Ave Maria School of Law Celebrates 11th Commencement
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Dear Friends of Ave Maria School of Law:

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving and reflect upon the many blessings we have received, there is no time more fitting to say thank you for your strong support of our Mission and the aspirations of our students.

This year, 164 of those students received their Juris Doctor degrees at our 11th Commencement Exercises in May. In this issue of the Ave Maria School of Law Advocate, you will see highlights from the ceremony and read excerpts from the inspiring speech delivered by our commencement speaker, Mr. Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. It was an honor to have Mr. Anderson with us and to have him join the list of prestigious and respected individuals who have served as commencement speakers at our law school.

This issue highlights the Law School’s continued success with a program that offers significant opportunities for our students. Every summer since 2003, we have been privileged to have had students accepted into the Blackstone Legal Fellowship, a leadership development program named in honor of Sir William Blackstone, the noted English law professor. The goal of the nine-week Blackstone legal internship program is to train law students who will rise to positions of influence and leadership, and who will protect the freedoms America’s forefathers intended. Criteria for selection to the program are based upon demonstrated Christian commitment, motivation to engage popular legal culture, leadership potential in a legal context, evidence of oral and written communication skills, and academic achievement. I am proud to share with you that our law school ranks fourth in the nation in the number of students who have been accepted into this prestigious legal fellowship and who have completed the program.

In August, we welcomed the Class of 2016 to campus. The week-long orientation culminated with our students participating in various community service projects, once again demonstrating our institutional identity and culture as a faith-filled school. Like the law students before them, the members of the Class of 2016 embrace law as a vocation. They understand that the law, morality, and the common good are inextricably linked. They are receiving a legal education rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition, and they will leave their studies understanding the harmony of faith and reason.

Your support of the Ave Maria School of Law Scholarship Fund allows these students to become the next generation of leaders who will fight to defend our Constitution, restore the freedoms we have lost, and protect the dignity of human life. I invite you to attend one of our major fundraising events for scholarships, the 2013 Christmas Gala, which will be held on Friday, December 6, 2013, at the Port Royal Club in Naples. The event includes dinner and both live and silent auctions, and promises to be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Ave Maria School of Law community. We are very grateful for you generosity in supporting our Christmas Gala, and I hope to see you there.

As we look forward to the new year and our support of the March for Life in Washington, D.C., I invite you to please consider a gift to the Lex Vitae Fund. This fund is devoted exclusively to supporting the initiatives of Lex Vitae and helps to cover the costs of attendance for our students at the March for Life. Our mission is to remain steadfastly pro-life, recognizing that confronting the With your continued support, we are confident our approach to legal education can be a great force in the coming rediscovery of virtue and honor in our culture – and graduates of this law school will restore the legal profession to its beneficial and honorable place in American society and culture.

Thank you for being a friend of Ave Maria School of Law. Our entire community is grateful for your faith in us and your support. Please keep us in your prayers and know for certain that you remain in ours.

Sincerely,

Eugene R. Milhizer
President, Dean, and Professor of Law
AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION
NAMED IN HONOR OF THE LATE JUDGE ROBERT H. BORK

The Ave Maria School of Law Moot Court Board has renamed its Internal Appellate Competition in honor of the late Judge Robert H. Bork. Judge Bork served with distinction as Solicitor General and Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. He was also famously a nominee to the United States Supreme Court.

“it is fitting to name our Moot Court competition after one of America’s greatest jurists, influential thinkers and writers, and an honored former faculty member at Ave Maria School of Law,” said Eugene R. Milhizer, President and Dean of the law school. “Judge Bork had great affection for Ave Maria School of Law and for its faculty, staff, students and alumni. He is greatly missed, and we are honored to remember him in this special way.”

Judge Bork played an important role as a faculty member in the formative years of Ave Maria School of Law. Along with Dean Emeritus Bernard Dobranski, he developed and taught the Moral Foundations of the Law course, which influenced hundreds of graduates and students during the Law School’s early years.

“I am delighted the Ave Maria School of Law Moot Court Board has named its Appellate Competition after my husband,” said Mrs. Mary Ellen Bork, widow of Judge Bork. “He wrote in his last book, Saving Justice, ‘our constitutional structure is the most important thing this nation has, and I would like to help maintain it and to be remembered for that.’ The Moot Court Board is doing just that.”

Students at Ave Maria School of Law participated in the Robert H. Bork Moot Court Competition over a three-day period in October. The competition featured two-student teams that each wrote a 22-page appellate brief and presented an oral argument before a three-judge panel. Each round of competition was judged by a panel of area judges and attorneys. Winners of this year’s competition were Joshua Schueneman (2L) and Enrico Zanella (3L).

Panelists judging the final round were the Honorable Sheri Polster Chappell, United States District Court Judge for the Middle District of Florida; Richard J. Montecalvo, Office Head for the Office of the State Attorney, 20th Judicial Circuit of Florida; and Mark H. Bonner, Associate Professor at Ave Maria School of Law.

Collier County Judge Michael Carr, Professor Kirkland Miller and attorney Eric Olson served as semi-final round judges. Serving as first round judges were Professor Kirkland Miller, Professor Crandon Randell, Professor Timothy Tracey, Assistant State Attorney Richard Montecalvo, Assistant State Attorney Cynthia Ross, Assistant State Attorney Cassandra Quaglia ’11, Assistant State Attorney Sabrina Karimi, Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Mike Nieman, and attorneys Douglas Kemp, Shannon McFee, Mike McDonnell, Chad Brazzeal, Mateusz Syzmanski ’12, and Shane McDonald ’08.

Members of the AMSL 2013-2014 Moot Court Executive Board are Matthew A. Catania, President; Philip DeLoach, Vice President of External Competitions; Jose Nunez, Vice President of Internal Competitions; Miesha Phelps, Vice President of Publications; Mayra Talarico, Vice President of Events; and Leesha Newkirk-Crouch, Vice President of Operations.
PRO-LIFE LEADERS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY WILL AGAIN COME TOGETHER IN JANUARY WITH AVEN MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW STUDENTS FOR TWO, BACK-TO-BACK LAW OF LIFE SUMMITS SPEARHEADED BY AMSL GRADUATE ROYCE HOOD ’12. THE LAW OF LIFE SUMMIT “4” WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014, AT THE HYATT REGENCY CAPITOL HILL IN WASHINGTON, D.C., FROM 12 P.M. TO 2 P.M., IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MARCH FOR LIFE. A FEW DAYS LATER, THE LAW OF LIFE SUMMIT “WEST COAST” WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2014, AT THE ST. MARY’S CONFERENCE CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, FROM 4 P.M. TO 6 P.M., IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE.

“THE LAW OF LIFE SUMMIT HAS BECOME A FORUM THAT FOSTERS AND ENCOURAGES THE FUTURE LEADERSHIP OF THE RESPECT LIFE MOVEMENT,” SAID MR. HOOD. “OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION THAT ADVANCES THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN LIFE.”

OVER 200 ATTENDED LAST YEAR’S LAW OF LIFE SUMMIT. THE WASHINGTON, D.C., SUMMIT IS CO-SPONSORED BY THE MARCH FOR LIFE EDUCATION AND DEFENSE FUND, AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW, AND AMERICANS UNITED FOR LIFE. THE WEST COAST SUMMIT IS CO-SPONSORED BY AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW AND LIFE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND.

THE SUMMIT WILL HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR PRO-LIFE LEGISLATION, INSPIRATIONAL MEDIA, AND EDUCATION. “WE ARE PLEASED TO BRING TOGETHER SO MANY GIFTED LEADERS FOR THIS SUMMIT,” SAID MR. HOOD.

A LIVE WEBCAST IS PLANNED, AND INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON AT HTTP://LAWLIFE.ORG.

THE ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2014, ON THE NATIONAL MALL. AN EXCITING LINE-UP OF SPEAKERS IS PLANNED. THE MARCH WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RALLY AND FOLLOW A ROUTE UP CONSTITUTION AVENUE TO THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING ON CAPITOL HILL.

AS IN THE PAST, AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND ALUMNI WILL SUPPORT THESE WORTHY CAUSES BY ATTENDING THE LAW OF LIFE SUMMIT “4,” THE LAW OF LIFE SUMMIT “WEST COAST,” AND THE MARCH FOR LIFE. DONATIONS ARE WELCOME TO HELP OFFSET THE COSTS OF STUDENTS’ TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C., TO ATTEND THE SUMMIT AND THE MARCH FOR LIFE. TO DONATE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DONNA ANTHUS AT DANTHUS@AVEMARIALAW.EDU OR AT (239) 687-5403.
FIRST PUBLIC INTEREST AND GOVERNMENT CAREER FAIR
ATTRACTIONS 26 LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL EMPLOYERS

In October 2013, Ave Maria School of Law’s Career Services Office held its inaugural Public Interest and Government Fair for law students and recent alumni. One third of the student body at AMSL turned out for the career fair to speak with 26 representatives from a variety of local, state and federal organizations.


Laura A. Weseley, Director of Career Services, noted that she was “thrilled by the turn out and engagement between the students and employers.” She further commented that “these types of events are imperative for students because they can learn about a wide variety of career opportunities available to them when they graduate. It also offers students a chance to engage in networking, which is a critically important professional skill.”

Kate Lloyd, a second-year student at Ave Maria School of Law and Editor-in-Chief of the International Law Journal, noted, “The Public Interest and Government Fair was an excellent opportunity to interact with multiple employers, many of whom I might not have considered contacting before the event. It also provided an opportunity to speak with hiring managers in a less formal setting than a job interview, which gave me an opportunity to find out what they are looking for and be better prepared when I do apply for a job.”
Ave Maria School of Law was host to Ambassador Alan Keyes, former diplomat and presidential candidate, on Tuesday, September 17, 2013. The topic of his presentation was “Faith in the Public Square: Living and Promulgating the Roman Catholic Intellectual Tradition in Today’s America.” The Law School’s St. Thomas More Society student organization arranged Ambassador Keyes’ visit to campus.

“We were honored to welcome Ambassador Keyes to Ave Maria School of Law,” said Eugene R. Milhizer, President and Dean of the Law School. “He is a distinguished diplomat, radio commentator, and conservative politician, and we greatly appreciated hearing his remarks on the Roman Catholic intellectual tradition and the natural law. Ambassador Keyes is one of our nation’s greatest orators, and has long been recognized for his leadership within the conservative movement, and for his support of pro-life principles.”

Ambassador Keyes spent 11 years with the U.S. State Department. He served in the U.S. Foreign Service and on the staff of the National Security Council before becoming former President Ronald Reagan’s Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations (1985-88). In the interim, from 1983 to 1985, he served as Ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, where he represented America’s sovereign interests in the U.N. General Assembly. Ambassador Keyes hosted his own syndicated radio show throughout the 1990s, America’s Wake-Up Call, and a television commentary show, Alan Keyes is Making Sense, during 2002 on MSNBC. He ran campaigns for the United States presidency in 1996, 2000, and 2008. In January 2009, he launched Alan Keyes is Loyal to Liberty, a multimedia blog where readers can enjoy his unique and informative take on the latest news.

“A goal of the St. Thomas More Society is to provide our community with the opportunity to learn about Catholic perspectives and intellectual tradition on legal questions and social issues,” said Todd Morelli, president of the Ave Maria School of Law’s St. Thomas More Society and a 2L student at the Law School. “Hosting distinguished speakers such as Ambassador Keyes is an excellent way to explore the traditional connection between Catholic theology and legal scholarship and their relation and relevance to modern legal and social issues.”
AMSL SUMMER SEMESTER
A SUCCESS WITH STUDENTS

This year, Ave Maria School of Law launched a pilot program to offer courses over the summer. The Summer Semester proved very popular with the AMSL student body, as students embraced the chance to spend the summer term supplementing their work experiences with opportunities for instruction in the classroom.

In addition, the summer program proved to be a significant step towards AMSL offering distance education for students. Advanced Legal Research was offered in a distance education format and allowed students who were engaged in employment outside of Southwest Florida to obtain the benefits from summer enrollment that were available to students who remained in the Naples area.

“The new summer semester provided students with the flexibility of balancing their rigorous academic schedules with internship and externship opportunities throughout the year,” said W. Edward Afield, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor, who spearheaded the program. “Students took advantage of the summer program in a variety of ways. Some students chose to take a larger course load over the summer in order to have more time during the academic year to pursue practical training opportunities, while other students took one course over the summer as a way to supplement their summer experiences in the governmental, nonprofit, and private sectors.”

Based on the incredibly enthusiastic student response to this pilot program, AMSL intends to expand its summer offerings in the future in order to provide even more opportunities to its students.

LAW STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN
4TH ANNUAL ST. THOMAS MORE AND ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
ORATORICAL COMPETITION

The fourth annual St. Thomas More and St. Thomas Aquinas Oratorical Competition, was held last spring before an audience of family members, law students, and faculty members. Grace Cheffers ’13 was the winner of the competition in which Ave Maria law students gave oral presentations in response to the question: “What contemporary issue in society would St. Thomas More and St. Thomas Aquinas likely focus on if they were with us today, and how should the coming generation of attorneys address that issue, based on the example of these two Saints?”

“The Oratorical Contest is quintessentially what our law school is all about,” said Eugene R. Milhizer, President and Dean of Ave Maria School of Law. “Because it combines the written word and the skill of delivering a compelling oral presentation, it reflects the tools of a lawyer’s stock in trade. Any law school should aspire to conduct an Oratorical Contest of this nature, but at AMSL we do so in the context of two saints who are our patrons and teach us so much about the Natural Law, the Catholic intellectual tradition, and the law as a vocation.”

To enter the Oratorical Contest, students were required to write an essay of no more than 750 words and then present the essay orally before a panel of judges. Serving as judges for this year’s contest were Dean Emeritus Bernard Dobranski, Rev. Michael P. Orsi, and Professor Maureen Milliron. Professor Mark Bonner served as Master of Ceremonies.

CONSERVATIVE V. LIBERTARIAN DEBATE:
Social Showdown Draws Capacity Crowd

A capacity crowd of more than 100 attended the Conservative v. Libertarian Debate: Social Showdown at Ave Maria School of Law on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. Participating in the debate were Dr. Nikolai Wenzel, representing the Libertarian side of the issue, and Professor Mark Bonner, representing the Conservative side. Professor Molly Murphy served as moderator. The debate was co-sponsored by the Federalist Society and the St. Thomas More Society.
AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW HOSTS PANEL ON POPE FRANCIS DURING HOLY WEEK

Ave Maria School of Law hosted a panel discussion before a capacity crowd on “Pope Francis: A Call to Humility and Service” during Holy Week 2013. Former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican, the Honorable Francis Rooney, was among the panelists who spoke. His presentation was “The Role of the U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican.”

Other members of the panel and their topics were: Associate Professor Jane Adolphe, “Pope Francis and International Law”; Professor Ligia De Jesus, “Latin American Perspectives”; and Reverend Michael Orsi, Chaplain and Research Fellow in Law and Religion, “Theological Perspectives.” Associate Professor Adolphe participated in the event live from Rome where she is serving as a delegate of the Holy See.

“BALANCING LAW AND LIFE” PRESENTED BY THE FLORIDA BAR YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION LAW STUDENT DIVISION

In October, Ave Maria School of Law was the first law school in the state to host The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Law Student Division’s program, “Balancing Law and Life.” This program is a professionalism event designed by The Florida Bar for newly qualified attorneys. Given the positive response to the program, The Florida Bar and the Young Lawyers Division rolled out the event to the Law Student Division and the 13 law schools around the state.

Three local attorneys, Denise D’Aprile, John Calough, and Jason Korn, as well as the Honorable Jay Rosman, Chief Judge of the 20th Judicial Circuit, participated in a moderated panel-style discussion. The panel discussed what to expect as a newly qualified attorney in practice, the demands of the profession, and how to manage personal and family life with the demands of being a new attorney. The Career Services Office and Academic and Student Affairs assisted with the event.
AMSL OFFERING CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINAR

AMSL will present a Continuing Legal Education Seminar titled “Technology and the Law” on Saturday, December 14, 2013. Technology plays a major role in today’s legal landscape. This seminar will provide attendees an opportunity to learn about cost-effective legal research tools and how legal professionals can use them to make legal research faster and more affordable. Information on integrating new technologies into legal practices along with the risks and compliance issues inherent to the digital age will be included.

Sessions and speakers for the seminar include:

- The Ethics of eDiscovery and Cyber Forensics for Smaller Law Firms  
  Steven W. Teppler, Nationally Recognized Expert on eDiscovery
- FastCase & Cost Effective Legal Research  
  Ulysses N. Jaen, Head of Public Services and Adjunct Professor, Ave Maria School of Law
- iPad Apps for Lawyers  
  Maureen M. Milliron, Director and Assistant Professor of Research, Writing and Advocacy, Ave Maria School of Law
- Law Ethics 2013: The Challenges of e-Tech, Social Media & Supervision  
  Kevin H. Govern, Associate Professor, Ave Maria School of Law
- Westlaw Next
- LexisNexis Advanced
- Bloomberg Law

Register at www.avemarialaw.edu or call (239) 687-5320.

The seminar has been approved by The Florida Bar for a maximum of 8.5 general hours of CLE credit including 2.5 hours of ethics. It will also be available by webcast and audio CD.

FLORIDA BAR INDUCTION CEREMONY HELD AT AMSL

On Friday, September 27, 2013, Ave Maria School of Law alumni who recently passed the Florida Bar Examination took part in a Florida Bar Induction Ceremony in the Law School’s Donum Dei Moot Courtroom. The Honorable Hugh D. Hayes, Collier Circuit Judge for Florida’s 20th Judicial Circuit, administered the Oath of Admission. Faculty, staff, and family members were on hand to witness the ceremony, which was followed by a luncheon reception in the St. Thomas More Commons.

CONGRESSMAN DIAZ-BALART SPEAKS AT THE LAW SCHOOL

Ave Maria School of Law was pleased to welcome Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, representing the 25th District of Florida, to campus this fall. His presentation to faculty, staff, and students was “Defending Life & De-funding Abortion in Congress.” He also conducted a press conference on campus that was widely covered by the media. The Congressman’s visit to the Law School was in response to an invitation from the AMSL Chapter of the Republican National Lawyers Association.
FATHER ORSI GIVES INVOCATION
AT THE AMERICAN SPECTATOR’S 2013
ROBERT L. BARTLEY DINNER

Reverend Michael P. Orsi, Ave Maria School of Law’s Chaplain and Research Fellow in Law and Religion, delivered the invocation at The American Spectator’s 2013 Robert L. Bartley Dinner in Washington, D.C., in October. Ave Maria School of Law President and Dean Eugene Milhizer; AMSL Board of Governors member Cathy Ruse and her husband, Austin Ruse; and Chief Advancement Officer Donna Heiser also attended the event. They were joined by AMSL alumni Amy Pedagno ’12, Kelsey Cameron ’12 and Justin Cameron ’12.

The Robert L. Bartley Dinner is an annual event that features prominent national journalists, scholars, business leaders, policymakers and other champions of economic freedom and individual liberty. This year’s honorees included United States Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas); Gary Sinise, the Emmy and Golden Globe-winning actor and Academy Award nominee; and Donald Trump, businessman, entrepreneur, television personality, and best-selling author.

Ave Maria School of Law will hold its inaugural Estate Planning Conference, a day-long event for estate planners, including attorneys, trust officers, accountants, insurance advisors, and wealth management professionals on Friday, April 25, 2014. Attendees will enjoy networking and professional development opportunities designed expressly for estate planning professionals. The event will be held on the Ave Maria School of Law Vineyards Campus, 1025 Commons Circle in Naples.

The program will offer practical guidance on both planning strategies and practice development in estate planning. Attendees will explore a broad range of topics in general session lectures and panel programs. Continuing education credits will be offered. A complete list of speakers and program registration information will be available soon on the Ave Maria School of Law website.

“This is a great opportunity for the legal community, CPAs, financial service professionals, trust officers, chartered life underwriters, and other estate planning professionals to learn the latest in estate planning strategies, exchange ideas and network with colleagues,” said Jonathan Gopman, Office Managing Partner at Akerman LLP in Naples, and the chairman of the Ave Maria School of Law Estate Planning Conference Committee. Mr. Gopman is also an adjunct professor at Ave Maria School of Law. Other committee members include attorneys Christopher Bray, Kevin Carmichael, Alan Gassman, Gregory Holtz, and Richard Smarg, representing the Collier County Estate Planning Council.

Ave Maria School of Law committee members include Laura Weseley, Director of Career Services; W. Edward Afield, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor; Donna Heiser, Chief Advancement and Communications Officer; Karen Grebing, Marketing and Communications Specialist and Director of Alumni Affairs; and Virginia Traver, Director of Finance and Administration.

We welcome members of the estate planning community to join us for this important event. For more information on the conference and on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Karen Grebing, Marketing and Communications Specialist at Ave Maria School of Law, at kgrebing@avemarialaw.edu or by calling 239-687-5404.
SIDEBARS (continued)

ARThREX HOSTS AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW STUDENTS AND FACULTY

In November, students from Ave Maria School of Law who are studying patent law, along with Associate Professor Francis J. Fodale, visited the corporate headquarters of Arthrex, Inc., in Naples.

John Schmieding, Arthrex General Counsel, and Kristin Ambrozic, Arthrex Staff Attorney and a 2010 graduate of AMSL, spoke to the group on “Healthcare Innovation Made in America.” Seventy percent of Arthrex products are made in Southeast Florida.

“We are very grateful to Arthrex for their continued support of Ave Maria School of Law,” said Professor Fodale. “Our students appreciated seeing the patent law process in action at Arthrex.”

Students attending the presentation were Andrea Chanderbali, Philip DeLoach, Justin Galvez, Luca Hickman, Angel Leiva, Brandon Stubbs, Nathaniel Swearingen, and Ryan Wityak.

Arthrex is a global medical device company and leader in new product development and medical education in orthopaedics. With a corporate mission of helping surgeons treat their patients better, Arthrex has pioneered the field of arthroscopy and developed more than 7,500 innovative products and surgical procedures to advance minimally invasive orthopaedics worldwide.

LAW SCHOOL HOSTS EVENTS IN RECOGNITION OF VETERANS DAY

In recognition of Veterans Day, Ave Maria School of Law hosted a week-long slate of events in November. On November 4, the Military Law Society hosted Major General Coyne (USMC Ret.), a member of the AMSL Board of Governors, who spoke about his Marine Corps experiences.

The following day, Professor Kevin Govern shared his experiences as a former U.S. Army JAG at an event hosted by the Military Law Society.

On November 5, the Military Law Society, Ave Maria Elder Law Association (AMELA), and the Immigration Law Society co-hosted Margaret Stock, a 2013 MacArthur Foundation Fellow, who spoke on “Immigration and National Security.” Ms. Stock has had an illustrious career practicing immigration law, particularly where it intersects with military/veterans issues and national security issues. She has spearheaded the development of three groundbreaking programs that creatively adapt existing laws to better the lives of both immigrants and native-born military personnel. Beginning in 2008, she initiated and, in cooperation with the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security, implemented the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI) program, which allows the U.S. armed forces to attract and retain foreign nationals with language, medical, and other skills critical to military readiness and national security by expediting their path to citizenship. Having seen firsthand the plight of limited-income military families in dire need of legal assistance, she created the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) MAP program, which pairs volunteer attorneys across the United States with those in need of their services. She also prompted the Naturalization at Basic Training Initiative, an intergovernmental program designed to promote and expedite the naturalization of military personnel by reducing processing times and providing naturalization ceremonies at basic training locations.

The Military Law Society and AMELA co-hosted Stacey Clark of Morgan and Morgan on November 6. Ms. Clark, who practices in the area of veterans affairs, discussed her insights and experiences advocating for and fighting on behalf of disabled veterans who have been denied their benefits by the Social Security Administration and Department of Veterans Affairs.

The week ended with a Veterans Day 5K and BBQ, co-hosted by the Military Law Society, AMELA, and Sports Law Society. Funds raised from these events benefited the Civil Air Patrol Naples Senior Squadron that provides search and rescue and emergency relief services in Collier County and to the Archdiocese of Military Services that provides Catholic religious services to active duty military personnel worldwide.
The Curriculum Advisory Board for 2013-2014 met in November to review our curriculum and provide recommendations to Ave Maria School of Law that will ensure the education we provide remains cutting edge and relevant to the needs of the modern legal marketplace.

Ted Afield, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Ave Maria School of Law and an Associate Professor of Law, welcomed the Curriculum Advisory Board and commented that the Law School was “grateful to have this distinguished group serve on this initiative” and noted that “their insights will be enormously valuable to the faculty at Ave Maria School of Law.”

“We are currently undergoing both a curriculum review and a strategic planning process, and it is thus an ideal time to engage as many different voices in helping us continue to ensure that our graduates receive a first-rate legal education, grounded in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition of faith and reason, that prepares them to become leaders in legal practice, private industry, and government,” he remarked.

Dean Afield noted that the “AMLS faculty spends considerable time discussing what changes should be made to our program of legal education in order to best serve our students and alumni in what many commentators believe to be the ‘new normal.’ Our perspective as academics and educators, however, is only one perspective, and we cannot possibly have a sense of every reform that is needed without obtaining input from the practicing bar.”


In November, sixteen local judges and attorneys were on the Ave Maria School of Law campus to conduct mock interviews with students as part of the Career Services Office Mock Interview Program. Over the three-day period, 50 percent of the 1L class participated in the event.

Those conducting mock interviews included attorneys Casey Wolff, Carol Kauffman, Maria O’Neill, Alan Rubinstein, Dwight Brock, Kenneth Kemp, Robert Hagaman, Anthony Kunasek, James Herron, Betsy Long, Debra Bass, Juan Bendeck, Dominique Rihs, and Norell Albanis. The Honorable Hugh Hayes, Elisabeth Adams, and Janeice Martin also participated.
On Saturday, May 11, 2013, Ave Maria School of Law celebrated 164 members of the Class of 2013 at its 11th Commencement. The ceremony was held at Artis-Naples, formerly the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts, with hundreds of family members and friends present to witness the occasion. The conferral of degrees was done by Eugene R. Milhizer, President and Dean. Thomas S. Monaghan, Chairman of the Board of Governors and founder of the Law School, gave the charge to the graduating class.

Among the highlights of the ceremony was a speech by the 2013 Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient, Mr. Carl A. Anderson. Mr. Anderson is Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, the world’s largest Catholic fraternal service organization, with more than 1.8 million members.

Mr. Anderson has had a notable and remarkable career as a public servant and educator. Prior to becoming the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, he served in various positions of the Executive Office of the President of the United States, including acting director of the White House Office of Public Liaison and special assistant to former President Ronald Reagan. He also served for nearly a decade as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and taught as a visiting professor of family law at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. He received numerous appointments from Pope John Paul II, received numerous honorary doctorates and has written several books.

Mr. Anderson served as the keynote speaker at the Law School’s Grand Opening Gala in Naples, Florida in 2009.

In his commencement speech, Mr. Anderson stressed that behind every great legal advancement is a group of committed lawyers who took a stand that changed society.

“Your example matters, your honesty matters, your loyalty to the laws of nature and nature’s God matters.” —Carl Anderson
“Your witness today is where you have chosen to attend law school. Your witness tomorrow is how you will put this education into practice.” —Carl Anderson

for the better. These outcomes are shaped by the choices attorneys make, choices that impact millions of people.

“The cases you take and the arguments you make do not occur in a vacuum,” he said. “They have real world implications. Work hard in your careers for what is right.”

Also receiving honorary degrees were Mr. Patrick F. Adams and Monsignor Laurence E. Higgins. Mr. Adams is the founding and senior partner of his law firm, Patrick F. Adams, PC in New York, and a co-founder, trustee and officer of St. George’s College. He has been honored with an appointment to the Council of Stewarts of the Diocese of Rockville Centre as well as served a member of Development and as Chairman of the Bishops Annual Appeal. Mr. Adams has been the recipient of the Mater Dei Award presented by the Most Reverend Walter P. Kellenberg, Ordinary of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. In 1996, John Cardinal O’Connor inducted Mr. Adams and his wife, Angela, as Knight and Lady of the Holy Sepulcher.

Monsignor Higgins is the founder and Pastor Emeritus of the St. Lawrence Catholic Parish of Tampa, Florida, in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saint Petersburg. In 1983, Pope John Paul II gave him the title of Monsignor Prelate of Honor and in 1988 the title of Protonotary Apostolic, the highest rank of Monsignor. A celebrated member of the Tampa Bay community, Monsignor Higgins received the 1994 Outstanding Citizen of the Year award from the Tampa branch of the Civitan Club. Upon his retirement, Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio proclaimed the week of June 21-27, 2007, as “Monsignor Laurence E. Higgins Days.” He is the chaplain for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and serves on planning executive boards for the Museum of Science and Industry and the Bay Area Legal Services. The Monsignor Lawrence Higgins Scholarship has been established at Ave Maria School of Law in his honor.
Ave Maria School of Law Commencement Speakers

2003
THE HONORABLE SAMUEL D. BROWNBACK
United States Senate

2004
THE HONORABLE CLARENCE THOMAS
Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States
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2005
THE HONORABLE R. JAMES NICHOLSON
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

2006
THE HONORABLE EDITH B. CLEMENT
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

2007
THE HONORABLE JANICE ROGERS BROWN
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

2008
THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
United States House of Representatives

2009
HIS EMINENCE ADAM CARDINAL MAIDA
Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Detroit

2010
THE HONORABLE JOHN ELLIS “JEB” BUSH
Former Governor of the State of Florida

2011
THE HONORABLE MARCO RUBIO
United States Senate

2012
ROBERT P. GEORGE
McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, Princeton University

2013
CARL A. ANDERSON
Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus
W. Edward Afield, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor

**Publications**

Mark H. Bonner, Associate Professor of Law

**Publications**

**Speaking Engagements and Professional Presentations**
- Faculty Advisor to Ave Maria School of Law Moot Court Board, which held first St. Thomas More Trial Competition (Spring 2013) and first Robert H. Bork Moot Court Competition (October 23, 2013).

Ligia M. de Jesus, Associate Professor of Law

**Publications**
- “Francis was brave and virtuous in Argentina, and will be so in the Vatican,” Fort Myers News Press (2013).

Bernard Dobranski, Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law

**Publications**
- “Private Property: Indispensable for Freedom and Liberty,” presented at the 12th German-American Colloquium on Property as a Condition of Liberty, was published by Duncker & Humbolt, Berlin, Germany.
- “The Religious Approach in Professional Legal Education”, presented at a conference at Bar-Ilan University in Tel Aviv, Israel, which was sponsored by The United States – Israel Educational Foundation and the Fulbright Commission for Israel, was included in the book titled The Role of a Religious University, which was recently published by the Bar-Ilan University Press.
- Essay in remembrance of Judge Robert Bork and the importance of his relationship with Ave Maria School of Law was published in the most recent issue of Ave Maria Law Review.
ELIZABETH M. DONOVAN,
Director of Community Development Law Clinic
and Assistant Clinical Professor of Law

Speaking Engagements and Professional Presentations
- "Human Trafficking: How To Be An Agent For Change," presented at Zonta International Annual District Conference, Bay City, Michigan (October 20, 2013).
- "Human Trafficking: Looking Beneath the Surface," First United Methodist Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan (May 18, 2013).
- "Innocence Lost – Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking," Hodges University, Fort Myers, Florida (April 24, 2012).
- "What is Human Trafficking?" Ave Maria School of Law, Naples, Florida (March 14, 2012).

Awards and Recognitions
- Appointed as Board Member, Southwest Florida Regional Coalition Against Human Trafficking (January 2013).

ERIC C. FLEETHAM AND WENDY TENZER,
Assistant Professors of Research, Writing and Advocacy

Speaking Engagements and Professional Presentations
- "How to Reap the Benefits of Your Summer Job for the Rest of Your Career," presented at Preparing Practice-Ready Students Workshop sponsored by the Legal Writing Institute, Nova Southeastern University, December 7, 2012.

KEVIN H. GOVERN,
Associate Professor of Law

Publications
- "Defense Support Of Civil Authorities – Dealing with Natural and Man-Made Disasters©," The Officer, (September-October 2013).
• “Cultural and Legal Influences and Impediments to Cultivating Peace and Human Rights in Islamic States,” 2 Impunity Watch Annual Review 54 (2012).
• “Asymmetric Warfare: The Strait of Hormuz and Future Crises,” Jurist Forum (July 17, 2012).

Speaking Engagements and Professional Presentations
• Featured Panelist Speaker, Conference on The Logic of Deterrence and the Changing Face of Warfare, Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, University of Pennsylvania Institute for Law and Policy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (November 2012).
• Keynote Speaker on Professional Ethics for 40th Annual Goldfarb Foundation Clinical Conference, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania (November 2012).
• Panel Moderator, Roundtable on Cyberwar and the Rule of Law, Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, University of Pennsylvania Institute for Law and Policy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (October 2012).

STEPHEN MIKOCHIK,
Visiting Professor of Law

Awards and Honors
• Co-recipient of the Paul Sauerland Welcome and Justice Advocacy Award given by the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD), NCPD’s National Conference, Houston, Texas (November 2, 2013).

EUGENE R. MILHIZER,
President and Dean, Professor of Law

Publications
• “Guns, Bombs, Natural Rights and the Second Amendment,” Legatus Magazine, July/August 2013, at 22.
• “Gun Control, the Second Amendment and Your Natural Rights,” Res Gestae: The Official Publication of the Lee County Florida Bar Association, May 2013, at 14.
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Speaking Engagements and Professional Presentations

- Featured Speaker on “Updates and Predictions about the HHS Mandate,” Legatus – Naples, Florida Chapter (August 8, 2013).
- Featured Speaker on “Religious Freedom and the HHS Mandate,” Inn at St. John’s, Plymouth, Michigan (June 11, 2013).
- Featured Speaker on “Religious Freedom, the HHS Mandate and the Catholic Church,” Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida (February 20, 2013).
- Featured Speaker on “Moral and Legal Issues Concerning the HHS Mandate,” St. Agnes Catholic Church, Naples, Florida (October 31, 2012).
- Featured Speaker on “Legal and Moral Aspects of the HHS Mandate,” Legatus - Lexington, Kentucky Chapter (July 12, 2012).
- Featured Speaker Nassau County Catholic Guild, Nassau County, New York (February 3, 2012).

FR. MICHAEL P. ORSI,
Chaplain and Research Fellow in Law and Religion

Publications

- “States Face Same-Sex Marriage Fallout,” National Catholic Register (July 17, 2013).
- Book Review: The Seven Big Myths about the Catholic Church: Distinguishing Fact from Fiction about Catholicism by Kaczor, Christopher, St. Anthony Messenger Book Corner (July 2013).
Faculty Achievements

JOHN N. RAUDA BAUGH, Reed Larson Professor of Labor Law

Speaking Engagements and Professional Presentations

D. BRIAN SCARNECCHIA, Associate Professor of Law

Publications

ROBERTA STUDWELL, Associate Dean for Law Library and Information Services and Associate Professor of Law

Speaking Engagements and Professional Presentations
- Featured Discussant on “Distance Education,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, Florida (August 8, 2013).
Sixty-two students from Ave Maria School of Law have participated in the Blackstone Legal Fellowship program since 2001, placing AMSL among the group of law schools with the largest number of students accepted into the program. The Blackstone Legal Fellowship, a leadership development program named in honor of Sir William Blackstone, the noted English law professor, was started by Alliance Defending Freedom. The goal of the nine-week summer Blackstone legal internship program is to train law students who will rise to positions of influence and leadership as legal scholars, litigators, policy makers and judges, and who will protect the freedoms America's forefathers intended.

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– Brendan Karl

BLACKSTONE LEGAL FELLOWSHIP PREPARING AMSL STUDENTS TO BE THE LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

Through a principled and analytical framework, students receive highly specialized, in-depth training, and hands-on work experience in:

- Natural law principles: the foundation of law on which our country was established;
- Practical, real world experience in bringing crucial change to the current legal system; and
- Sound, reasoned defense of religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and marriage and family.

Criteria for selection to the program are based upon demonstrated Christian commitment, motivation to engage popular legal culture, leadership potential in a legal context, evidence of oral and written communication skills, and academic achievement.

Brendan Karl, a 2L student at Ave Maria School of Law from Michigan, participated in the Blackstone Legal Fellowship this past summer. “Each generation needs people who will defend our freedom and individual rights,” said Mr. Karl. “Participating in Blackstone was a great opportunity to interact with other law students who all understand this need and want to learn how to best uphold the precepts of natural law in the legal profession.”

The Blackstone Legal Fellowship consists of three phases: Learn, Lead and Defend. During the first phase the interns gather for two weeks of lectures, seminars and interactive discussions in Phoenix, Arizona. The sessions are designed to confront conventional wisdom in legal education and present a principled, analytical framework and biblical viewpoint.
In the second phase, Blackstone interns are assigned to a field placement, nationally and internationally, with various allied public interest law firms, attorneys, law professors, think tanks, and public policy organizations to work in the areas of constitutional law, religious liberty, and sanctity of life, and marriage and family. Blackstone considers the interns’ past experiences and future plans when assigning field placements. Because of Mr. Karl’s Bachelor of Science in chemistry and his pro-life activities, he was placed with Nikolas T. Nikas, President, CEO, and General Counsel of the Bioethics Defense Fund in Scottsdale, Arizona. His work there focused on end-of-life issues, specifically care and treatment, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia, from both the Catholic and secular perspectives. “This was a great environment to gain an in-depth understanding of all sides of the issues,” said Mr. Karl. “Working one-on-one with Mr. Nikas provided a better insight into the law profession and the career choices available.”

Blackstone interns gather once again in the third phase for a week of debriefing, further training, and career guidance. Included are presentations designed to provide practical career advice from judicial law clerks, elected officials, academics, congressional staff, and constitutional litigators. “The career information was extremely valuable, but it was also an enjoyable occasion to reunite with my fellow interns,” said Karl. “These are people I met only a few short weeks before, but with whom I now will have a lifelong connection.”

“Ave Maria School of Law uniquely prepares students to flourish at Blackstone,” said Mr. Karl. “We have a much deeper understanding of the natural law than the students from Columbia, Harvard, or Yale. I am very, very thankful for the opportunity to attend Ave Maria. There is nowhere else I would rather be.”

AMSL Students Who Have Participated in the Blackstone Legal Fellowship

2001
Matthew Bowman ’03
Bradley Cowan ’03
Erika Hiester ’03
Cevin Taylor ’03

2002
Kelly Gannon ’04
Joseph Miller ’04
Angela Pfister ’04

2003
Mark Barrett ’05
Matthew McKendrick ’05
Kellie Jacobs Miller ’05
Michael Offenheiser ’05
Luke Reilander ’05
Kurt Van Sciver ’06
Jeffrey Weeden ’05
Teresa Zakaria ’05

2004
Aleksandra Biskupska ’06
John Gardai ’06
Andrew Willis ’06

2005
Michael Connell ’07
Jo Anna De Pree ’07
Judy Gallagher ’07
Joseph Miceli ’07
Joseph Toth ’07

2006
Gerard Galle
George McDonnell
Rebecca McGuire
Joseph Vanderhulst ’08

2007
Anthony Alt ’09
Lauren Carpentier ’09
Joshua Cools ’09
Megan Jaye ’09
Casey Khan
Lauren Werda ’09

2008
Manuel Acuna
Daniel Baquerizo ’10
Andrew Bodoh ’10
Joshua Christopher ’10
Kellie Fiedorek ’09
Anne Hartman ’10
Sarah Murphy ’10
Juan Perez ’10
Christina Pisani
Michael Vacca ’10

2009
Adam Giangreco
Dean Kim
Elizabeth Kosel ’10
Christopher Miller ’11
Stephen Muff ’10
Stefen Knudsen

2010
John Shea ’11
Matthew Kuschel ’12
Amy Pedagno ’12
David Manni ’12
Christina Wennerlind ’12

2011
Majel Braden ’12
Kevin Fitzgibbons ’13
Elyse Smith ’13
Brittney Sharp ’13

2012
Benjamin Bogos ’13
Danielle Merry

2013
Brendan Karl
Angela Swagler
MEMBERS OF HUMAN LAW TRAFFICKING CLINIC SUPPORT
“A DAY WITHOUT SLAVERY”

The statistics on human trafficking – commonly referred to as modern day slavery – are staggering. In the United States and elsewhere, traffickers and those who purchase goods and services from them, are responsible for depriving countless men, women, and children of their dignity and their freedom.

Yet, Elizabeth M. Donovan, Director of the Community Development Law Clinic and Assistant Clinical Professor at Ave Maria School of Law, remains hopeful. She believes a key to combatting modern-day slavery is education and awareness. “Each case of human trafficking happens within a community,” she said. “Likewise the means to end human trafficking must happen within a community. Educating people about the existence of modern-day slavery, and what they can do to make the work of the traffickers more difficult, is key.”

Consistent with this belief, Professor Donovan, members of the Human Trafficking Law Clinic, and other students and graduates of the Law School, participate each fall in “A Day Without Slavery,” a community outreach effort organized by the Collier County Coalition Against Human Trafficking in conjunction with the Collier County Sheriff’s Office. The event features food, music and activities for children with the primary goal being to provide information about human trafficking and community services available in Immokalee.

During the weeks leading up to the 2012 “A Day Without Slavery,” members of the Human Trafficking Law Clinic organized a collection effort at AMSL to gather books and toys to distribute to children who attended the event. The day before the event, third-year student Ashley Stetson and now graduate Caitlin Best joined members of the Collier County Sheriff’s Office to distribute flyers to Immokalee community members, while third-year student Kate Lloyd and now graduate Sammy-Jo Baker organized informational materials and books and toys.

At the event, AMSL students, alongside representatives from southwest Florida government and non-government organizations, spoke with attendees about human trafficking to raise awareness and encourage reporting of suspected labor or sex trafficking. AMSL students also engaged in art projects, played field games, and distributed books and toys to the children of attendees.

Last fall, Jillian Yanes, a Human Trafficking Law Clinic student, attended the event and used her Spanish language skills to interpret for those who could not speak English. “‘A Day Without Slavery’ is a remarkable event in that not only are students given the opportunity to educate people on their rights, but it is also a way for law students to gain insight into the Immokalee community,” said Ms. Yanes. “It is an empowering event that reminds each of us to reach new goals and to embrace the opportunities that life gives us.”

Led by Human Trafficking Law Clinic students Lauren Gibson and Anna Medrano, efforts are currently underway to collect books and toys for this fall’s “A Day Without Slavery.”

Shortly before the event, the Human Trafficking Law Clinic will host a training session for those who will volunteer at the event. In the meantime, Human Trafficking Law Clinic students Katharine McErlean and Jonathan Jenkins encourage Law School community members who visit the Human Trafficking Law Clinic’s Fair Trade table to donate and encourage others to do so.

As Professor Donovan told a WINK news reporter at a past event, “It’s out there; it’s in communities all over the United States . . . . [Y]ou have people who are vulnerable. And unfortunately, when you have vulnerable people, often they become victims.” With this reality in mind, the Community Development Law Clinic will continue to represent individual clients, and will continue to raise awareness about how each person can make a difference in southwest Florida, the United States, and the world.
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT ATTENDS ABA ANNUAL MEETING

What would you say if someone asked you what the value of a legal education was? That is the question Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the Supreme Court of the United States posed in his opening remarks at the Opening Assembly of the American Bar Association’s (ABA) 2013 Annual Meeting held in San Francisco in August. Addressing the skepticism many pundits share about the current condition of the American legal education system and profession, Justice Kennedy asserted the United States has the greatest system of law in the world, and the United States Constitution and the freedoms contained therein are still the envy of the global legal community.

It was my joy and great honor to be invited to participate in the ABA’s Annual Meeting. The ABA is the largest body of legal professionals in the world and is the governing entity of all accredited law schools in the United States. The ABA Law Student Division is composed of ABA representatives and Student Bar Association (SBA) presidents from every law school in the country. The Law Student Division held its Annual Meeting in August as part of the ABA Annual Meeting.

I had the privilege of attending the Law Student Division Annual Meeting as Ave Maria School of Law’s Student Bar Association President and ABA representative. While there, I attended leadership trainings and round-table discussions on how to improve legal education across the various campuses of accredited law schools in the United States. I met over 100 SBA presidents, learned how our law schools differ and found ways to improve our campus community.

I learned that all law school students suffer from the same concerns as Ave Maria School of Law students experience. I also learned AMSL’s campus community is far better than many other law schools. For example, many SBA presidents expressed concerns over the difficulty students experience in receiving funding for bar prep programs. Over the past year, the administration at AMSL provided an innovative means of addressing this problem. Funding provisions are included within a student’s tuition over the course of his or her law school career, thus eliminating the increased pressure to find funding for a bar prep program before taking the bar. Many other issues, including accessibility of the administration of the law school, are problems other law schools experience but not Ave Maria School of Law. I realized Ave Maria School of Law’s administration is much more engaged than other school’s administrations, including many other more recognizable schools.

I felt pride in AMSL as I expressed ideas the law school implements to my fellow presidents. Their pens were active and their imaginations enlightened as I shared with them various activities our school participates in. During a round-table discussion, talk centered around how to get greater involvement from students in community activities. The group was in awe as I shared with them the fact that every student group on campus has a mandatory community service requirement. I shared with them the countless activities and hours of service we have provided to our local community. Without hesitation, I will say I have never been more proud to represent Ave Maria School of Law.

The most important event that occurs during the Law Student Division’s Annual Meeting is the opportunity to participate in the debate of resolutions proposed by other groups that wish to have the Law Student Division’s support when presenting to the ABA’s House of Delegates, the policy-making body of the association. This year, we discussed and voted on issues ranging from making law school academic information more transparent to changing the system of the legal education within ABA-accredited schools to include a mandatory requirement of providing 150 hours of legal experience in order to receive a juris doctorate degree. I was privileged to vote on these issues representing my fellow students of AMSL.

In his opening remarks, Justice Kennedy said of the legal profession, “We are trustees of freedom for the next generation.” I was so grateful to represent Ave Maria School of Law at the Law Student Division’s Annual Meeting and be part of the next generation that is protecting the freedoms we have all come to enjoy. As members of the AMSL community, let us all RISE UP to this great calling!

“We are trustees of freedom for the next generation.”

-Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy

-William Brett Branham, Class of 2014

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A group of Ave Maria School of Law alumni and friends gathered together in June at the Inn of St. John in Plymouth, Michigan, to hear Dean Milhizer speak on “Religious Freedom and the HHS Mandate.”
Join us for a joyous celebration of this blessed season at the Ave Maria School of Law Christmas Gala to be held on Friday, December 6, 2013, at the Port Royal Club in Naples. This year's gala will feature our honorary guests, His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan, Archbishop Emeritus of New York and Thomas S. Monaghan, Chairman of the Board of Governors and Founder. Cardinal Egan is also a member of our Board of Governors.

The evening promises to be a grand event, complete with a festive holiday dinner and a wonderful auction featuring a wide array of vacation get-aways, fine dining opportunities and golf packages. We are grateful to our 2013 Christmas Gala Co-Chairs, Tina and Jack Nicholson, to Mrs. Mitzi Magin for generously providing the Port Royal venue and to our volunteers and staff for their help in making this year's Gala what we hope we be our best ever. Special thanks are also extended to our Masters of Ceremonies, Clay Miller and Krista Fogelsong, NBC-2 News Today Anchors. All proceeds from the Christmas Gala will benefit the Ave Maria School of Law Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are $300 per person, or $500 per person for Patron tickets. Alumni, students, faculty and staff tickets are available at a reduced rate of $200 per person. For those unable to attend the Christmas Gala, we will be most grateful for your donations. Advance bidding and tickets can be purchased online at the Ave Maria School of Law Christmas Gala website at www.bidpal.net/amslgala.

For more information, please contact Rachel Budrik at 239-687-5405 or rbudrik@avemarialaw.edu.

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