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Newsletter from Dean Cieply

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Dear Friends,

We are off to a great new year with many exciting things happening at Ave Maria School of Law. Our first Pre Law Academy was a great success and I understand that a few of these outstanding students will join us for the fall 2015 semester.

As we have done every year since our founding, AMSL students will travel to Washington to support the Law of Life Summit founded by our alumnus Royce Hood and the March for Life.

I wish you good health, happiness and God's abundant blessings in the New Year.

Kevin Cieply



Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, our founder and Chairman of the Board Tom Monaghan and His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan at a recent AMSL event.

First Pre-Law Academy a Success!

The first Cardinal Newman Pre-law Academy was recently held by the Ave Maria School of Law Admissions Department and was a great success!

Nine participants came to Naples from across the US including Ohio, California, Virginia, Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado and Pennsylvania to experience first-hand what our law school has to offer. To date, a few of the participants have been admitted to AMSL for the Fall, 2015 semester and have been awarded Cardinal Newman Scholarships, a new scholarship developed by AMSL to attract mission fit candidates.

Assistant Director of Admissions Carolyn Barrientes noted that participants had a fantastic experience during their short time on campus and touring Naples. Several met with current AMSL students as well, some of which already knew one another from their undergraduate friendships. Many thanks to the Admissions team Monique McCarthy, Carolyn Barrientes and Leticia Padilla for organizing the Pre-Law Academy and to our faculty and staff especially Monsignor McGrath, Dean Afield, Dean Emeritus Milhizer, Dean Castro, Interim Director of Public Services Ulysses Jaen, Kevin McGowan, Professors Gillen, Fleetham, Bonner, Milliron, Scarnecchia, De Jesus, Brosseit, Mortenson, O'Keefe and Govern. Special thanks also to our students who helped to host the visitors including Nancy Nevarez, Brandon Cooper, Shea Hasenauer, Danica Sun, Sean Greenwald, Leonard Ballard, Ana Mendieta and Alumnus John Arceri. Thank you one and all!



Jim Angle, Renowned Journalist, Former Chief National correspondent for FOX News and respected debate moderator named a 2015 "Faith and Reason Signature Event" Speaker- Feb.11th

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mr. Jim Angle will lead off our 2015 "Faith and Reason Signature Event" speakers series with a presentation on Wednesday, February 11. After a stellar journalistic career and 18 years at one of the most prominent news organizations on television, renowned veteran correspondent Jim Angle retired from FOX News, where he has been reporting since 1996. In his final capacity as Chief National Correspondent, Jim has reported on the most important domestic issues of the day. Previously, Angle was FOX News' Chief Washington Correspondent and

Senior White House correspondent, reporting on all presidential activities both nationally and internationally. We look forward to Mr. Angle's presentation on "Inside Washington and the Obama Administration" and hope you join us for what promises to be an outstanding event.

For more information, please contact Jean Takacs at jtakacs@avemarialaw.edu. Tickets to the event will be available soon.

Law of Life Summit and March for Life

On Wednesday, January 22, Ave Maria School of Law students and alumni will join Monsignor Frank McGrath and me in Washington for the Law of Life Summit and for the Annual March for Life the following day. We are very proud of our alumnus, Royce Hood who founded the successful Law of Life Summit held annually in both Washington, D.C. and San Francisco. My thanks also to our Lex Vitae Society headed by Mary Kanowsky for their tireless efforts to organize our law school's presence at the March for Life. It will be my honor to speak at the Law of Life Summit, and to march with our alumni and students. The theme this year is "Every Life is a Gift." Bishop Frank Dewane will also be making the trip to Washington and will con-celebrate the Vigil Mass at the Basilica on January 21. We ask for your prayers for safe travels and for a successful March for Life.



New Director of Alumni Affairs

Please join me in congratulating Donna Anthus who has been appointed our new Director of Alumni Affairs. Donna joined AMSL in 2013 as Data Management and Advancement Coordinator. She has worked in the field of development for more than 10 years, gaining experience in gift processing and reporting, event planning, compliance, and volunteer management. Ms. Anthus was formerly the Director of Advancement Services at Ave Maria University. She has also coordinated adult education in both corporate and academic venues for more than 20 years. Originally from New York, she received her Bachelor of Arts in education from Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y. I encourage our alumni to reach out to Donna at danthus@avemarialaw.edu or at (239) 687-5403.

Estate Planning Conference

The second annual Ave Maria School of Law Estate Planning Conference will be held on May 1 and will feature some outstanding sessions from estate planning experts, including "The Mathematics of Estate Planning", "Powers of Appointment", "Estate and Succession Planning for Closely Held Businesses", "Ethics of Empowerment", "Income Tax Planning for Non-Grantor Trusts" and "Asset Protection." A special thank you to the Estate Planning Conference Committee, headed by Attorney Chris Bray and to the sponsors of the event including Northern Trust, PNC, Rehmann, Advisors's Trust, Ariel Capital and Gassman Law Associates. For more information contact AMSL's Estate Planning Conference Coordinator, Jean Takacs at jtakacs@avemarialaw.edu or 239-687-5405.

To register visit: <http://estateplanning.avemarialaw.edu/>

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Pre Law Academy participants join AMSL professors Eric Fleetham and Maureen Milliron.

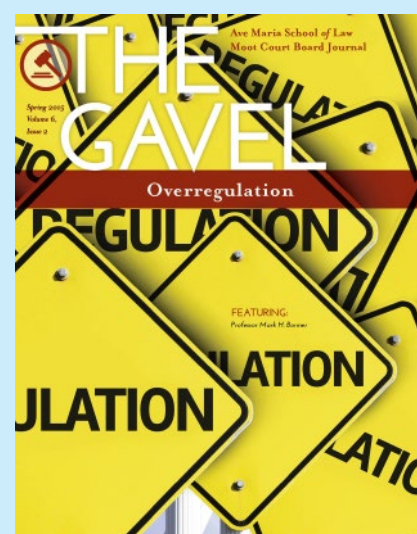
Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, February 11

Faith and Reason Signature Event
FOX News Correspondent Jim Angle

Friday, May 1

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