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2022-2023

*Meet*

## DEAN CZARNETZKY

“Our school is dedicated to developing your innate talents so that you can become successful lawyers serving clients. But the mission of Ave Maria School of Law is so much more ambitious than that of other law schools. In addition to training our students *how* to be excellent attorneys, we also will show you *why* you should be an excellent attorney. For me, the law is much more than a job or even a profession; rather, it is a vocation that permits me to help others achieve their own individual destinies.

Our noble calling as attorneys, properly understood through the wisdom of the Catholic Church as it relates to human beings, has made all the difference for me in life. I hope that we at Ave Maria Law will instill that same sense of vocation in you. After all, why devote your life to something less than a true calling to serve others? Our law school was founded to train lawyers who will change the world. I am confident that our graduates go out into the world as well-trained, faith-filled lawyers who are eager to make their mark.

Are you ready to change the world? ”

-John M. Czarnetzky, Chief Executive Officer and Dean





*A note from*

# **AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW'S CHAPLAIN**

## *A Faithful Consideration for Law School*

As you make your final decision on where your law school home will be, I hope you are considering Ave Maria School of Law. From the moment you arrive on our campus, you realize that Ave Maria School of Law is an environment of kindness. There is a balance of a very focused, hard-working community and a joyful atmosphere. You will find that there is a positive dynamic among staff, faculty, and students. The law students inspire me: they have come here for the purpose of becoming informed and skilled attorneys who are empowered by their faith and love for God.

What I cherish most about Ave Maria School of Law is the family-like warmth and professionalism of the faculty, the Dean, and staff dedicated to the mission of the school. I would like for you to experience this for yourself. I wish you well in your future endeavors. If you decide Ave Maria School of Law is for you, I look forward to our paths crossing here on Florida's Gulf Coast.

God Bless You,  
Monsignor McGrath, Chaplain  
Ave Maria School of Law



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# OUR MISSION

Ave Maria School of Law offers a high-quality legal education with a commitment to professional excellence rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition. Inspired by Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Fides et Ratio*, Ave Maria School of Law offers a distinctive legal education — an education characterized by the harmony of faith and reason.

Pope John Paul II wrote the encyclical, *Fides et Ratio (Faith and Reason)*, in 1998 to address the relationship between faith and reason. It was written primarily to address and defend traditional Christian philosophy. His Holiness believed that faith and reason together allow people to know and love God.

The encyclical posits that faith and reason are not only compatible but essential together. His Holiness writes, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth;" Faith without reason, he argues, leads to superstition. Reason without faith, he argues, leads to nihilism and relativism.

The Holy Father concludes that truth is discovered through the interaction of faith and reason together. But, although both are necessary to know God, reason alone cannot result in the ultimate truth.

# ADMISSIONS

Ranked one of the nation's most outstanding law schools by The Princeton Review and the best Catholic Law School in the United States for the Devout by The National Jurist's *preLaw Magazine*, Ave Maria Law has enrolled students from 49 states and abroad and from more than 200 colleges and universities. They range in age and bring diverse backgrounds in career and educational experience.

The Office of Admissions is a group of passionate and dedicated professionals interested in helping prospective law students fulfill their dream of becoming an attorney. The team prides itself on its personal approach, treating every potential student as a unique individual with different hopes, dreams, and backgrounds. Our application and interview process is a holistic review and one in which we endeavor to learn as much as we can about our prospective students. It is our goal to have a student body that is diverse in thought and which will contribute greatly to the educational experience at Ave Law.

The Admissions team recruits both nationally and locally. While a significant percentage of our recent incoming students are native Floridians, we have a strong national applicant pool, with close to 50% of the incoming classes hailing from more than 20 different states. Our recruiting calendar includes a presence at virtually all of the LSAC forums in the major cities, as well as the many pre-law caravans at universities and colleges in various states.



## OUR HONOR CODE

*I am a member of the Ave Maria School of Law. I will act honestly, temperately, chastely, and with integrity.*

*I will guard against dishonesty of purpose and deed.*

*I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do.*

*I will treat all others with fairness and equality, respecting their rights and human dignity.*

*I will strive to be morally courageous and do what is right regardless of the consequences.*

*I will take responsibility for my actions and decisions*

*and will hold others accountable for theirs.*

*I will hold myself to the highest standards of personal and professional conduct and will encourage others also to do so.*

*I will obey the law, the rules of professional conduct for lawyers, and this code.*

*I will report to the appropriate authority all violations which I observe or of which I become aware.*

*I will ensure that these principles guide my performance, behavior, and conduct at all times.*



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# SUMMER START ADVANTAGE PROGRAM

Questions? Contact our Admissions office:  
(239) 687-5420 or [admissions@avemarialaw.edu](mailto:admissions@avemarialaw.edu)

Affords incoming students the opportunity to take two of their 1L classes over the summer prior to the start of the traditional fall semester. This program allows for a lighter course load during the first year of law school.

### The advantages are significant:

- Begin law school journey with 2 classes instead of 6
- Easier to form study partnerships with a smaller cohort
- Less overwhelming
- Legal Analysis Writing and Research (LAWR) is one of the most difficult and time-consuming classes so the ability to take it with just one other class is invaluable
- Students are more prepared for the fall since they understand class prep, case briefing, and exams
- Affords students the luxury of prepping for exams in the fall semester without also writing a legal memo for LAWR
- Students who have enrolled in the Summer Start Program have been overwhelmingly positive about their decision and the advantages it provided



# DATES AND DEADLINES

### Application Opens:

**OCTOBER 1, 2022**

### Application Deadlines:

**APRIL 15, 2023** FOR SUMMER START

**JULY 15, 2023** FOR FALL START

### Deposit Deadlines:

**APRIL 15** AND LATER

### Application Requirements:

- APPLICATION FORM
- BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
- LSAT
- CAS REPORT
- PERSONAL STATEMENT
- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (2)

### Tuition:

**\$46,400** PER ACADEMIC YEAR FOR THE 2023-2024 ENTERING CLASS, WHICH WILL BE LOCKED IN FOR ALL THREE YEARS.

## AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW FALL 2022 ENTERING CLASS PROFILE

### APPLICANTS

Total: 827 Admitted: 360 Enrolled 99

### DEMOGRAPHICS

51% Male 49% Female

Average Age 26

Age Range: 21-61

### OVERALL DIVERSITY 22%

Hispanic Latino: 15%

Black/African American 2%

Asian: 4%

Native American: 1%

### RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE

Catholic 51% Christian 27%

Mormon 1% Other Christian 12%

Did not indicate 6% Other 3%

### LSAT & GPA PROFILE

75th Percentile

Median

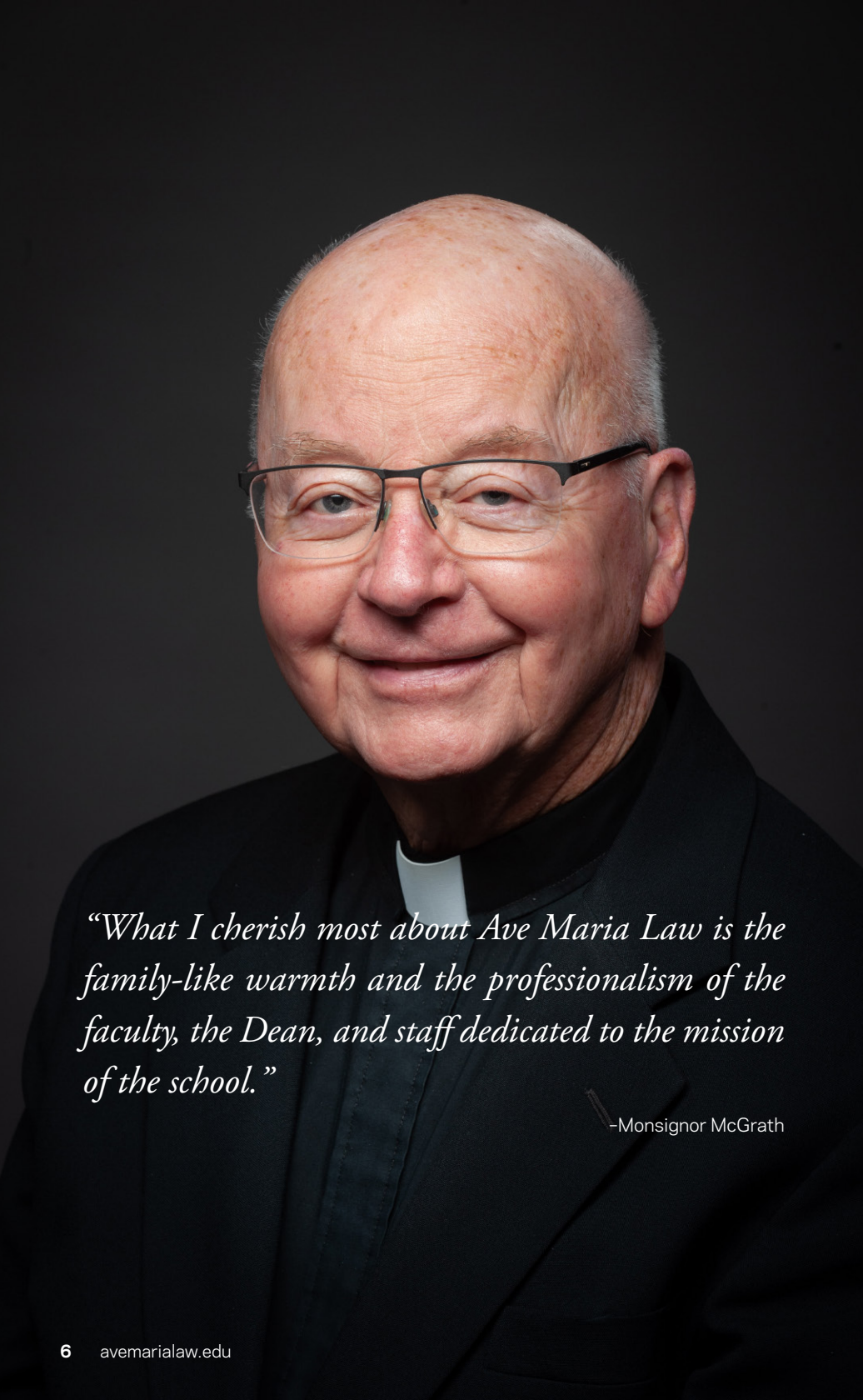
25th Percentile

**GPA LSAT**

3.65 155

3.29 152

2.93 149



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—Monsignor McGrath

# SPIRITUAL LIFE

Ave Maria School of Law is a Catholic law school welcoming all faiths on campus. Though the majority of students are Catholic, many religious backgrounds are represented within the school student body, faculty, staff, and alums. The presence of faith in and out of the classroom adds a profound sense of community. This starts with our spiritual leader, Ave Maria Law’s Chaplain, Monsignor Frank McGrath. Monsignor McGrath lives on campus with his golden retriever, Driver. Monsignor is the heart of Ave Maria Law. He and Driver are a very special part of our campus life. This duo is beloved by students, faculty, and staff.

Ave Maria Law offers many opportunities for spiritual growth and guidance on campus. Monsignor McGrath is readily available for one-on-one appointments. Mass is offered twice a day on campus in the St. Thérèse of the Little Flower Chapel. Confession is offered at select times.

## FAITH-BASED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Lex Vitae Society:** The Lex Vitae Society is founded upon the undeniable truth that all human life, from the moment of conception until natural death, is sacred and has inherent dignity. **Legion of Mary:** The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbor on

a voluntary basis. **St. Thomas More Society:** The mission of the St. Thomas More Society is to encourage a prayer life, cultivate a Catholic community, and promote professional goals informed by magisterial teaching. The Society allows members the opportunity to deepen their relationship with God and others. **Knights of Columbus:** Work to empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community.





## PRO-LIFE

A group of Ave Maria Law students, faculty, staff, and alumni travel to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life in January. This has been a tradition of Ave Maria Law since the school opened in 2000. Additionally, a local March for Life event and campus walk is held every year.



## BIBLE STUDY

Ascension Press Bible Studies, *Alpha*, a modern Bible Study led by Monsignor McGrath, is available annually through our campus community. This course will ignite an enthusiastic and powerful awareness of Jesus Christ's love so that we can help others come to the same joy-filled awareness.

The purpose of this ongoing series of engaging video talks and discussions is to help participants encounter the Lord in a deeper, more powerful way. *Alpha* is for everyone, especially individuals wanting to investigate Christianity, newcomers to the church, and those wanting to brush up on the basics.

## LITURGICAL LIFE

Opportunities are available to volunteer as an altar server, reader at Mass, adoration group member, or Rosary coordinator. Weekly Rosary and Bible study are active in the campus community.

## THE LIFT PROJECT

The Lift Project is a ten-week interactive course introducing scientifically proven ways to lift your mood and life from the fields of neuroscience, positive psychology, and lifestyle medicine. Led by Monsignor McGrath and Director of Health and Wellness, Heidi Roderick. Monsignor McGrath incorporates Scripture into each of the discussions.



The Sacrifice of the Holy Mass is offered each day at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Thérèse of the Little Flower Chapel. Immediately following Mass, Dean Czarnetzky leads the praying of the Angelus in the courtyard.

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# CONSERVATIVE LEADERS

Ave Maria Law has been truly blessed to welcome some of the most distinguished conservative thought leaders to our campus. From United States Associate Justice Clarence Thomas to the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Fox News Anchor Bret Baier to the venerable Coach Lou Holtz, and Cardinal Raymond L. Burke, we are honored to have their respect and encouragement of our mission.



**Callista Gingrich**

Former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See | Ave Maria School of Law Board of Governors.



**Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke**

Former Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura. Speaker 2011.



**Antonin Scalia**

U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice. Original Consultant of Ave Law Curriculum. Lecturer 2005.



**Clarence Thomas**

U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice. Commencement Speaker 2004.

*“Ave Maria Law’s motto, Fides et Ratio, Faith and Reason perfectly captures what makes this law school remarkable and unique. As one of the most devout Catholic law schools in our nation, Ave Maria School of Law equips students with the knowledge they need to succeed while building upon the values of faith, service, and sacrifice.”*

*- Callista Gingrich*

*“Ave Maria School of Law is one of the most conservative and best law schools in the country. This is so critical, perhaps now more than any time in our history, to have moral and ethical lawyers.”*

*- Coach Lou Holtz*



**Larry Kudlow**

FOX News Host. Signature Event Keynote 2022.



**Neil Gorsuch**

U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice. Lecturer 2020.



**Archbishop Charles Chaput**

Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Queen of Heaven Ball 2016.



**Dr. Charles Krauthammer**

Political Columnist. Signature Event Keynote Speaker 2014 & 2017.



**Coach Lou Holtz**

American football player, coach and analyst. Commencement Speaker 2016.



**Newt Gingrich**

Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. Commencement Speaker 2019.



**Michael Novak**

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Commission on Human Rights. Queen of Heaven Ball 2014.



**Robert Bork**

Judge and Founding Faculty Member of AMSL.



**Martha MacCallum**

FOX News Host. Signature Event Keynote Speaker 2021.



**Steve Forbes**

American publishing executive. Signature Event Keynote 2019.



**Fr. Mitch Pacwa S.J.**

EWTN Host. Commencement Speaker 2017.



**Edward Michael Cardinal Egan**

Cardinal, Archbishop of New York. Ave Law Lecturer 2011.



**William Donohue**

President, Catholic League. Commencement Speaker 2022.



**Marco Rubio**

U.S. Senator. Commencement Speaker 2011.



# COMMITTED TO HONORING OUR NATION'S MILITARY VETERANS

Ave Maria Law is proud of our students and alumni who are veterans, including our Dean John Czarnecky, as well as three retired Army JAG officers on our faculty, and our founder, Thomas Monaghan, a Marine Veteran. Also of note is that several members of the Board of Governors are veterans.



Ave Maria Law is pleased to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program. The program allows approved institutions of higher learning and the Veterans Administration (VA) to partially or fully fund tuition and fee expenses that exceed the established thresholds under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.



*"I have served in the armed forces for almost 13 years. My latest deployment was to Djibouti, Africa, in 2021. I chose Ave Maria because of their treatment of veterans and the small class sizes. I appreciate that the professors know my name rather than my student number."*

- Brian Q. Anderson - TSgt/E6 - J.D. Candidate, Class of Fall 2022

## VETERANS MEMORIAL LAW LIBRARY



Ave Maria Law is home to the leading resource of legal information in Southwest Florida—Veterans Memorial Law Library is a teaching and learning center for students of Ave Maria Law. Its comfortable reading areas and quiet study rooms provide students and attorneys with an ideal place to conduct their research and study all aspects of the law. The library is equipped with a computer lab, multiple charging stations for personal devices, and a multi-use printing station so that students have the means to conduct and share their research with all of the modern conveniences to which they've grown accustomed.

Veterans Memorial Law Library is honored to house special collections from Cardinal Egan, The Terry Schiavo Archives, the Sherlock Pro-Life Collection, Judge Robert Bork's legal history items, and a veterans' friends and families video archive.

Veterans Memorial Law Library offers the school and community more than its collection—hosting training workshops on technology and the law, emerging legal issues, and how to succeed in law school. The library is managed by three full-time legal librarians and one circulation supervisor, providing the students with the assistance they require throughout their research process and class preparations. With access to the library through their student ID and one-on-one assistance from educated legal librarians, students will have all of the resources they require to succeed in law school and in their chosen careers after graduation.

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# ACADEMICS

We offer a rigorous and varied academic program based on the foundation of faith and reason. Ave Maria Law requires 90 credit hours for graduation, including a core curriculum of 70 credit hours with 6 credit hours of experiential courses. In addition, we fully support our students in preparing for the bar examination by offering intensive courses that focus on test-taking abilities, advanced essay writing, and multistate bar exam questions.



## 1L Overview of Required Classes

1L Fall Semester	Credits	1L Spring Semester	Credits
Civil Procedure I	3	Civil Procedure II	3
Contracts I	2	Contracts II	3
Property I	3	Property II	2
Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research I	3	Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research II	2
Torts I	3	Torts II	3
Moral Foundations	1	Moral Foundations	1
Legal Case Analysis/Skills Enrichment	1	Criminal Law*	3
<b>1L Fall Semester Total: 16</b>		<b>1L Spring Semester Total: 16/17</b>	
<b>Total: 32/33</b>			

## Upper Level Required Courses

Upper Level Required Courses	Credits
Business Organizations	3
Commercial Law	4
Constitutional Law	4
Criminal Procedure	3
Evidence	4
Jurisprudence	3
Professional Responsibility	3
Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research III (2L year)	2
Wills, Trusts and Estates	3
Advanced Legal Analysis-Multistate (3L year)	4
Advanced Essay Writing or Florida Legal Practice (3L year)	2
Third Year Mission Course	2
<b>Subtotal: 37</b>	

\*Applied Critical Thinking and Legal Analysis (2 cr.) will be substituted for selected students who will take Criminal Law in 2L year.



## PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Program for Academic Success (PAS) provides students with resources to help them succeed in law school and pass the bar examination. We believe that students' success in law school is dependent upon their ability to monitor their own learning and adapt their studying based on their individual strengths and opportunities for improvement. The heart of our program is supporting students in this concept, known as self-regulated learning.

Each student in their first semester will be enrolled in LegalCASE, a course that introduces students to the academic expectations and fundamental skills required of law students. This course prepares students to approach law school examinations effectively and emphasizes self-testing to achieve success.

Later in their law school career, students have the opportunity to enroll in PAS courses that emphasize formative assessment -- testing with quality feedback -- in order to strengthen students' study skills and increase their learning of bar-tested topics.

PAS also offers individual support and counseling throughout each student's law school career.



Director and Assistant Professor of the Academic Success Department

**Education:** J.D., 2005, Suffolk University Law School, *cum laude*; B.A., 2001, English, Suffolk University, *magna cum laude*

**Courses:** Legal Case Analysis and Skills Enrichment, Applied Critical Thinking and Legal Analysis

**JAIME GENERAZZO**



Assistant Director and Assistant Professor of the Academic Success Department

**Education:** J.D., 2014, Ave Maria School of Law, *summa cum laude*; B.A. (Hons.), History, Law & Justice, Political Science, 2011, Laurentian University

**Courses:** LegalCASE, Applied Critical Thinking and Legal Analysis, Strategic Legal Problem Solving, Advanced Legal Analysis, and Applied Learning Lab - Criminal Procedure

**JAMIE CARROLL**



Assistant Professor of the Academic Success Department

**Education:** J.D., 2017, Ave Maria School of Law, *summa cum laude*; B.A., 2013, Rollins College, *magna cum laude*

**Courses:** Applied Critical Thinking and Legal Analysis; Legal Case Analysis and Skills Enrichment (LegalCASE)

**NAOMI HATTON**

## BAR PREPARATION

Ave Maria School of Law is dedicated to success on the bar exam. Ave Maria Law offers an innovative in-house bar preparation program taught by Professor Riordan and Professor Baker.

The bar prep program works collaboratively with both the full-time doctrinal faculty and the Program for Academic Success. Ave Maria's bar exam preparation begins as early as the first year with components of the courses offered through the Program of Academic Success and focused on first-year MBE-tested subjects. Ave Maria School of Law's curriculum includes several courses aimed at training and preparing students for the bar exam.

The support for success does not end when students graduate. Ave Maria School of Law also offers a robust multi-day bar prep boot camp aimed at success on the MBE and Florida subjects. The professors also provide ongoing and individualized support to graduates while they study for the bar exam. Finally, the cost of a commercial bar prep course with Kaplan or Barbri is covered for every graduate of Ave Maria School of Law.



**ANTONISHA BAKER**

Assistant Director of Bar Preparation

**Education:** 2017, J.D. and Certification in Transactional Law, Emory University School of Law 2014, B.S. Business Administration-Management, University of South Florida, *Magna Cum Laude*

**Courses:** Advanced Legal Analysis, Florida Legal Practice, Common Law Synthesis, and Advanced Essay Writing.



**BRITTNEY RIORDAN**

Assistant Director of Bar Preparation

**Education:** J.D., 2017, Ave Maria School of Law, *summa cum laude*; B.A., 2014, University of Florida, *cum laude*

**Courses:** Advanced Legal Analysis, Florida Legal Practice, Common Law Synthesis, and Advanced Essay Writing.



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# LAW REVIEW

The Ave Maria Law Review is the law school's scholarly publication that features articles written by legal scholars, judges, and practitioners throughout the country. The Ave Maria Law Review is published twice annually by second year and third year law students. As a Catholic legal journal, the Ave Maria Law Review is dedicated to the following:

- Promoting excellence in the presentation of legal scholarship in all areas of the law in order to be an authoritative and reliable source for the research needs of lawyers, judges, professors, and students.
- Developing the scholarly writing and technical skills of its members through active involvement in the writing, editing, and production of an excellent legal journal.
- Engaging the whole legal community in thoughtful dialogue on the entire spectrum of legal issues while affirming the Catholic legal tradition, built upon the foundation of faith and reason.



*"Law Review is a unique organization where talented students come together to grow into competent writers and editors. As members of Law Review, we have the special opportunity to sharpen each other by working closely together to create a high-quality publication. We truly get first-hand exposure to new ideas, expertise by seasoned professionals, and budding passions of law students. It is our hope to foster a sense of community while also working diligently to make Ave Maria School of Law better. It is an honor to serve the Ave Maria Law Review community!"*

-Morgan Burton, Editor-in-Chief, Vol. 21

# MOOT COURT

Unlike other law schools, Moot Court at Ave Maria Law participates in both appellate and trial competitions and arbitrations, which provides a greater opportunity for students to gain experience in both oral arguments and trial work.

Moot Court members research their respective client's cases, write appellate briefs, and present oral arguments, and cases before a judge or panel of judges, and learn how to conduct themselves in a courtroom setting. Members become more comfortable formulating arguments and honing their public speaking and advocacy skills, essential for good lawyering.

Members are granted opportunities to compete in both external competitions, located all over the country, including New York and Los Angeles. The Ave Maria School of Law Moot Court Board runs an annual internal appellate competition, the Robert H. Bork Memorial Moot Court Competition, as well as our internal trial competition, the St. Thomas More Trial Competition.





# FACULTY

Our faculty and staff are fully invested in enriching the legal education of our law students. Their approach is one of vocation as many dedicate their lives to the service of others, to protect the sanctity of life and protect human dignity. Our faculty is experienced in the actual practice of law, so they are lecturing not just from theory, but from real life experience.



**JANE F. ADOLPHE**

Professor of Law

**Education:** J.C.D., Canon Law, 2001, Pontificia Università della Santa Croce, Rome, Italy; J.C.L., Canon Law, 1997, Pontificia Università della Santa Croce, Rome, Italy; LL.B/B.C.L., 1990, Common Law & Civil law degrees, University of McGill, Montreal, Canada; B.A., 1985, Political Science major, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta

**Courses:** UNLI program, Canon Law, Papal Diplomacy, International Law and the Holy See



**MARK H. BONNER**

Professor of Law

**Education:** J.D., 1974, Washington College of Law, American University; B.A., 1969, History, Georgetown University

**Courses:** Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Advanced Evidence, Complex Criminal Litigation



**LIGIA CASTALDI**

Professor of Law

**Education:** L.L.M., 2004, Harvard Law School; L.L.M. in International Law and the Law of International Organizations, 2001, University of Groningen; Lic. en C. J. y Soc., 1999, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras

**Courses:** International Law, Family law, Law and Children, Law, Ethics, and Public Policy, Race and the Law, Right to Life Issues In Law

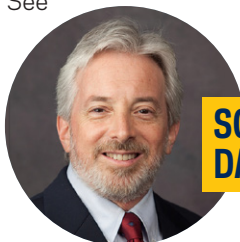


**BRUCE CONNOLLY**

Visiting Professor | Director, Rodney L. Smith Business Law Institute

**Education:** J.D., 2007, Notre Dame Law School; B.A., 2004, Fordham University, Economics and Political Science

**Courses:** Business Organizations, Criminal Law, Federal Criminal Law & Practice, Film & the Law, LAWR I, LAWR II



**SCOTT M. DANIELS**

Assistant Professor of Law

**Education:** J.D., 1988, Benjamin Cardozo School of Law; B.A., 1985, New York University

**Courses:** LAWR III, Trial Advocacy



**ERIC FLEETHAM**

Director and Assistant Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research

**Education:** M.A., 2013, Interdisciplinary Studies, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary; J.D., 1994, The University of Toledo College of Law; B.A., 1991, Political Science and History Majors, Hillsdale College

**Courses:** LAWR I, II, & III, Commercial Law



**FRANCIS FODALE**

Visiting Associate Professor of Law

**Education:** J.D., Georgetown University Law Center; Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering, University of Detroit; M.A. in Theology from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary

**Courses:** Trademark, Copyright, Patent Law, Patent Law Clinic



**PATRICK GILLEN**

Associate Professor of Law

**Education:** Ph.D., 2004, American History, University of Notre Dame; J.D., 1992, Notre Dame Law School; M.A., 1987, American History, Fordham University; B.A., 1986, History, Providence College

**Courses:** Constitutional Law, Evidence, Moral Foundations

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*“At Ave Maria School of Law, faculty becomes family. Your professors are people who not only care about giving the best legal education but also who want you to shape you into qualified, respectable individuals. Professors here are educators and so much more; mentors, friends, confidants and role models.*

*The benefit to Ave being a relatively young school is that you get to study under some professors who have been at the school since it was founded, which gives you a sense of being a part of something greater than yourself and your own education. At Ave, students and faculty come together to further the school’s mission and ensure the success of our school community.”*

–Shelby Janicki, Class of 2022



**KEVIN H. GOVERN**

Professor of Law

**Education:** L.L.M., 2004, International and Comparative Law, University of Notre Dame School of Law; L.L.M., 1995, International and Operational Law, The Judge Advocate General’s School; J.D., 1987, Marquette University Law School; B.A., 1984, History and German Major, Marquette University

**Courses:** Professional Responsibility, Administrative Law, Cyber Security Law, Veteran’s Law, Military Law



**ULYSSES JAEN**

Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law

**Education:** M.L.I.S., 2012, Florida State University; J.D., 2007, West Virginia University College of Law; M.P.A., 2006, West Virginia University; B.S., 2004, Fairmont State University

**Courses:** Advanced Legal Research, Elder Law, Law Practice Technology Immigration Law, Practice Ready Entrepreneurship



**JEN JENKINS**

Assistant Professor of Law

**Education:** J.D., 2018, Harvard Law School; B.S., 2004, American Legal System, United States Military Academy (West Point)

**Courses:** Torts



**ANTHONY B. KOLENC**

Director of the Veterans and Servicemembers Law Clinic (VSLC)

**Education:** J.D., 1999, University of Florida Levin College of Law *summa cum laude*. Master of Arts degree in Theology and Christian Ministry from the Franciscan University of Steubenville

**Courses:** Veterans and Servicemembers Law Clinic



**STEPHEN MIKOCHIK**

Visiting Professor of Law

**Education:** L.L.M., Harvard Law School J.D., Fordham Law School; M.A. in Rel. Studies, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary; M.A. in Phil., Temple University

**Courses:** Equality and the Law, Jurisprudence



**EUGENE R. MILHIZER**

Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law

**Education:** L.L.M., 1988, The Judge Advocate General’s School (First Honor Graduate); J.D., 1979, University of Michigan School of Law; B.A., 1976, Political Science, University of Michigan (High Distinction)

**Courses:** Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure



**J. KIRKLAND MILLER**

Associate Professor of Law

**Education:** J.D., 1993, Michigan State University College of Law, *cum laude*; B.A., 1986, Oakland University

**Courses:** Property, Advanced Property, Products Liability, Trial Advocacy, Client Representation Practicum



**MAUREEN M. MILLIRON**

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

**Education:** J.D., 1993, Michigan State College of Law, *magna cum laude*; B.A., 1988, University of Michigan

**Courses:** Client Representation Practicum, Legal Drafting, Writing for Litigation, LAWR





**MOLLIE A. MURPHY**

Professor of Law

**Education:** J.D., 1980, University of Notre Dame, *cum laude*; B.A., 1977, St. Mary's College, *summa cum laude*

**Courses:** Complex Litigation, Torts, Advanced Torts



**RICHARD S. MYERS**

Professor of Law

**Education:** J.D., 1980, Notre Dame Law School, *magna cum laude*; B.A., 1977, Kenyon College, *summa cum laude*

**Courses:** Civil Procedure, Conflicts of Law, Religious Freedom



**JOHN N. RAUDABAUGH**

Reed Larson Professor of Labor Law

**Education:** J.D., 1977, University of Virginia School of Law; M.S., 1974, Labor Economics, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University; B.S., 1968, Labor Economics, Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania; Member, NLRB 1990-93

**Courses:** Labor Law, Labor Law Practicum



**D. BRIAN SCARNECCCHIA**

Professor of Law

**Education:** J.D., University of Akron; M.Div., Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology; B.A., Youngstown State University

**Courses:** Bioethics, Jurisprudence, Catholic Social Thought & the Law, Oil and Gas law



**JULIE L. SIMPSON**

Assistant Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research

**Education:** J.D., 2002, DePaul University College of Law; M.S. in Nursing, 1984, University of Illinois; B.S. in Nursing, 1979, Bradley University

**Courses:** LAWR, I, II & III



**WENDY L. TENZER**

Assistant Director and Assistant Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research

**Education:** J.D., 1982, Syracuse University College of Law; M.A., 2003, Education, New York University; B.A., 1979, English with French Minor, New York University

**Courses:** LAWR I & II, Law and Literature



**TIMOTHY J. TRACEY**

Associate Professor of Law

**Education:** J.D., 2002, Wake Forest University School of Law; B.A., 1999, Christian Thought, Grove City College

**Courses:** Contracts, Advanced Contracts, Constitutional Law, Negotiable Instruments

*“Students here have relationships with our professors. Because our professors really know our students, the depth of the class lecture improves. Students feel comfortable asking questions and engaging in an intelligent dialogue.”*

-Daniel Pardo, Class of 2019



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served and retired as members of the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Office (JAG)

**4**

have clerked for federal judges

**5**

L.L.M. degrees



Since 2008, the doctrinal faculty has produced:

**6**

books and more than **23** book chapters.

More than **55** pieces for law-related and other publications and more than **70** law review articles. Presented or served as

panelists at over **75** academic conferences and civic gatherings.

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*“We are honored to continue supporting the growth and impact of this great law school with the creation of the Ave Maria School of Law Institute for Business Law. The opportunity to bring together business leaders, scholars, lawyers, and students to make a difference in the study of business law will be transformative for Ave Maria School of Law. It is a privilege to be a part of providing worthy students with scholarships to become great business lawyers.”*

–Peter Cancro, Jersey Mike’s Founder and C.E.O.



2022-23 Ave Maria School of Law Coach Rod Smith Business Law Institute students.

The Business Law Institute was established with a substantial gift from Peter Cancro to honor one of his early mentors. The goal of the institute is to become a national and global leader in the study, research, and practice of business law and create the next generation of leaders in this field.

The objective of the Coach Rod Smith Business Law Institute is to bring together business leaders, scholars, lawyers, and students to engage in the study, teaching, and practice of business law, with a unique Ave Maria Law perspective. The fellowship includes classes like Business Organizations and Corporate Law and offers students the opportunity to learn and experience the practice of corporate and business law at the highest level.

# NATURAL LAW CONCENTRATION

## Ave Maria School of Law Offers Natural Law and Catholic Legal Studies Concentration

Ave Maria School of Law is dedicated to educating our future lawyers in the harmony of faith and reason inspired by Pope John Paul II’s encyclical *Fides et Ratio*. In keeping with our mission, Ave Maria School of Law offers a concentration in Natural Law and Catholic Legal Studies. We are the only law school in the nation offering such a concentration.

Ave Law offers three tracks to receive the concentration notation on the law school transcript. One is accomplished by taking part in Ave Maria School of Law’s unique full-semester legal internships. These are offered with the United Nations in New York, the Culture of Life internship in Washington D.C.. The second is achieved through our unique externship offerings with the Office of General Counsel, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, or National Catholic Bioethics Center. The third is by taking a series of elective classes offered by our faculty, who are experts in the area of Natural Law, Canon Law, and Catholic legal studies.

*Below: Ave Maria School of Law Dean John Czarnetzky spoke at the St. John Paul II’s Natural Law Legacy and International Human Rights Conference jointly organized with Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland, in May 2022.*





# LEGAL CLINICS

**Legal clinics teach students critical litigation skills. They learn advanced research and case development strategies, master relevant substantive law, and gain practical experience serving actual clients.**

In addition, students gain a deeper appreciation for the mission of Ave Maria School of Law by serving the common good.



## **The Gregory T. Holtz Estate Planning and General Practice Clinic**

In Estate Planning and General Practice Clinic, students help clients with basic estate planning and probate, as well as select civil and consumer law matters.

Students have the opportunity to gain experience applying their book knowledge to real client situations. In partnership with the Naples Senior Center, Legal Aid of Collier County and other community partners, the Clinic serves as an extension of our Catholic tradition of service and an outreach to Naples and surrounding communities.

## **Veterans and Servicemembers Law Clinic**

The Veterans and Servicemembers Law Clinic (VSLC) provides students the opportunity to help military servicemembers and low-income veterans navigate legal issues in a variety of cases. Working with actual clients, students assist those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, representing them in litigation (e.g., cases involving religious liberty, consumer law, landlord-tenant law), administrative proceedings (e.g., upgrading military discharges, obtaining disability benefits), and veterans treatment courts. The clinic emphasizes practical experience in all facets of representation, including client interviewing and counseling, legal research and writing, and negotiation and litigation advocacy.

## **Intellectual Property Law Clinic**

In the Intellectual Property Law Clinic, you will interview a potential client or clients and obtain details of an invention, proposed trademark, or copyright work; and (1) conduct a “prior art” search on the invention and report the results to the client, and if appropriate prepare at least one provisional patent application for filing in the U.S.P.T.O.; (2) conduct a search for existing trademarks and tradenames similar to the proposed trademark, and if appropriate prepare an ITU or regular trademark application for filing in the U.S.P.T.O.; or prepare a registration of the copyright work for registration in the Library of Congress. Invention disclosures must be kept confidential to preserve patent rights, and as a student, you will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement with the clinic.







# OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Professional Development (OPD) works to support, encourage, and empower our students as they begin the pursuit of their passion for the legal profession. Our departmental focus is in direct alignment with the law school’s vision and mission in fidelity to the Catholic faith to build a community, serve the common good, and educate and develop students who will become lawyers with the finest legal, ethical, and professional skills. Whatever your career path interests and reasons for attending law school, the OPD team is here to help you reach your goals.

Ave Maria School of Law’s Miriam Mijares served as an intern at the Lee County Schools legal department. She worked with Ryan Hudek, Assistant School Board attorney.

## EXPERIENTIAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Externship Program

The Externship Program at Ave Maria School of Law provides law students with academic credit for on-site field experience with legal employers.

**Goal of the Program:** Familiarize students with legal practice.

**Availability:** Externships can take place in the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

**Structure:** Externs receive field credit for their work at the work placement. First-time externs also participate in a 1-credit class component.

Organizations regularly participating in the program:

- Florida Department of Children and Families, Children’s Legal Services
- Office of the State Attorney, 20th Judicial Circuit
- Office of the Public Defender, 20th Judicial Circuit
- 20th Judicial Circuit Court
- Office of Criminal Conflict & Civil Regional Counsel, 2nd DCA
- Florida Rural Legal Services
- Non-Profit Agencies
- Corporations
- Private Law Firms

### Legal Internship Programs

Ave Maria School of Law offers students

the opportunity to work a full-time legal internship for law school credit through one of our Legal Internship Programs. These programs allow for hands-on practical experience in real-world legal settings.

### Certified Legal Internship (CLI):

- Students receive hands-on experience working for a governmental agency, such as the Office of the State Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, Department of Children & Families, and the Office of Criminal Conflict and Regional Counsel, 2nd DCA.
- Students apply what they have learned in trial advocacy and moot court to real-world cases.

- Students interested join a CLI track their 1L year and are guided through the steps and prerequisites to obtain a 3L year CLI.

### United Nations Legal internship (UNLI):

- Students gain experience working with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) with their work at the UN on issues such as international conflict, migration and trafficking, global disarmament, and human rights.
- Positions are held at the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the U.N. in New York, New York, Vienna, Austria, and Geneva, Switzerland.



# HOW TO USE YOUR OPD AS A STUDENT

## Externship Program

Work for an employer for academic credit.

## Legal Internship Programs

Participate in a full-semester gaining hands-on legal experience.

## Summer Associate Positions & Fellowships

## Pro Bono Program

Understand the importance of service to the community, including the legally underserved.

## Networking Events

Opportunities to meet with employers, alumni, and key members of the legal field.

## Mock Interview Program

Hone your interview skills preparing you for the real world. Receive feedback from participating employers.

## On-Campus Recruitment

Apply and Interview for internships and externships.

## Mentorships

Gain mentorship through Ave Law alumni and employers.

## Application Materials

Build a solid portfolio of application materials: resume, cover letter, writing sample.

# AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW

## Where are our Alumni?

### In the United States:

AK 5	ID 7	MT 1	SC 8
AL 9	IL 39	NC 18	SD 5
AR 2	IN 28	ND 1	TX 85
AZ 16	KS 9	NE 13	TN 12
CA 42	KY 9	NH 2	UT 21
CO 24	LA 3	NJ 20	VA 45
CT 6	MA 18	NM 8	WA 22
DC 51	MD 16	NV 10	WI 16
DE 1	ME 2	NY 59	WY 1
FL 577	MI 155	OH 23	
GA 23	MN 9	OK 6	
HI 3	MO 19	OR 7	
IA 4	MS 3	PA 30	

### Around the world:

Canada	Ghana
Dominican Republic	Guam
England	Italy
Australia	Korea
Brazil	United Arab Emirates
Brussels	Panama
Germany	

### In BRIEF

- Ave Maria School of Law is fully accredited by the American Bar Association.
- An independent law school established in 1999.
- An educational philosophy that emphasizes the moral foundations of the law,

presents insights from the Catholic intellectual tradition, and encourages a broader perspective of the law and its role in society.

- A curriculum designed to ensure that graduates will be well prepared to practice law in any jurisdiction and international employment area.

- A successful record of national career placement — Ave Maria graduates have secured 64 prestigious judicial clerkships, employment in firms of all sizes around the country, positions with federal and state agencies, and jobs with both domestic and international public-interest employers.

### NAPLES, FLORIDA

#1 Happiest & Healthiest City in the USA



# AT A GLANCE



In the summer of 2022, our students interned for numerous Judges, governmental agencies, and private law firms throughout the country.



Each year, Ave Maria Law recognizes **3L students who complete 50 hours or more of volunteer legal service** for organizations such as Legal Aid, Children's Legal Services, Public Defender's Office, and various faith-based organizations.

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# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Student organizations are an important component of the school's community, offering students an opportunity to grow academically, personally, professionally, and spiritually. Throughout the academic year, these groups sponsor a variety of events, including speakers, debates, community service projects, and social events.

As part of our mission and in order to give back to our community, the Ave Law student organizations hold many charitable events. Beginning with the SBA sponsored 1L Service Project during Orientation week, each organization is required to do a yearly community service project. Some of the beneficiaries have included Harry Chapin Food Bank, Make a Wish, Collier County Beach Clean Up, Providence House and St. Matthew's House (both are local shelter and food banks) as well as Wounded Warriors.

Our SBA also hosts Mental Health & Wellness Week, which is a school wide initiative to bring awareness to mental health issues and substance abuse in the legal profession. Law school is an extremely stressful three years, so it's important that we support and assist our students.

Lex Vitae, the student pro-life organization sponsors the law school's participation in the March for Life. Ave Maria Law School faculty, staff, and students have marched in the important event every year.

## 2022-2023 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Ave Maria Elder Law and Estate Planning Association (AMELEA)

Black Law Students Association (BLSA)

Criminal Justice Society

Federalist Society (FED SOC)

Knights of Columbus

Latino Law Students Association (LLSA)

Lex Vitae Society (LEX)

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity (PAD)

Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA)

St. Francis Cabrini Immigration Law Society (ILS)

St. Thomas More Society (STMS)

Student Bar Association (SBA)

Veterans Law Student Association (VLSA)

Women's Law Association (WLA)

### CO-CURRICULARS:

Law Review

Moot Court Board

# TRADITIONS

Ave Goes Pink: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Barrister's Ball

Beach Cleanup

Blood Drives

Boot Camp

Dean's Delegates Program

Deans' End-of-the-Year Barbecue

Dress for Success

Christmas Party and Toy Drive

March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Legion of Mary

March for Life Naples Event

Mental Health & Wellness Week

Moot Court Competitions

Networking Expos

Patriots Week

Red Mass

Student Organization and Involvement Fair

Valentine's Day Auction Event

Volleyball & Kickball Tournaments

Volunteer Service Projects organized by the Student Bar Association



Barrister's Ball 2022



The Ave Maria School of Law 1L Community Service Project 2022 packed 45,120 meals for Meals of Hope Food Pantry.



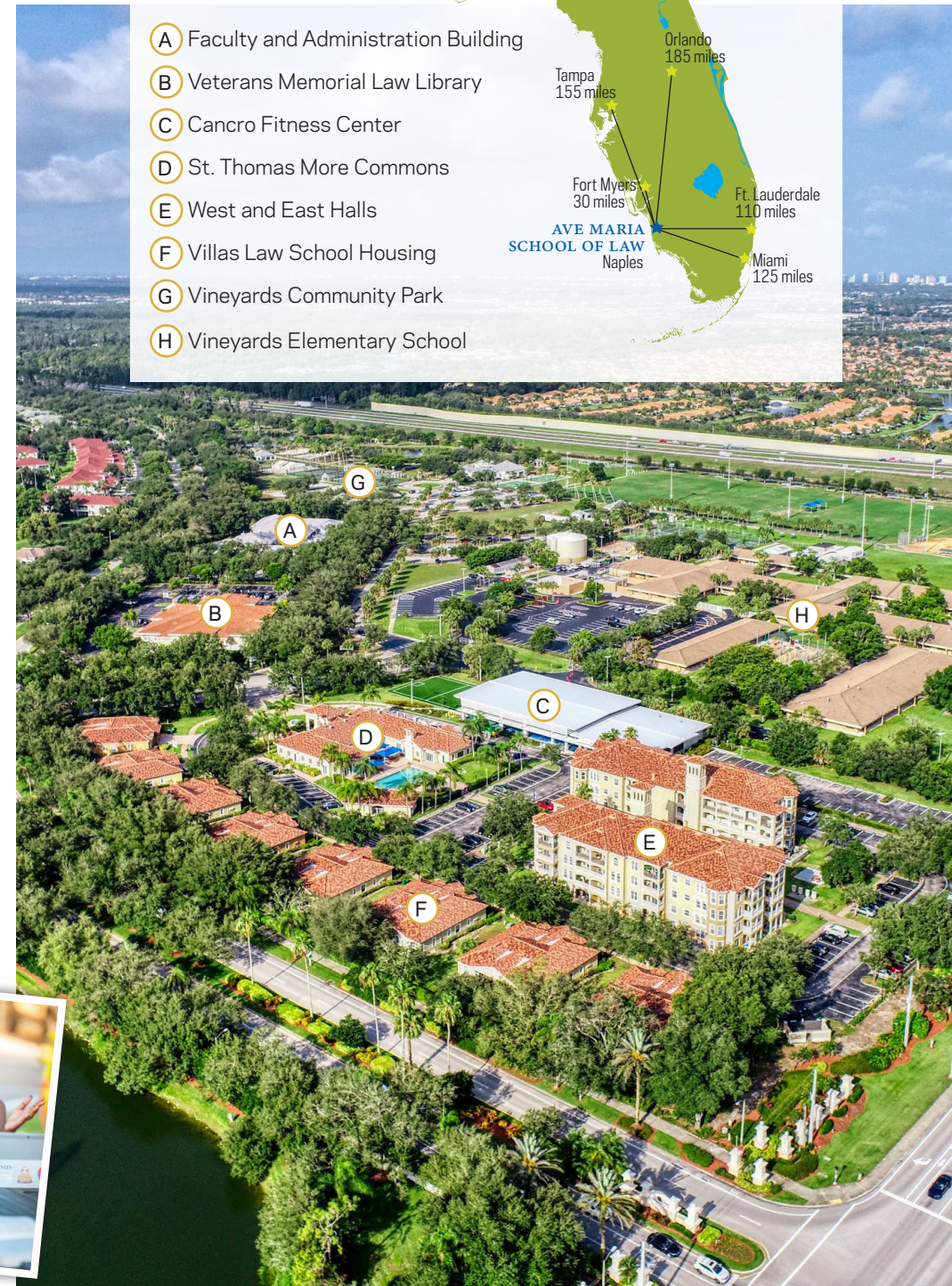
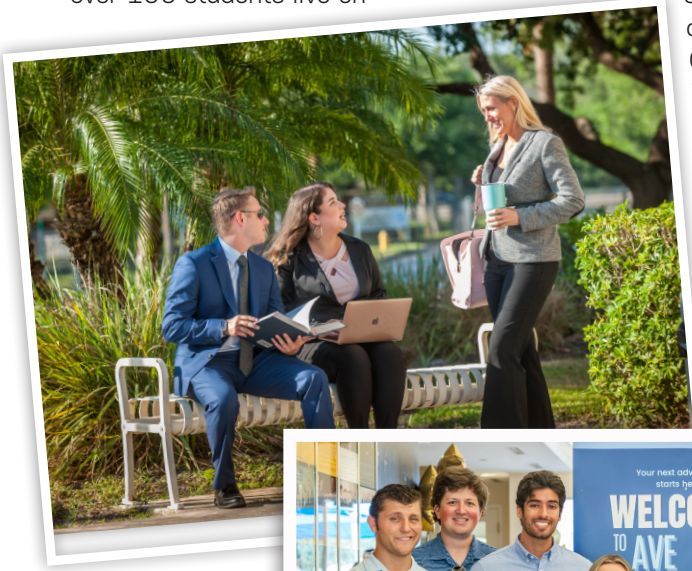
# CAMPUS LIFE

Ave Maria School of Law is located in Naples. Located a short distance from Southwest Florida International Airport, and just seven miles from the Gulf of Mexico, the law school's location provides convenient access to an ideal environment for the study of law in a sought-after destination.

Our beautiful campus is located on 12.5 acres and is adjacent to a county park, providing our students, faculty, and staff with plenty of green space. Our Cancro Family Wellness Center totals 21,740 square feet and affords physical fitness activities for all levels, including classes, cardio, and weights.

Our campus also has student housing in apartments and single family villas and just over 100 students live on

campus allowing for ease of access to studies, the Chapel, and our law library. We are family friendly, with several law students and their families residing on campus.



- (A) Faculty and Administration Building
- (B) Veterans Memorial Law Library
- (C) Cancro Fitness Center
- (D) St. Thomas More Commons
- (E) West and East Halls
- (F) Villas Law School Housing
- (G) Vineyards Community Park
- (H) Vineyards Elementary School





# MIND + BODY + SPIRIT

Ave Maria Law has its very own fitness complex on the school's twelve and a half acre campus. More than a facility, an entire Mind + Body + Spirit initiative has been launched within the school community: Ave Maria Moves.



**Heidi Roderick**  
Director of Health  
& Wellness

A health trend has started on campus and it's catching on. Our Director of Health & Wellness, Heidi Roderick, brings more than 20 years experience in the areas of athletic and personal training and health and wellness. She is leading the charge on engagement and involvement. Group fitness classes include highly decorated MOSSA Programs, boot camp style classes, spin, kickboxing and yoga, as well as running and walking groups, all active on campus.

There's a direct correlation with exercise and the brain. Exercise will increase the ability to succeed at the highest levels during our students' law school experience. Just as it took months to build our fitness complex, it takes time to incorporate new habits. Every small step adds up to something great.

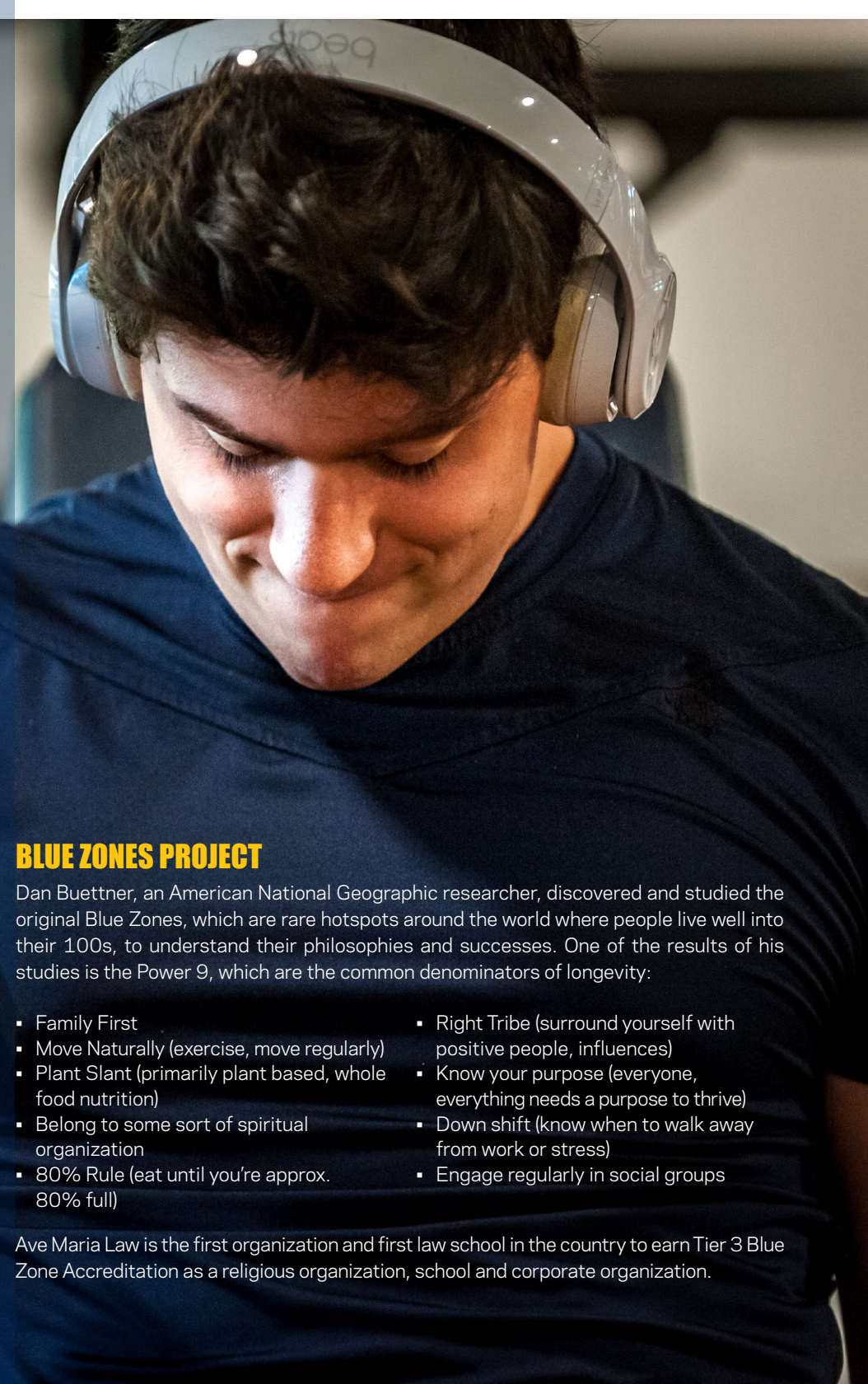
## PIVIO PROGRAM

Pivio was launched and implemented at a law school for the first time in the world at Ave Maria Law. The Pivio program is a research tested, intensive lifestyle medicine intervention solution designed to prevent, arrest, and facilitate the reversal of many common chronic diseases.

The program promotes implementing new healthy habits into your lifestyle. This includes following a plant-based whole food diet and incorporating regular exercise into your daily routine. The Pivio program is offered every semester for students, staff, and faculty.

## THE LIFT PROJECT

The Lift Project is an evidence-based wellbeing program that draws together the latest research from Neuroscience, Lifestyle Medicine and Positive Psychology. It is presented by internationally-recognized well-being expert, Dr Darren Morton, and experientially explores 10 wellbeing-enhancing topics over 10 weeks (with an emphasis on mental wellbeing). The Lift Project is ideally undertaken in a group setting but all participants also are given access to an online learning platform for deeper engagement.



## BLUE ZONES PROJECT

Dan Buettner, an American National Geographic researcher, discovered and studied the original Blue Zones, which are rare hotspots around the world where people live well into their 100s, to understand their philosophies and successes. One of the results of his studies is the Power 9, which are the common denominators of longevity:

- Family First
- Move Naturally (exercise, move regularly)
- Plant Slant (primarily plant based, whole food nutrition)
- Belong to some sort of spiritual organization
- 80% Rule (eat until you're approx. 80% full)
- Right Tribe (surround yourself with positive people, influences)
- Know your purpose (everyone, everything needs a purpose to thrive)
- Down shift (know when to walk away from work or stress)
- Engage regularly in social groups

Ave Maria Law is the first organization and first law school in the country to earn Tier 3 Blue Zone Accreditation as a religious organization, school and corporate organization.



# BECOME A LAWYER WHO WILL CHANGE THE WORLD!

## BECOME A GRADUATE OF AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW!

Located in Florida's Paradise Coast, Naples is a city that is consistently and highly ranked for wellness, quality of life, and economic growth. Our campus, in the heart of Naples, provides a welcoming environment for legal study and research, and participation in clinical programs and legal organizations. Ave Maria Law is the only school in SW Florida, which provides proximity to top area law firms, the Collier and Lee County Courts, as well as the Federal District Court in Fort Myers, ideal for gaining experience and employment. Additionally, students can enjoy an array of amenities and a quality of life associated with one of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the United States.



Ave Maria School of Law students at Naples Pier.

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Ave Maria School of Law recognizes the inherent value and dignity of all members of the human family. It values equal opportunity and seeks racial, cultural, and ethnic diversity. The Law School does not preclude admission or retention of students or employees on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or status as a veteran or disabled veteran. The Law School maintains its Catholic character but is open to persons of all religious faiths who respect the goals of Ave Maria School of Law and whose conduct does not undermine the Law School's religious goals or compromise its Catholic identity.

