



# Fides et Ratio

Newsletter from Dean Cieply | NOVEMBER 2014



## GREETINGS!

### Tickets Available for Queen of Heaven Ball Being Held December 5



I cordially invite you to join us for a joyous celebration of this blessed season at the Ave Maria School of Law Queen of Heaven Ball to be held on Friday, December 5, 2014, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. The ball will feature our honorary guests, Ambassador Michael Novak, American Catholic philosopher, novelist, 1994 recipient of the Templeton Prize and former Ambassador to The United Nations on Human Rights, and Thomas S. Monaghan, Chairman of the Ave Maria School of Law Board of Governors and Founder.

The evening promises to be a grand event, complete with a festive holiday dinner, entertainment, and silent and live auctions. Ms. Stacey Deffenbaugh, NBC-2 News Weekend Anchor, will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies.

We are grateful to our 2014 Queen of Heaven Co-Chairs, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Von Zwehl, and to our volunteers and staff for their help in making this year's event what we hope we be our best ever. All proceeds from the Queen of Heaven Ball will benefit the Ave Maria School of Law Financial Aid Program.

Tickets are \$350 per person. Alumni, students, faculty and staff tickets are available at a reduced rate of \$300 per person.

Advance bidding and tickets can be purchased online at the Ave Maria School of Law Queen of Heaven Ball website at [www.bidpal.net/amsball](http://www.bidpal.net/amsball). For more information, please contact Jean Takacs at 239-687-5405 or [jtakacs@avemarialaw.edu](mailto:jtakacs@avemarialaw.edu).

### Ave Maria School of Law announces new Cardinal Newman Scholarship Program

Ave Maria School of Law is pleased to announce the Cardinal Newman Scholarship Program for Summer/Fall 2015. The scholarship is available to qualified candidates from eligible Cardinal Newman Guide-Approved schools; former Fellowship of Catholic University Student (FOCUS) missionaries; students who actively participated in FOCUS at their undergraduate college or university; members of Opus Dei; and members of one of the parishes supporting the universities in the greater Ann Arbor area.

As Ave Maria School of Law seeks to admit men and women who are drawn to our distinctive mission of educating lawyers within the Catholic intellectual tradition, we welcome applications from alumni of these institutions and members of these organizations. We are confident these students will enrich the academic and spiritual life of our Law School.

To learn more about this scholarship program, visit [here](http://www.avemarialaw.edu).

#### • CARDINAL NEWMAN FULL-TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

To be eligible for the Cardinal Newman Full-Tuition Scholarship, candidates must meet all of the criteria listed on the website.

#### • CARDINAL NEWMAN STIPENDS of up to \$23,985

Towards students' living expenses for their first year.

For additional information on the Cardinal Newman Scholarship Program, please contact the Admissions Office at [info@avemarialaw.edu](mailto:info@avemarialaw.edu) or (239) 687-5420.

### Cardinal Newman Pre-Law Academy to be Held at Ave Maria School of Law

Ave Maria School of Law will host the Cardinal Newman Pre-Law Academy on January 4-8, 2015, for upperclassmen and recent college graduates seeking a vocation in law inspired by the Catholic intellectual tradition and the natural law. This intensive three-and-one-half-day program will engage participants in active learning through classroom and experiential offerings and enriching spiritual activities. Travel and lodging will be provided.

Candidates must apply to be considered for the Academy. In addition, candidates must be enrolled or have recently graduated from an eligible Cardinal Newman Guide-Approved undergraduate school; be members of Opus Dei; current or former FOCUS missionaries; have actively participated in FOCUS at their undergraduate college or university; or members of Christ the King, St. Mary's Student Chapel or St. Thomas the Apostle Parishes in Ann Arbor, Michigan

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### Ave Maria School of Law Students Participate in Moot Court Competitions

Congratulations to Timothy Culhane, Class of 2016, and Sean Blanc, Class of 2016, for being named the winners of the Second Annual Robert H. Bork Moot Court Competition. Mr. Blanc also won the "Best Oralist" award. Finalists were Jovanni Fiallo, Class of 2016, and Deanna Vella, Class of 2016. Semi-finalists teams were Mary Fowler, Class of 2016, and Kimberlee Mitton, Class of 2016. (Recipients of the Best Brief Award) and Roger Hargrave, Class of 2015, and Jessica Martinez, Class of 2015. I want to extend a special thank you to the members of the local legal community and our faculty for serving as judges for the competition.

I am also pleased to announce the Ave Maria School of Law team of oralists William Stallings, Class of 2015, and Monica Kelly, Class of 2016, and Jessica French, Class of 2015, advanced to the quarter-finals this month in the regional round of the National Moot Court Competition, held this year at Florida State University. Our team defeated teams from South Carolina and Florida in advancing in the competition. Our team's brief was scored the fourth best brief in the regionals, and we were the highest-scoring team going into the quarterfinals. This widely-recognized competition has been sponsored by the New York City Bar and the American College of Trial Lawyers since 1950. Every year, more than 150 law schools compete in the regional rounds throughout the United States, and the winners advance to the final rounds held at the New York City Bar. I want to thank our students, the Moot Court Board, and Associate Professor Tim Tracey for their tremendous amount of work and for representing our law school with great distinction.

### Ave Maria School of Law Launches Dean's Delegates Program

I am pleased to announce the establishment of the Ave Maria School of Law Dean's Delegates Program, a new opportunity for students to serve as official student representatives on behalf of the Law School at a variety of campus and community functions. The Dean's Delegates showcase the excellence of Ave Maria School of Law to the community and are role models of professionalism, hospitality and character.

The first Dean's Delegates are Christopher Antonino, Class of 2015; Brandon Cooper, Class of 2016; Ashley Dorwart, Class of 2016; Patrick Finnegan, Class of 2016; Jessica French, Class of 2015; Mardi Harrison, Class of 2016; Nicholas Michels, Class of 2016; Nancy Nevarez-Myrick, Class of 2016; Andrea Phillips, Class of 2017; Dominic Scarnecchia, Class of 2017; William Stallings, Class of 2015; and Neva Ziegler, Class of 2017. This program is directed through the Development and External Affairs Office.



Dean's Delegates Patrick Finnegan, Class of 2016, (left) and William Stallings, Class of 2015 (right) with Dean Kevin Cieply at Ambassador Francis Rooney event in October.

### Professor John Raudabaugh Argues Case before U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia



On October 20, 2014, Reed Larson Professor of Labor Law at Ave Maria School of Law John Raudabaugh argued a case before a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia concerning Internet cyber-threats and the National Labor Relations Act. Professor Raudabaugh, a former Member of the National Labor Relations Board, represented a Phoenix, Arizona, bus driver claiming that certain postings on the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1433's controlled Facebook Page were unlawful threats for which the Union was responsible for failing to disavow or disapprove. Section 8(b)(1)(A) of the Act makes unlawful restraint or coercion by a labor organization or its agents against employees exercising their rights to refrain from supporting a labor organization. Arizona is a right-to-work state allowing an employee to reject union membership even though a union may be the majority representative at the workplace.

Ave Maria School of Law students participating in the Labor Law Practicum participated in the research and drafting of the briefs submitted to the Court.

### Jennifer Lucas-Ross Named Director of Career Services



Jennifer Lucas-Ross I am pleased to announce Jennifer Lucas-Ross has joined Ave Maria School of Law as the Director of Career Services. Ms. Lucas-Ross is licensed as an attorney in Florida. Prior to joining Ave Maria School of Law, she worked at Keiser University as the Academic Success Center Coordinator and Legal Studies Instructor. She also worked as a sole practitioner concentrating on civil litigation.

Her professional background includes experience in management, academic support and teaching. Ms. Lucas-Ross earned her J.D. from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center. She completed her undergraduate studies at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she earned a degree in English. Ms. Lucas-Ross serves on the Governing Board of the City of Cape Coral Charter School System and the Board of the Lee County Legal Aid Society.

Ms. Lucas-Ross may be contacted at [jlross@avemarialaw.edu](mailto:jlross@avemarialaw.edu) or (239) 687-5351.

### Criminal Justice Society Holds Mock Crime Scene Presentation



The Ave Maria School of Law Criminal Justice Society hosted Robert Maxfield, Lieutenant of the Collier County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Bureau, on October 29. Students, along with law enforcement personnel, participated in a mock crime scene. Lieutenant Maxfield used the demonstration to discuss the many challenges of gathering evidence from a crime scene.



Ave Maria School of Law hosted Ambassador Francis Rooney, former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, on October 30.



In October, David Langley, Class of 2015, and Brendan Murray, Class of 2016, volunteered to clean and organize the Langley Murray Guardian Ad Litem Children's Room at the Collier County Courthouse. The project was part of the Ave Maria School of Law Military Law Society's commitment to service to the community.

### Students Participate in Career Services Office's Mock Interview Program



Students participating in the Mock Interview Program included Naomi Hatton, Class of 2017, (front) and Micki Hurvitz, Class of 2017, (back).

Ave Maria School of Law's Career Services Office sponsored a Mock Interview Program on November 4, 5 and 6. Fifteen formal interviewers and judges interviewed more than 30 students. The interviewers were very impressed with the confidence and poise of the Ave Maria students.

The Mock Interview Program provides an excellent opportunity for students to develop and sharpen the skills necessary to successfully interview for legal positions, as well as, network with members of the local legal community. Career Services will hold another Mock Interview Program in the spring.

I want to express my appreciation to all of those who participated in the mock interviews and to the Career Services Office staff for putting together the program.

Dr. Henry C. Lee, one of the world's foremost forensic scientists, spoke at an Ave Maria School of Law Faith and Reason Signature Event on November 11.

From left to right: Dean Kevin Cieply, Dr. Henry C. Lee and Monsignor Frank McGrath.

#### Upcoming Events:

**Friday, December 5**  
Queen of Heaven Ball  
The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

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



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