

Announcing our
NEW
Program!



THE
COACH ROD SMITH
BUSINESS LAW INSTITUTE



“We’re educating the next generation of business law leaders with a unique Ave Maria Law perspective.”

-Tom Monaghan, Chairman of the Board and Founder



Connecting Faith and Business

Educating the next generation of business law leaders with a unique Ave Maria Law perspective that will connect faith and business.

The Coach Rod Smith Business Law Institute will bring together business leaders, scholars, lawyers and students to engage in the study, teaching, and practice of business law with a unique Ave Maria Law perspective. Structured over two semesters during the academic year, the Institute includes a one semester course in Business Organizations. The second semester

“The overarching goal will be to provide our students with the unique Ave Maria Law perspective on the ethical and moral practice of corporate and business law at the very highest level.” -Dean John Czarnetzky

will consist of weekly seminars that focus on a particular business-related practice area, taught by experts in the field. A summer internship at leading American corporations will follow the seminars and classes. A placement of this caliber is unique to the Smith Institute, and is an unparalleled opportunity for our students to experience business law from some of the most accomplished General Counsels and business law leaders in the country. At the completion of the program, students will receive a Certificate recognizing them as Smith Scholars.

Real-World Learning

A group of distinguished Smith Fellows, law school students in their second year of study, will gain real-world experience in a wide range of business issues including franchising, transactional practice, business law and compliance, by participating in internships with corporate General Counsels.

The program aspires to provide skills-based courses with a focus on drafting and negotiating agreements, structuring transactions, and counseling clients.

Business Law as a Vocation

In creating the Business Law Institute, we hope to inspire our students to find their vocation in the practice of business law. As a truly and unabashedly Catholic law school, we look to the words of Pope John Paul II, who in his encyclical letter *Centesimus Annus*, wrote, “Profit is a regulator of the life of a business, but it is not the only one; other human and moral factors must also be considered which, in the long term, are at least equally important for the life of a business.” We are honored to join with our corporate partners to educate the moral and ethical business leaders of tomorrow, for the good of our society, our country, and our world.

“When our nation needs it most, Ave Maria’s Business Law Institute is educating the ethical, moral and conservative business leaders of tomorrow.”

-Larry Kudlow, Kudlow on Fox Business Network



THE COACH ROD SMITH BUSINESS LAW INSTITUTE ADVISORY BOARD

HONORARY CO-CHAIRMEN:



Peter Cancro, Founder and CEO, Jersey Mike’s Franchise Systems,



Larry Kudlow, host of Kudlow on Fox Business Network, Former Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director of the National Economic Council



Tom Monaghan, Founder of Domino’s Pizza and Ave Maria School of Law

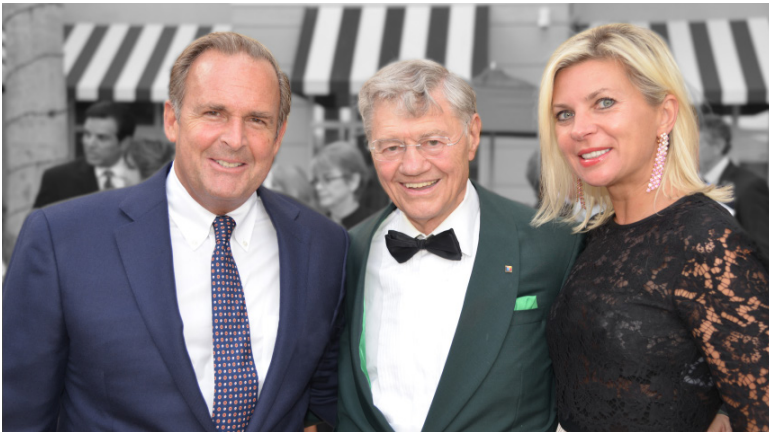
From the courtroom to the boardroom, the Coach Rod Smith Business Law Institute Advisory Board brings together corporate and business leaders that are committed to the study, teaching, and practice of business law at the very highest level. The members of the Advisory Board provide counsel and mentoring opportunities for students to learn about the connection of the legal and business worlds.

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“It’s never been more important to educate ethical, moral and conservative students who will change the world.” -Peter Cancro

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BUSINESS LAW



Pictured above: Peter Cancro, Tom Monaghan and Tatiana Cancro

“We are honored to continue supporting the growth and impact of this great law school with the creation of the Coach Rod Smith Business Law Institute, so named for my mentor and coach who believed in me and my dreams so many years ago. The opportunity to bring together business leaders, scholars, lawyers, and students to make a difference in the study of business law will be transformative for Ave Maria School of Law. It is a privilege to be a part of providing worthy students with scholarships to become great business lawyers.” -Peter and Tatiana Cancro



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