constitutionally-protected freedoms—and meeting people across the country at every level of government working to do the same.

What advice would you provide to current Ave Law students as they prepare for their careers following law school?

Cultivate both your heart and mind to pursuing wisdom to become advocates for truth and justice. Follow what you're passionate about and don't be afraid to take non-traditional routes. Relationships are invaluable—be intentional about staying in touch with mentors, law professors, bosses at summer jobs, etc. Don't simply give a stellar performance at your internship or job opportunities during law school, but proactively pursue relationships and build a network that will support you and help you as your career advances, and for whom you will also find opportunities to serve in the future. Find ways to be helpful and serve even in places that might not seem to benefit you directly. Don't be afraid of taking risks—trust God, never give up, persevere, and have faith. Never settle for anything less than excellence as you defend the law, serve your clients, and advance the common good with professionalism, integrity, and compassion.

Joseph Tompkins

graduated from Ave Maria School of Law in 2014. He is currently a Law Clerk for the Honorable Douglas A. Wallace in Tampa, Florida.

What was the most important thing you feel you learned through your Ave Maria School of Law experience?

One of the most important things I believe I learned through my experience at Ave Law was the significance of maintaining a healthy balance in life. Being at a place where I had frequent access to the sacraments and my family helped me realize how quickly one's happiness was tied to one's relationships with God and family.

What did your scholarship mean to you? You knew Monsignor Laurence Higgins well. How did he help to shape your law school experience?

My scholarship was crucial to my success at Ave Law because it not only gave me peace of mind, but it also allowed me to focus on my studies and my growing family. I have known Monsignor Higgins for the past 25 years. In that time, Monsignor Higgins has inspired and guided me throughout life. From the very beginning, Monsignor Higgins instilled in me a sense of how dire the world's need is for good Catholic lawyers. Indeed, Monsignor Higgins helped show me how the world needs lawyers who are strong advocates not only for their clients, but also for life, liberty, family, and faith in this ongoing culture war. So, when you ask how he helped shape my law school experience, I can say that



he helped shape my entire experience. Indeed, what he instilled in me from his sermons and our conversations over the years is what helped lead me to become a student at Ave Maria. I will always be grateful to Monsignor Higgins and, of

course, Ave Maria for giving me the inspiration and the tools necessary to be an effective advocate for life and liberty.

You recently accepted a new job position. Can you tell us a little bit about it and what you will be doing?

After spending nearly two years as a staff attorney at the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, I was recently hired to serve as the law clerk to the Honorable Douglas A. Wallace at the Florida Second District Court of Appeal in Tampa. My main responsibilities include conducting legal research, oral advocacy, and writing and editing opinions and legal memoranda for Judge Wallace and various appellate panels.

What advice would you provide to current Ave Law students as they prepare for their careers following law school?

My advice to current students is to pay special attention in their RWA (Research, Writing and Advocacy) classes and to network as much as possible. Because the market is currently over-saturated with attorneys, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to come out of law school not only with their research and writing skills sharpened, but also with various connections. Accordingly, I would recommend joining one of the school's law journals, as well as trying to intern/extern with a local firm, state court, or federal court.

REMEMBERING MONSIGNOR LAURENCE HIGGINS



"Monsignor Higgins was an exemplary servant of Christ. Despite his fame and celebrity, his heart and ministry remained with struggling families and the poor. He was a champion of Catholic education and fervent supporter of Ave Maria School of Law. He has left an indelible impact and will be greatly missed." —Eugene Milhizer, Dean Emeritus, Ave Maria School of Law

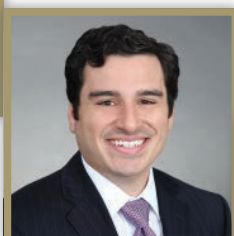
We are deeply saddened by the passing of Monsignor Laurence Higgins on August 24, 2016. Monsignor was an esteemed benefactor and dear friend of Ave Maria School of Law and was prominent in Tampa's religious, government and business communities. He served as pastor of St. Lawrence Catholic Church for over forty-nine years.

"Monsignor Higgins believed passionately in our mission of training lawyers with an understanding that the law, morality and the common good are inextricably linked. To that end, he established the Monsignor Laurence E. Higgins Endowed Scholarship at Ave Maria School of Law to benefit students from the Tampa community. Several of those students now live and work in the Tampa area fighting for justice and human rights. Monsignor believed in the sanctity of life and the importance of the family. His dedication and life work with the poor, disenfranchised and less fortunate among us is legendary and will be his legacy. He was a man of God who possessed extraordinary character and a determination to serve his fellow man. We were extremely blessed to have Monsignor Higgins as a part of our history and recently named a new lecture series, the Laurence E. Higgins Lecture Series at Ave Maria School of Law in his honor. May he rest in the peace of Christ." —Kevin Cieply, President and Dean, Ave Maria School of Law

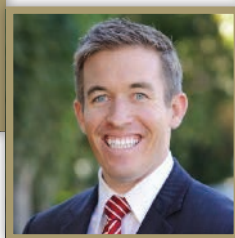
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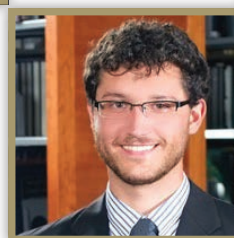
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John DeJak has co-edited with **Fr. Marc Lindeijer, S.J.**, a book with selected writings from Fr. Walter Cizek, S.J., entitled "With God in America: The Spiritual Legacy of an Unlikely Jesuit." The scheduled release date is October 1.

CLASS OF 2007

Nicolas Pappalardo is the Chief of Staff to the Leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition, Legislative Assembly of Ontario in Ontario, Canada.

CLASS OF 2011

Cheryl LeDoux is at attorney at Cole, Scott & Kissane in Bonita Springs, FL practicing in commercial and residential properties, general civil litigation, PIP, premises liability, insurance fraud defense, and vehicular negligence.

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Ernest A. Ricci, Esq. is an Associate Attorney at the Boatman Law Firm, P.A. in Naples, FL focusing on civil litigation.

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CLASS OF 2013

George Miller, Jr. has opened a law firm, SKALA I MILLER, PLLC in Greensburg, PA.

Stephen Stefanik is an Associate Attorney at Kubicki Draper in Fort Myers, FL focusing on construction defects.

CLASS OF 2014

Nicole Bercume-Bass is an Associate Attorney at Green Miles Lipton, LLP in Northampton, MA.

Philip DeLoach is an Attorney at the Law Office of Kevin Adams, PLLC in Livonia, MI focusing on estate planning, tax law and contract law.

Joshua D. Molandes and **Vito M. Roppo** formed a new law firm, Roppo I Molandes, PLLC, with offices in Naples, Fort Myers and Pensacola, FL.

CLASS OF 2015

Jacquelyn Boudreau is an attorney at Cardillo Keith Bonaquist in Naples, FL.

Michelle Quiles has opened a law firm, The Law Offices of Michelle Quiles, PLLC, focusing on the areas of civil and criminal litigation.

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Keeping in Touch



Jennifer Lucas-Ross, Assistant Dean of Career Services and Alumni Affairs, is responsible for all administrative functions of the Career Services Office. Ms. Lucas-Ross offers individualized counseling services to students and

alumni. She is also responsible for reaching out to employers, coordinating the law school's recruitment programs, and producing public interest opportunities for students. Ms. Lucas-Ross is licensed as an attorney in Florida. Prior to joining Ave Maria School of Law, she worked as a sole practitioner concentrating on civil litigation. Her professional background includes experience in management, academic support and teaching. Ms. Lucas-Ross earned her J.D. from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center. She completed her undergraduate studies at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA, where she earned a degree in English.

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