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Newsletter from Dean Cieply

MARCH 2015



Dear Easter,

This Easter marks a time of joy as well as sadness. We mourn the loss of two great Ave Maria School of Law community friends, His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan and Professor Charles E. Rice. We are grateful for their meaningful contributions not only to our community but to the Catholic community as well.

May the hope and joy of the Risen Christ be with you on Easter day.

God Bless you,
Kevin Cieply



We mourn the loss of His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I share with you the news that His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan, former Archbishop of New York, and an esteemed member of the Ave Maria School of Law Board of Governors passed away on, Friday March 5. His Eminence will long be remembered as a faithful servant of Christ, an expert in theology and canon law and a cherished leader of the Catholic Church in America. With his keen intellect and formidable business acumen he served our law school and the many organizations he belonged to, with grace and profound wisdom. At a recent dinner in his honor, Cardinal Egan held us spellbound with his thoughts on what it meant to be a Christian in today's world, and how ethical, moral lawyers and law makers were imperative to the future of the church and to society. His words will live on in our mission as we strive to achieve his vision. He will be greatly missed. I would like to share with you the thoughts of Mr. Monaghan and Dean Emeritus Gene Milhizer on the passing of Cardinal Egan.

"Cardinal Egan will be greatly missed by the Ave Maria School of Law community; in particular those of us on the Board who had the opportunity to work so closely with him over the last 12 plus years. He was always very generous with his time and counsel. He joined the board while he was still the Cardinal Archbishop of New York, even with all the demands on his time.

Over the years, we benefited greatly from his practical and pastoral advice - especially as we addressed matters with long-term ramifications for the law school. He was a great blessing to the Church and the law school." - Thomas S. Monaghan, Chairman & Founder

"Cardinal Egan was a great figure and a good man. His deep wisdom and unparalleled experience were indispensable to our Law School's founding and growth. He cared deeply about our school, giving generously of his time and efforts in support of its students, faculty and fellow Board of Governor members. Both above and underlying all of this, he was holy and Christ centered. Of all the wonderful benefits I can count during my tenure as Dean, among the very fondest is my friendship with Cardinal Egan."- Dean Emeritus Eugene Milhizer

We are deeply saddened by His Eminence's passing and ask that you please keep him and his family in your prayers during this time of loss. We are grateful to Mr. Monaghan, and to our Chaplain Monsignor Frank McGrath for attending His Eminence's funeral in New York City and representing Ave Maria School of Law. A mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Egan in the Ave Maria School of Law Chapel. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



We mourn the loss of a great American Legal Scholar and Friend, Professor Charles E. Rice

It is with a deep sense of sadness that I share with you that Charles E. Rice, an American legal scholar, Catholic defender and a founding member of our Board of Governors passed away on February 25. He was an esteemed visiting member of our faculty from 2001 to 2005 and taught Jurisprudence, Papal Teaching and the First Amendment. One of his ten published books, "50 Questions on the Natural Law: What It Is and Why We Need It", was required reading for our 1Ls during Professor Rice's tenure at Ave Maria School of Law. In addition to his relationship with our school, I know I join my fellow University of Notre Dame alumni Professors Murphy, Myers, Govern and Gillen in fond remembrance of Professor Rice from our days at Notre Dame. Monsignor Frank McGrath celebrated Mass for the repose of the soul of Professor Rice on March 11 in the Ave Maria School of Law Chapel. Please join me in offering our sincere sympathy and prayers to Professor Rice's family.



2015 Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient Announced

It is my pleasure to announce that our 2015 Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient will be General Peter Pace, United States Marine Corps (Retired), General Pace was sworn in as sixteenth Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Sep. 30, 2005. In this capacity, he served as the principal military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council, and the Homeland Security Council.

We are honored and look forward to welcoming him to Ave Maria School of Law and to sharing another memorable Commencement with all of you as we recognize and honor each graduate of the Class of 2015. To read more about General Pace and his accomplishments, please [click here](#).



AMSL Alums Extend Support for Those Taking the Florida Bar Exam

AMSL Alumni and Staff traveled to Tampa to show our support for those who took the Florida Bar Exam on February 24 and 25th at the Tampa Convention Center. Ave Maria School of Law reserved a space in one of the ballrooms of the convention center for the purpose of providing a place for our alumni to leave their belongings and to join us for continental breakfast and a boxed lunch on both days of the examination. Dean Afield, Jennifer Lucas Ross, Donna Anthus, Jaime Hewitt ('14), and myself were present to provide support for the bar exam takers during their breaks. The results for the bar exam will be announced April 13th. The next Florida Bar Exam is scheduled at the Tampa Convention Center Tuesday and Wednesday, July 28th and 29th, 2015 and we plan to provide the same hospitality at that time. I want to particularly thank Jaime Hewitt, who tirelessly gave his time for the entire two days.

For more information on how you can show your support, please contact the Advancement Office 239-687-5403 or danthus@avemarialaw.edu.

Photo left to right: Will Stallings ('15) who graduated in Dec. 2014 and is the 2014-2015 Student Bar Association President; Jaime Hewitt ('14) Vice President of the Alumni Association Board; and Frank Roberts ('15) who also graduated in Dec. 2014.

Student Bar Association Election



Left: Naomi Hatton and Andrew Riordan the newly elected VP and President. Middle: Jovi Fiallo and Mary Kanowsky the former President and VP. Right: Candidates Brandon Cooper and Francisco Xavier.

Congratulations to the winners of the Student Bar Association (SBA) Election. Drew Riordan has been elected President, Naomi Hatton as Vice President and Chelsey Tucker as Secretary.

- 2L Senators:**
Charles Demchak
Britney Davis
Paul Udoj
Ralph (Cameron) Colledge

- 3L Senators:**
Brian Ashby
Jorge Rodriguez-Sierra

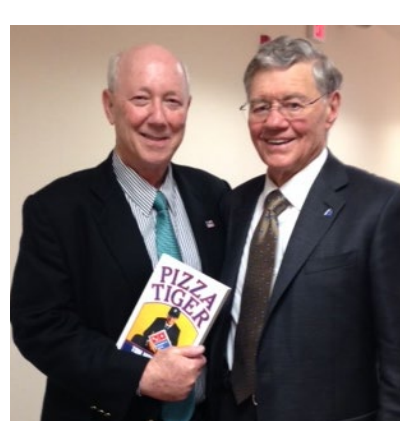
Thank you to all of the students who took the time to run for election and participate in the debate. Your dedication and service to the SBA is inspiring to all of us.

The Sixth Annual St. Thomas More and St. Thomas Aquinas Oratorical Competition is March 27

Join us as we continue the tradition at Ave Maria School of Law to commemorate the extraordinary contributions of two of the greatest saints of the Catholic Church - St. Thomas More and St. Thomas Aquinas. The 2015 St. Thomas More and St. Thomas Aquinas Oratorical Competition, will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27, in the Donum Dei Moot Courtroom.

Watch our students deliver their oral presentation answering the question, "How do you intend to incorporate the example and values of St. Thomas More and St. Thomas Aquinas into your legal career?" This year's judges are Dean Emeritus Milhizer, Professor Kirkland Miller and Professor Ligia De Jesus. Professor Mark Bonner will serve as Master of Ceremonies. For those who have entered the competition, essay submissions are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19.

For more information, please contact Sarah Winner at swinner@avemarialaw.edu or 239-687-5404.



Thomas S. Monaghan Guest Speaker to Professor Cohen's Business Organization Class

On February 17, Professor Cohen's Business Organization class had the wonderful opportunity to listen to Mr. Monaghan speak about real life experiences that he faced as a successful entrepreneur. Professor Cohen read Mr. Monaghan's book "Pizza Tiger" and was so impressed with his story of determination and success, he thought who better than the master, our Founder Tom Monaghan?

The students enjoyed their interaction with our Founder and are grateful to him for taking the time to do so. Below is an excerpt of notes taken by Kristian Shingleton, one of the students who attended the presentation.

"...when asked which traits he considered most helpful in a lawyer, he first identified caring - before smart...Caring, smart, and discipline - but discipline is a factor that Mr. Monaghan has exhibited throughout the presentation - in his own personal work ethic, as well as the standard he held others to in his organization. This was illuminated fully when discussing traits he found unhelpful: lawyers who are narcissistic, and focus too much on themselves. In other words, lawyers who have a low EQ (Emotion/Empathy Quotient)."

"Mr. Monaghan always exhibited an attitude of composure and quiet faithfulness that could serve as a model for the highly stressed type-A personalities of law students. His determined and stoic response to the hardships and troubles he faced in building (and rebuilding) his business through trial and adversity were inspiring. In response to a question as to why he had built a law school, Mr. Monaghan noted that an ethical lawyer was the closest thing to being a priest, and that as lawyers we will ultimately shape the country."

Mr. Monaghan not only speaks about ethics, honesty and commitment, he truly lives it.

New Additions, New positions

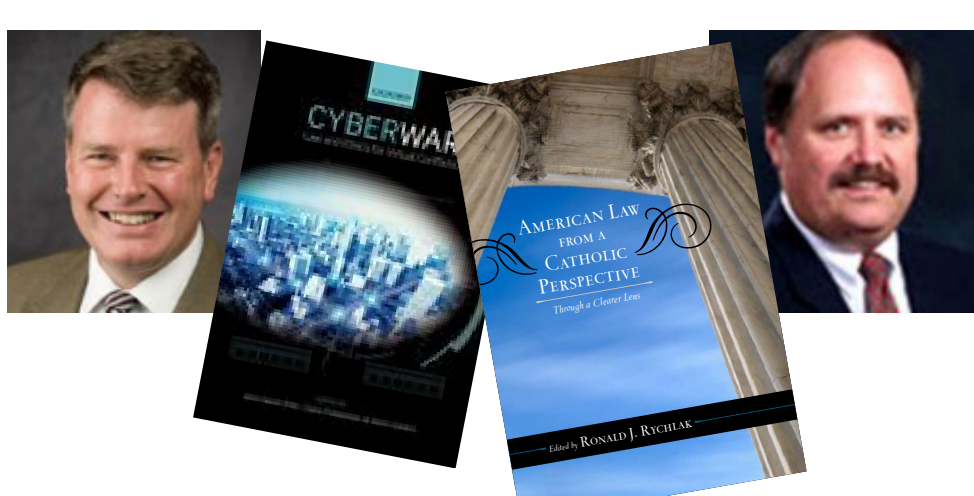
Please join me in congratulating Claire O'Keefe and Dairys White on their new positions at AMSL. Professor O'Keefe, formally our Assistant Professor of Applied Critical Thinking and Legal Analysis and Bar Prep Specialist, has taken on the role of Director of Admissions. Dairys has taken on the role of Registrar and was previously a Faculty Assistant for the ACT department. Also, please welcome Sarah Winner as our new Marketing and Communications Manager. We wish them well in their new positions.

Professor Kevin Govern and Professor Ronald Rychlak Publish Books

Congratulations to Professor Kevin Govern and Board of Governors Member Professor Ronald Rychlak for publishing their books.

Professor Govern's book "Cyberwar: Law and Ethics for Virtual Conflicts" discusses controversial legal and ethical problems raised by cyber war critically assessing the received wisdom about its legal implications.

"American Law From a Catholic Perspective" edited by Professor Rychlak, explores various topics such as bankruptcy, bioethics, immigration, international human rights, and more from various Catholic legal scholars. Some of our esteemed AMSL professors contributed their perspective to this book including Richard Myers, Timothy Tracey, Kevin Govern, and D. Brian Scarnecchia.



Pictured above Mr. Thomas Monaghan and Professor Cohen speaking to students.

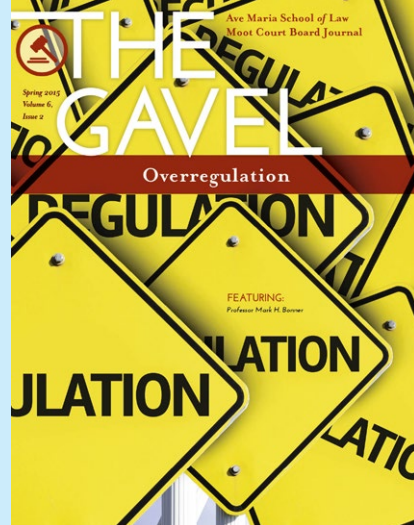
Upcoming Events:

Friday, March 27
The Sixth Annual St. Thomas More and St. Thomas Aquinas Oratorical Competition
Ave Maria School of Law

Friday, May 1
Estate Planning Conference
Ave Maria School of Law

Friday, May 15
Baccalaureate Mass
St. Agnes Catholic Church
New Alumni Reception and Pinning Ceremony
St. Thomas More Commons

Saturday, May 16
Commencement
Artis-Naples



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