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New Publication

ROBERT ANTHONY PASCAL: A PRIEST OF RIGHT ORDER, has been published online as **Volume 3** of the *Bicentennial Series*. The book was edited by **Professor Olivier Moréteau**, who wrote a twenty-page introduction and selected previously unpublished and published writings by **Professor Emeritus Robert A. Pascal**:

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LIFE AND WORK OF ROBERT A. PASCAL by Olivier Moréteau

PART 1 – A MAN OF PRINCIPLE

Recollections of a Life Studying and Teaching Law

Punishment, Pardon, Parole

Natural Law and Respect for Law

PART 2 – A MAN OF VISION

A Summary Reflection on Legal Education

Of the Civil Code and Us

Of Trusts, Human Dignity, Legal Science, and Taxes

PART 3 – A MAN OF DIVERSE SCHOLARSHIP

Updating Louisiana's Community of Gains

Characterization as an Approach to the Conflict of Laws

The Italian Legal System: A Book Review

BIBLIOGRAPHY

The book may be downloaded from the CCLS [website](#).

Civil Law Online

[Civil Law Online](#) provides direct access to Louisiana codes and legislation as well as civil codes and legislation from other civil law jurisdictions around the world. The CCLS and the LSU Law Library continue developing the database, to incorporate academic writings, such as books, law review articles, graduate papers, translations, and research guides, together with many original

LSU materials. *Civil Law Online* provides web links to other websites that include civil law materials. For comments and proposals contact ccls@law.lsu.edu.

What is the Civil Law?

Do you need a clear and non-technical answer? Should it be less than one page, yet point out the salient features and indication of the parts of the world where the civil law is applied? To check how we endeavored to face this challenge, click [here](#), and please send comments, criticism, suggestions to ccls@law.lsu.edu.

Workshops

- ***International Economic Law in the Midst of Competing Human Rights.***
Dr. Sheldon Leader (University of Essex, United Kingdom; Visiting Professor LSU Law Center) raised many interesting questions about the interplay of transnational economic law and human rights. He explored how national sovereignty and the dispositions included in international treaties could be affected when advocating for the defense of diverse human rights. This lecture was organized with the International Law Society at LSU. It is [available on video](#) (Tuesday, April 13, 2010).
- ***Russian Society and Its Civil Codes: An Historical Survey.***
Dr. Asya Ostroukh, (Associate Professor Kuban State University School of Law, Krasnodar, Russia, Fulbright Scholar, LSU Law Center), made a presentation on *Russian Society and Its Civil Codes: An Historical Survey*. Dr. Ostroukh described the evolution of the different civil codes in Russia, highlighting both the influences they received, their originality, and the role they play as models for other jurisdictions. The presentation is [available on video](#) (Tuesday, April 20, 2010).

Conference Notes

- ***XVIIIth International Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law***
Washington D.C. from July 25 to August 1, 2010.
National Reports have been prepared by **Professor Alain Levasseur** (U.S. Report on Legal History and Ethnology), **Professor Olivier Moréteau** (U.S. Report on Catastrophic Harm: Liability and Insurance), and **Mr. Agustín Parise** (Argentine Report on Legal History and Ethnology).
- ***Association Henri Capitant des Amis de la Culture Juridique Française***
The Romanian Journées took place in Bucharest and Cluj-Napoca from May 23 to 28, 2010. **Professor Alain Levasseur** prepared and delivered the General Report on Successions and Contracts.
- ***Juris Diversitas***
Symposium on Mediterranean Law, Malta, June 11 and 12.
Professor Olivier Moréteau will give the opening speech: “*Mare Nostrum* as the Caldron of Western Legal Traditions: Stirring the Broth, Making Sense of Legal Gumbo.” More information about the Symposium and *Juris Diversitas* is available at <http://jurisdiversitas.blogspot.com/>

- ***European Society for Comparative Legal History***
Their inaugural conference will take place in Valencia, Spain, on July 5 and 6. **Professor Olivier Moréteau** will present a paper on “The Ethnocentricity of French Legal Culture: Origins and Effects of a Superiority Complex.” See <http://esclh.blogspot.com/>
- ***Centre d'études juridiques européennes et comparées***
Université Paris Ouest Nanterre-La Défense. On June 17, **Professor Olivier Moréteau** will lecture (in French) on “Overture and Tradition: The Place of Comparative Law in the Revision of the Louisiana Civil Code.”

Louisiana Civil Code Précis Series

On the initiative of **Professor Alain Levasseur**, Director of the Series, LexisNexis publishes a collection of Précis, aiming to give a short, simple, and clear synthesis of the main topics dealt with in the Louisiana Civil Code.

Volumes already published include:

- Alain Levasseur, *Louisiana Law of Obligations in General*, 2nd ed. 2010.
- Alain Levasseur and David Gruning, *Louisiana Law of Sale and Lease*, 2007.
- Alain Levasseur, *Louisiana Law of Conventional Obligations*, 2010.
- Frank L. Maraist, *Louisiana Law of Torts*, forthcoming July 2010.

The collection also includes a ***Louisiana Pocket Civil Code***, published every year since 2008, featuring the text of the Louisiana Civil Code articles without any comment, and a useful index.

These new texts are of great use in the classroom at LSU. They help the students understand the architecture of the civil law. They will be read with profit in Louisiana and other jurisdictions, by civilians and comparatists alike. They also give common law trained jurists a very accessible port of entry into the understanding of the civil law tradition. Long live the Series!