



Dear friends,

We start the fall semester with tremendous excitement about being in person, without masks and welcoming our newest St. Mary's family members! This class was selected from the largest number of applications ever received by the law school. This includes the 27 members of our inaugural, online, part-time J.D. class — the majority of whom hail from Texas. We have several new doctrinal faculty and instructors in the Law Success Program and are celebrating milestone anniversaries for several well-loved professors and our dear Law Chaplain.



As I begin my third year as dean, I continue to be impressed with the commitment of our faculty, staff and alumni to our students and with the ways our incredible students live our Catholic and Marianist mission and values every day. At the Dean's Affinity Group mixer last week, I shared that the smartest thing I can do is follow our students' suggestions. From the wildly successful **Lawtina Network Summit** to the newly created First Generation Professional, Middle Eastern Student Association or Lawtina Network student organizations, our students pave the way for inclusion and belonging for all members of our community. They inspire me every day; they make me a better dean.

With COVID-19 receding, I can travel to see more of our alumni. I hope you'll join me at one of the events highlighted in this newsletter. In October, I'll also be speaking at the Red Masses in Amarillo and Laredo, and giving the welcome at our **70th Annual Red Mass** in San Antonio. If we miss each other during my travels, I hope you'll consider joining us for the **Distinguished Law Graduate Dinner** on Oct. 15, or just stopping by campus to say hello. I promise you'll be proud of all that is happening here and impressed by our exceptional students.

Patricia E. Roberts, J.D.
Dean, School of Law
Charles E. Cantú Distinguished Professor of Law

Faculty and Staff Highlights: Honoring Years of Service

This year, several law community members celebrated incredible milestones in their service.

In its upcoming winter/spring issue, the *Gold & Blue Law Edition* magazine plans to recognize **Sister Grace M. Walle, F.M.I., D.Min.**, Law Chaplain (40 years of service); **Gerald S. Reamey, J.D., LL.M.**, Professor of Law (40 years of service); **Vincent R. Johnson, J.D., LL.M., LL.D.**, South Texas Distinguished Professor of Law (40 years of service); **L. Wayne Scott, J.D.**, Professor of Law (50 years of service); and **André H. Hampton, J.D.**, Professor of Law (retiring).



We need your help to honor these individuals. Please take a moment to share a quote or brief sentiment about how one or more of these individuals impacted your life or career. You may also share a photo. To be considered for publication, submit by **Tuesday, Sept. 20**.

[Submit Your Memories](#)

People and Programs: Lawtina Network Summit

In August, the School of Law, in partnership with the Lawtina Network student organization and title sponsor Helix Bar Review by AccessLex, hosted the inaugural **Lawtina Network Summit** on campus.



With more than 150 attendees, the sessions welcomed Latina pre-law, law students and lawyers, as well as allies of Latinas in the legal profession. Attendees heard words of wisdom from a panel of Latina judges, including St. Mary's Law alumnae — the Hon. Antonia "Toni" Arteaga (J.D. '00) of Bexar County's 57th Civil District Court, the Hon. Marina Garcia Marmolejo (M.A. '96, J.D. '96) of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, and others.

"The Lawtina Network Summit created a community of Latina pre-law students, law students and members of the bench and bar," said Brianna Chapa, a St. Mary's Law third-year J.D. student who founded the student organization.

The organizers look forward to hosting the event again on Oct. 6 and 7, 2023.

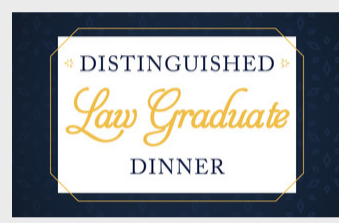


The Dean's Circle recognizes its members for leadership-level giving.

Those in the Dean's Circle receive exclusive benefits: invitations to various St. Mary's University and School of Law activities, email announcements of major law school news and milestones, and an invitation to a special reception during Law Weekend.

Join the Dean's Circle today with a gift of \$1,000 or more, and help us deliver on our commitment to prepare students for successful and productive legal careers.

[Learn More](#)



Celebrate with the St. Mary's Law community at the 2022 Distinguished Law Graduate Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The St. Mary's University Law Alumni Association will honor the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Distinguished Law Graduate honorees at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio.

Learn more about the honorees and purchase tickets or tables via the button below.

[Dinner Information](#)

Upcoming Events

[Dallas-Fort Worth Area Law Alumni Reconnect](#)
Tuesday, Sept. 6

[2022 Judicial Alumni Breakfast](#)
Wednesday, Sept. 7

[First-Year Law Student Family Day](#)
Saturday, Sept. 17

[Voting Rights in Texas Presentation](#)
Monday, Sept. 19

[San Antonio Law Alumni Reconnect](#)
Wednesday, Sept. 21

[Oysters and Pearls Scholarship Gala](#)
Saturday, Oct. 1

[Washington, D.C., Joint Alumni Reconnect](#)
Wednesday, Oct. 5

[New York City Joint Alumni Reconnect](#)
Thursday, Oct. 6

[Austin Law Alumni Reconnect](#)
Thursday, Oct. 13

[Distinguished Law Graduate Dinner](#)
Saturday, Oct. 15

[El Paso Law Alumni Reconnect](#)
Wednesday, Oct. 19

[StMU 5K for the Neighborhood](#)
Saturday, Oct. 22

[70th Annual Red Mass](#)
Thursday, Oct. 27

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