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MESSAGE FROM

THE DEAN

JON M. GARON

Welcome to Broadly Speaking, a brief news magazine highlighting the news and events at NSU Shepard Broad College of Law. This newsletter has been created as a helpful way for you to stay connected with the law school.

WELCOMING THE ENTERING CLASS

203 new JD students joined the College of Law as members of the 1L class. This group reflected a significant increase in academic profile as measured by the LSAT. Students in the class hold degrees from 95 different universities around the globe and 12% have at least one graduate or professional degree. Academically diverse and highly gifted, the 1L class continues a tradition of academic improvement and global diversity, with 10% of the class holding a law degree from a non-U.S. jurisdiction. The law school's focus on enhancing the academic credentials of its students is one of the key commitments NSU is making to improve bar passage outcomes for its students.

LAUNCHING A NEW LL.M. AND EXPANDING PROGRAMMING

The College of Law has been exceptionally busy with the expansion of its specialty programs. In January, the law school will offer its first LL.M. degree program. Offered both as an in-residence program and online, the LL.M. will offer students a wide range of course offerings. Lawyers participating in the LL.M. can focus on any of the law school's three existing concentrations, a specialty focus on Business and Entrepreneurial Counseling, or create an individualized curriculum plan. Another aspect of the LL.M. is exploration in partnerships for international consortia, with NSU presently in talks with the Brazilian Bar Association for an LL.M. collaboration.

One of the three concentrations is the newly developed JD concentration focusing on Intellectual Property, Technology and Cybersecurity Law. The new concentration permits

students to obtain recognition for their concentration in intellectual-property-law related studies. This concentration complements existing concentrations in Health Law and International Law.

The new programming also includes pipeline programs for future lawyers. The College of Law received the LSAC Diversity Matters Grant for "Make an Impact with the Law Day." The pipeline event was also co-sponsored by the Society of American Law Teachers. Designed by Associate Dean Elena Marty-Nelson and Associate Dean Olympia Duhart, the program introduced the law school and the opportunities created by a law degree to South Florida high school students from historically underrepresented backgrounds.

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GROWING THE CLINICAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Among the most exciting areas in the law school is the expanded clinical program. The clinical program has achieved nearly a 40% increase in enrollment this year over the prior year due to enhancements in offerings, scheduling, and eligibility rules. Students are actively involved in each of the in-house clinics, the hybrid clinical partnerships with governmental agencies, and the very popular Civil Field Placement Clinic which provides externship opportunities across a wide range of practice areas.

Professor Tim Arcaro has become the new director of the Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) Law Clinic. The AIDD Clinic has provided direct representation to multiple families in Guardianship Advocacy cases by successfully obtaining necessary court orders for the care of adults with disabilities. The AIDD Law Clinic has been working with community partners to expand its service network and collaborate on direct client-representation opportunities. The AIDD Law Clinic is exploring ways to create a legal platform to service potentially hundreds of individuals through collaborations with the regional school districts and with networks that support legal services for indigent families.

Professor Tim Arcaro has joined with Jennifer Gordon, Director of Public Interest Programs, to offer informational presentations to members of the community and to provide advance directives for qualified clients. In addition, law students will work with faculty and staff, including Professor Kathy Cerminara and Professor Marilyn

Uzdavines, to create presentations tailored to indigent clients and clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Law students will also work with faculty and staff to create information and forms for advance directives.

In December 2018, the AIDD Law Clinic will partner with the Florida Justice Technology Center for the launch of Turning18.com, a self-help website that will guide parents of children with developmental disabilities through their legal options as their child becomes an adult. The website is a navigation tool which creates a streamlined process to help determine which legal options are available for the individual with special needs depending on his or her own unique situation. The heart of the event will be a guardian advocate and website training session that will offer both CLE and tech credits for local attorneys and legal aid organizations.

In the Sharon and Mitchell W. Berger Entrepreneur Law Clinic, students are involved in the formation stage, intellectual property assessment, and contractual services for start-up enterprises and nonprofit organizations. This August, the clinic co-sponsored the inaugural Sharon & Mitchell W. Berger Entrepreneur Boot Camp. Over 200 individuals participated in person and online. The program focused on entrepreneurial skills needed to successfully launch a new business.

ENHANCING BAR PREPARATION

For the recent graduates who took the New York bar, the first-time passing percentage was 82% — eight points above the New York state average for first-time takers. This was substantially above the disappointing Florida results and we congratulate the alumni who passed the bars in all states.

We recognize that while the commitment and effort needed to pass the bar must come from the hard work and dedication of each test taker, the faculty and staff of NSU Law is working to ensure that our students and alumni have every tool possible to succeed. We have expanded our bar preparation programs, coaching, and tutoring to those alumni who need to take and retake the bar.

For the coming February and July Bar administrations, NSU Law will be providing AdaptiBar as an additional service. We already work with both BarBri and Kaplan for various programs such as PMBR. The College of Law has offered sessions with alumnus Jonathan Grossman and Professor Steve Friedland to supplement the coaching of our full-time faculty and our professional staff. In addition to working with ASP coaches, each test taker will be partnered with a faculty member, and faculty are serving as subject-matter tutors for those who need additional assistance.

Through these many efforts, NSU Law remains committed to providing top-quality legal education, bar preparation, and training to serve in the legal profession.

**BRYAN**

SIDDIQUE, J.D. CANDIDATE

*Creating his own Path
at the College of Law*

When things didn't work out as a baseball player, Bryan Siddique realized he needed to regroup. He switched schools. He helped with his father's business. Eventually, he found his way to NSU.

"It took me a little while to figure it out, but I knew that I always wanted to help people," said Siddique, a New York-native who grew up in South Florida. "I was very determined to create my own path."

Siddique, 28, definitely has his footing now. After transferring to NSU as an undergraduate student, the 3L graduated with honors with a degree in Finance and has since distinguished himself at the College of Law. He is Editor-in-Chief of the Nova

Law Review, an advocate for Moot Court Society, an advocate for the NSU Trial Association, a member of the President's 64 and at the top of his class. And he still has time to train as a Cross Fit Competitor, spend time with the "love of his life" Paula Castañeda and play with his puppy Suri Dobson Siddique (yes, she is named after a popular Crim Law Professor).

Said Siddique, "I have made these amazing connections here and I don't think that I would be successful without them. The people that I have met here have changed my life."



PROFESSOR ROBERT JARVIS, J.D., LL.M

*A Law Professor
with a Passion
for Writing*

Back in 1986, Bob Jarvis, a New York City maritime lawyer, was looking for a teaching job. When asked why he wanted to go into academia, he had a ready answer: "To write."

Thirty years later, Jarvis is working on his twenty-fifth book. He's also continuing to add to the more than 200 shorter works on his resume.

Jarvis's distinguished publication record recently earned him his second NSU Shepard Broad College of Law Professor of the Year award. When asked how he manages to be so productive, Jarvis laughs and replies: "I get up in

the morning and start writing. I stop when I can no longer see the keyboard."

Despite the long hours he spends writing, Jarvis is an exceptional classroom teacher. Since 1990, his Florida Constitutional Law course has prepared more than 1,000 students for the bar exam.

Jarvis also regularly assists the media. He has been quoted in hundreds of stories, with credits ranging from CNN and HBO to The New York Times and USA Today. Yet for Jarvis, it's "just part of being a law professor."

Working with Families is Her “Place in the Universe”



HILARY —————

CREARY, J.D.

A fellowship to work at Legal Aid cemented Hilary Creary's passion for working with families.

“Once I started working with families, I knew that was my place in the universe,” said Creary, a family law attorney based in Pompano Beach, Florida. “Helping families heal while going through the worst moments of their lives is very important to me.”

Creary graduated from the NSU Shepard Broad College of Law in 1997. “I was an older student, and for me law school was a discovery process. I figured out who I wasn’t and who I was in law school,” she said.

After a short-lived retirement in 2004, Creary is busier than ever. Currently, she is juggling a solo

practice with spending time with her extended family and volunteering with several community organizations. She is a member of the Florida Bar Board of Governors representing the 17th Circuit, Vice President of the Caribbean Bar Association, Board member of the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association, and on the Board of the Jamaican Women of Florida, and Family Central, Inc. She also tries to do as much pro bono as possible.

“I don’t think there is such a thing as work-life balance; you just have to make your life work,” said Creary, whose guilty pleasure is watching Hallmark movies. “NSU taught me how to give back to my community and to my profession. You make time for things that are important to you.”



Pictured from left to right, Alan Goldberg and Elliot Borkson

THE LEO GOODWIN FOUNDATION

It is not often that an organization can make its mission live up to its founder's name. At the Leo Goodwin Foundation, they understand that doing good things is good for everyone. They have made their mark on South Florida with their generous charitable contributions and a deep-rooted passion to give back to the community and support those who are less fortunate. The legacy of Leo Goodwin Sr. lives on through the Foundation and its Trustees, Alan Goldberg and Elliot Borkson, and is evident when you walk through the halls of the Leo Goodwin Sr. Building at the Shepard Broad College of Law.

The Leo Goodwin Foundation has always embraced a strategy of doing good for the community and partners with other local organizations trying to do the same. Over the years, they have assisted thousands of deserving law students through the Goodwin Scholarship Program. "From the very beginning, the Foundation has been a strong supporter of NSU," said Alan Goldberg, President and Trustee of the Leo Goodwin Foundation. "We are honored that the College of Law has acknowledged Leo Goodwin Sr.'s legacy with the rededication of the Leo Goodwin Sr. Building at the Shepard Broad College of Law," he continued. "The goal of the Foundation is to improve the lives of those

who are the most vulnerable and to champion future generations through education and life skills," said Elliot Borkson, the Foundation's Vice President and Trustee.

The Leo Goodwin Foundation is the largest donor of NSU's Shepard Broad College of Law, having given over 16 million dollars towards scholarships and the Leo Goodwin Sr. Building.

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Palm Beach Chapter Holiday Party

Wed., December 12, 2018 | 5:30 pm
Gunster Law Firm, W. Palm Beach

Miami-Dade Chapter Holiday Party

Thur., December 13, 2018, | 5:00 pm
Fiduciary Trust Int., Coral Gables

JANUARY

Law Connect Plus CLE

Medical Malpractice
Friday, January 18, 2019 | 7:30 a.m.
NSU Law

Mentoring Breakfast

Friday, January 25, 2019 | 7:30 a.m.
NSU Law

FEBRUARY

Mentoring Dinner

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 | 6:00 pm
NSU Law

**John B. Anderson Visiting Chair
Ronald Long**

Thursday, February 21, 2019 | 5:30 p.m.
Huizenga Bldg, 3rd Floor, Room 3000

MARCH

Public Interest Law Society Auction

Thursday, March 14, 2019 | 5:30 p.m.

**Adults with Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities (AIDD)
Round Table**

Friday, March 15, 2019 | 8:00 am

**ILSA Journal Symposium
Governmental Responds to Gun
Violence Across the Globe and the
Regulatory Effect on Society**

Friday, March 22, 2019 | 9:00 am

APRIL

**NSU Law Medical Marijuana
Symposium**

Thursday, April 11, 2019 | 12:45 p.m.
NSU Law

**NSU Law Environmental
Symposium**

Friday, April 19, 2019 | 9:00 am
NSU Oceanographic Center

MAY

NSU Law Commencement

Thursday, May 9, 2019 | 2:30 p.m.
NSU Rick Case Arena

Law Connect Plus CLE

Consumer Protection
Friday, May 17, 2019 | 7:30 a.m.