



Dear friends,

This message comes with joyful wishes for a happy and healthy 2023! We are several weeks into the spring semester, and our recruitment of new students is well underway. As a long-time supporter of the St. Mary's University School of Law, we value your referrals of prospective students. Please send those outstanding future lawyers our way! We are especially interested in full-time J.D. applications, as our online, part-time J.D. program applications continue to break records for very few available seats.



Let's Visit

Our three law journals are putting on their symposia — *The St. Mary's Law Journal*, *The St. Mary's Law Journal on Legal Malpractice and Ethics* and *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*. *The Scholar* will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Friday, March 24. The Law Weekend and Reunion on Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1, will include the crowd-favorite Homecoming Oyster Bake (Baby Bake), a Reception for Alumni of Class Years Ending in "3", a Dean's Circle Reception and Fiesta with Friends after we congratulate the GOLD Council's 10 Under 10 honorees. I also hope to see many of you as I travel to visit alumni and prospective students.

Value Investing

The faculty will review the curriculum this spring. Your input in this area is an essential investment in our future lawyers' competencies and skills. Send me your suggestions via email or through the suggestions button at the bottom of the page.

Student Stories

If you haven't already, you will soon receive the first full *Gold & Blue Law Edition* magazine. We hope you enjoy reading about our incredible law students — past, current and future. We welcome future **story ideas** as well. Walking across the Law Courtyard recently, talking to some of our exceptional students, I was reminded of the tremendous gift — and sacred responsibility — it is to guide them toward their vocation.

"Ours is a grand work, a magnificent work! If it is universal, it is because we are missionaries of Mary, who says to us: 'Do whatever He tells you!' Yes, we are all missionaries."

— Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

Thank you for all you do to support our students and those of us tasked with helping them find their purpose. Your efforts ensure a bright future for all of us, as I know our graduates are equipped and driven to change the world.

God bless,

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

Faculty and Staff Highlights: Expanding our Horizons

Our faculty members continue to be exceptional in their reach beyond the classrooms. While doing genealogical research into his family, Professor of Law **Bill Piatt, J.D.**, a New Mexico native, discovered his family's lineage from enslaved Native Americans, also known as Genízaros. His and other stories were published in the [Washington Post](#). Piatt previously co-authored the book, *Slavery in the Southwest: Genízaro Identity, Dignity and the Law* and was featured in Gary Medina Cook's new documentary, *The Genízaro Experience: Shadows in the Light*, which will screen at the [Santa Fe Film Festival](#) this month.



Jennifer Stevenson, J.D., Assistant Dean for International Programs and Service Professor of Law, has also expanded the borders of the School of Law through her work in Moldova. Stevenson is one of four U.S. subject matter experts working on a grant program called Advancing Legal Reasoning and Writing Project in Moldova, which is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs and implemented by the National Center for State Courts. The grant will improve legal writing and research by attorneys and judges in Moldova to promote the rule of law. Her work with Moldovan students has garnered many interested students in continuing their education at St. Mary's and the law school's programs abroad.



People and Programs: Online J.D. Program Continues to Shine

The St. Mary's School of Law's online J.D. program continues to make strides in innovation and was named a finalist in Bloomberg Law's [Top 10 Law School Innovators Program](#). More than 60 schools in 25 states applied. The 10 finalists were chosen based on innovation, impact on students and ability to advance the legal industry and replicability — strengths for which the St. Mary's School of Law has now carried over into virtual learning.



[Suggestions for the Dean](#)



The St. Mary's University School of Law invites law alumni and friends to our Law Weekend and Reunion on Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1.

Join us for reunions, donor events, campus tours and more.

For additional information, contact Brooke Pate at lpate@stmarytx.edu or 210-436-3774.

[View the Schedule](#)



The first full *Gold & Blue Law Edition*, a magazine exclusively for School of Law alumni, is hitting mailboxes now. You can read compelling stories about our alumni, faculty, staff and students on our [Gold & Blue Law Edition website](#) or view the [digital flipbook](#) of the Spring 2023 issue.



This year the St. Mary's Giving Day is on Friday, April 21.

We invite you to support the law school.

Together, we can make an immediate impact by increasing scholarships, strengthening curricula, funding research and community service, and meeting the greatest needs of St. Mary's and its students.

[Give Early](#)

Upcoming Events

- [Rattler Ring Days](#)
Thursday, Feb. 9
- [Continuing the Heritage](#)
Saturday, Feb. 25
- [Dallas-Fort Worth Area Law Alumni Reconnect](#)
Wednesday, March 8
- [Law Weekend and Reunion](#)
Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1
- [10 Under 10 Luncheon](#)
Friday, March 31
- [Reunion Campus Tours](#)
Friday, March 31
- [Private Reception for Alumni of Class Years Ending in "3"](#)
Invitation only, Friday, March 31
- [Fiesta with Friends](#)
Saturday, April 1
- [Dean's Circle Reception](#)
Invitation only, Saturday, April 1
- [Homecoming Oyster Bake](#)
Saturday, April 1

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