

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY



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ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW TO BEGIN EVENING LAW PROGRAM IN FALL 2007

SAN ANTONIO—St. Mary's University School of Law will offer an evening law program beginning in the fall of 2007.

“Our evening program will enable us to improve the academic program at the law school and to enhance our service to the people of this area,” said Bill Piatt, dean of the law school. “We will reduce the number of entering full-time students, thus raising the academic profile of our student body. We anticipate enrolling people with substantial work and life experience, creating career advancement opportunities for many who otherwise would not be able to pursue a legal education.”

The program will allow up to 75 students to attend classes in the early evening and earn a law degree over a four-year period while maintaining their current occupations.

“The law school is one of St. Mary's University's and San Antonio's greatest assets,” added Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., president of St. Mary's University. We are committed to a law school of the highest quality, accessible to working men and women and others who are not able to attend day classes for a variety of reasons. This move will make that possible.”

The school received formal approval from the American Bar Association to implement an evening program beginning in the fall 2007.

Students in the new program will attend classes Monday through Thursday during early evening hours. Part-time students will be expected to complete their degrees in four years and in

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no more than seven. Full-time students are expected to complete their law degrees in three years and in no more than five. Graduation requirements will be the same for students in both programs. And all programs and offices, including the Clinical Program, will be available to evening students as well.

For the 2005-06 academic year, there were 762 full-time students, including 266 first-year law students.

The law school was founded in October 1927 as the San Antonio School of Law by the San Antonio Bar Association. On Oct. 1, 1934, the San Antonio School of Law was officially transferred to St. Mary's University, and housed at the downtown campus at 112 College St., the present site of La Mansion Del Rio. Originally offering only evening classes, the law school's day division was not established until 1936. When World War II intervened shortly thereafter, the day program was suspended, and the school again became a part-time law school. In the immediate post-War era, the School of Law was reorganized to meet the requirements of the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools. In February of 1948, the American Bar Association approved the school. In December of 1949, the School of Law was admitted to membership in the Association of American Law Schools. In 1968, the School of Law moved from downtown to the campus of St. Mary's University.

Applicants to the School of Law must have completed a bachelor's degree from an accredited university, and must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT.) Those seeking to be admitted in the fall of 2007 should take the LSAT in October 2006 or no later than December 2006. Additional information on the program and the application process can be obtained from Bill Wilson, assistant dean for admissions, at (210) 436-3523, or Carolyn Meegan, director of recruitment, at (210) 431-5011.