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## October 3, 2023

Dear Colleagues –

It has been a productive summer and very successful start to the new academic year thanks to all of you.

In late June, Seattle U Law hosted a national [rapid response webinar](#), bringing together a panel of national legal experts, alongside our own distinguished faculty members, to analyze the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions in the Harvard and UNC affirmative action cases. The event attracted nearly 2000 registered attendees, positive nationwide attention, and notable media coverage.

Seattle University School of Law was rated the top law school in the Pacific Northwest for academic impact by the [Forward Looking Academic Impact Rankings for U.S. Law Schools \(FLAIR\)](#). The FLAIR rankings place Seattle U Law in the top 25% nationally, at number 46. Additionally, Seattle U Law is the top Jesuit law school in the West, and places third among all Jesuit law schools in the country.

## Upcoming Notable Events

The new **Technology, Innovation Law, and Ethics (TILE) Program** will host a kickoff event featuring renowned expert Gigi Sohn on October 17 from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery.

The **Dean's Luminaries in Law Lecture & Conversation Series**, in collaboration with the RoundGlass India Center at Seattle University, is honored to welcome **Abhishek Manu Singhvi**, a member of the Indian Parliament and India's leading Supreme Court litigator,

In early September, we hosted the annual EPOCH Symposium: [\*Going Forward: The Role of Affirmative Action, Race, and Diversity in University Admissions and the Broader Construction of Society\*](#). This year's symposium brought together nationally renowned legal experts for a series of conversations about affirmative action's history and impact, and potential paths forward in the wake of the Supreme Court's *SFFA* decision.

In September, we also successfully hosted our two faculty/senior leadership and staff retreats, which together served as the kickoff of our new strategic planning effort. Very big thanks to the organizers and discussion facilitators of those retreats: **Associate Dean Steve Bender, Academic Vice Dean Brooke Coleman, Director Kelli Rodriguez, Assistant Dean Feven Teklu, and Director Colin Watrin.**

Seattle University School of Law alumni continue to lead the way, with more graduates overall on the [Washington Super Lawyers](#) list than any other law school in the Pacific Northwest.

In mid-August, we welcomed our newest incoming class of students to campus. We are very proud that our [incoming class of JD students](#) is the most diverse in Seattle University School of Law's 51-year history while being the most academically accomplished in 13 years. We also are very proud that we welcomed the largest class of LLM students in our law school's history, and an inaugural cohort of SJD candidates – all very impressive students from around the globe.

Last month, we hosted our inaugural Annual Celebration of Faculty Appointments and Promotions. This wonderful event, hosted by our friends at K&L Gates LLP, was a chance to recognize and welcome our faculty community's newest members and celebrate those recently promoted to senior leadership positions within the school of law.

On September 27, we hosted the kickoff to this year's [Dean's Luminaries in Law Lecture & Conversation Series](#), welcoming Dahlia Lithwick, Senior Editor and Legal Correspondent at Slate. Professor Deirdre Bowen interviewed Dahlia brilliantly about her recent book, [Lady Justice](#). Our Sidebar Alumni Reception in the South Sound (Tacoma) on September 28<sup>th</sup> was a great success too.

We also have much to celebrate in terms of new faculty publications, presentations and media appearances, and alumni

and **Raj Kumar**, the Founding Vice Chancellor of O.P. Jindal Global in India. The event, entitled *The Indian Supreme Court at 75*, will take place on October 20 at 11:45 in Room C5.

American Bar Association **President Mary Smith**, the first Native American attorney in the role, has accepted our invitation to serve as Commencement Speaker for our 2024 May Commencement.

## Upcoming Notable Presentations

**Dean Tony Varona** on October 5<sup>th</sup> will be serving as the Hispanic Heritage Month speaker for the international law firm of White & Case in a program originating live from New York City but available across all 46 of White & Case's offices, in 31 nations.

**Prof. Danieli Evans** is presenting on the "Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion" panel at the 2023 Pacific Northwest American Immigration Lawyers Association Conference on Oct. 12-13.

**Prof. Dean Spade** will give the "Jerome McCristal Culp, Jr. Memorial LatCrit Lecture," on October 7 at the LatCrit Biennial

news, as detailed below. Congratulations to everyone!

Please do not forget to share your good news with us at [lawgoodnews@seattleu.edu](mailto:lawgoodnews@seattleu.edu).

Warmest best wishes for continued success and a happy fall.

Anthony E. Varona  
Dean and Professor

## PUBLICATIONS

**Prof. Emerita Lori Bannai's** essay, *Reflections on the Korematsu, Yasui, and Hirabayashi Coram Nobis Cases on Their 40th Anniversary*, will be published by the *Berkeley Asian American Law Journal* in October 2023.

**Assoc. Dean Steve Bender's** article, "[Racial Justice and Marijuana](#)," was published by the *California Western Law Review*.

**Prof. Michael Blasie** published a blog on ContractsProf Blog called, "[Which Contract is Better?](#)" The post highlights how a plaintiffs-side personal injury lawyer created unique (even humorous) waiver language in a trail running race and questions whether this language is better than traditional contract waiver language. The post asks readers to rethink whether the goals of contract drafters extend beyond enforcement. Also, **Prof. Blasie's** article, "How the United States converted plain language from advice to law," was published in the *Clarity Journal* in September. Clarity is the world's largest organization focused on promoting plain legal language and design. The Clarity's members are judges, lawyers, government officials, scholars and teachers, corporations, and NGOs from dozens of countries. **Prof. Blasie** also published *Coordinating International Plain Language Law Research* in Plain Language Association International's eJournal.

**Prof. Deirdre Bowen**, along with others, published, "Misclassification of Firearm-Related Violent Crime in Criminal Legal System Records: Challenges and Opportunities," in *Injury Epidemiology*. Also, **Prof. Bowen**, along with others, had an article accepted for publication called, "Firearm Restrictions in Domestic Violence Protection Orders: Implementation, Vetting, Compliance, and Enforcement," in

Conference.

**Prof. Robert Chang** is scheduled to speak at Orrick's New York Office, a talk entitled, "Discriminating Against Asians, Again" in October. **Prof. Chang** will also be presenting a paper as part of a symposium on the Legal Profession and Social Change at Fordham Law School. His article will be published in the *Fordham Law Review*.

*Criminology & Public Policy.*

**Prof. Erin Carr's** op-ed, "[The Forthcoming Florida Brain Drain](#)," was published in *The South Florida Sun Sentinel* in July. Additionally, **Prof. Carr's** article, "The 'History and Tradition' of the Sanctification of Structural Violence: A Review of the Cyclical Corrosion of Constitutional Protections," is anticipated for a Fall 2023 publication date in the *University of Iowa's Journal of Gender, Race, & Justice*.

**Prof. Robert Chang** was quoted in [Naomi Ishikawa's column](#) about the targeting of Asian Americans in a series of crimes in South Seattle.

**Prof. Maggie Chon**, along with others, published, [Improving Intellectual Property: A Global Project](#), and [Trademark Extraterritoriality: Abitron v. Hetronic Doesn't Go the Distance](#).

**Vice Dean Brooke Coleman's** article, "Managerial Rulemaking," was published this past Spring in the *University of Texas Review of Litigation* (42 REV. OF LITIG. 101 (2023)).

**Prof. Richard Delgado** had several publications and accepted-for-publications: **Prof. Delgado** and two other book authors were published on [Literary Hub](#) for their conversation about the delusional attack on critical race theory; **Profs. Delgado and Jean Stefancic** published an article in *American University Review*; **Prof. Delgado**, Juan Perea, and two others published a teacher's manual for *Race and Races: Cases and Resources for a Diverse America* (4<sup>th</sup> ed., West 2023); **Prof. Delgado** published two articles in *Texas A&M Law Review*: one a reply to Frank Michelman and another a review of a recent book by Peter Irons; **Prof. Delgado** and Allen Slater published an article in *Case Western Law Review*; Finally, **Prof. Delgado** had a solo article accepted in *Case Western Law Review* and two others accepted in *Boston University Law Review* and *Alabama Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Law Review*.

**Prof. Danieli Evans'** article, "[Carceral Socialization as Voter Suppression](#)", was published in Vol. 28 of the *Michigan Journal of Race and Law* (2023). Also, **Prof. Evans'** article, "The Violence of Ostracism" is forthcoming in Vol. 29 of *Michigan Journal of Race and Law* (2024).

**Prof. Leonard Feldman and Julia Doherty '23** co-authored an article titled, "The Class of Injuries Test: A Unifying Proposal to Determining Duty, Proximate Cause, and Superseding Cause in Negligence Claims." The article has been accepted for publication by the *SU Law Review*. Also, **Prof. Feldman** and others recently published, [Tort and Accident Law: Cases and Materials](#).

**Assoc. Dean Sital Kalantry** recently published a book, [Court on Trial](#), with two other internationally renowned scholars, Aparna Chandra and William H. J. Hubbard. BBC covered her new book in an article called, “[Supreme Court: Why India's powerful top court is in a 'crisis' - BBC News](#).” Also, **Assoc. Dean Kalantry’s co-authored book**, “[Court on Trial: A Data-Driven Account of the Indian Supreme Court](#)” has been invited to the [Jaipur Literature Festival](#), which is the most important festival of its kind in India

**Prof. Madeline Kass** and co-presenter, Prof. Temple Stoellinger, were invited to submit an article on their presentation on Comparative EU/US Species Conservation Law for the University College Cork’s Environmental Liability Law, Policy, and Practice Journal symposium issue.

**Prof. Jack Kirkwood’s** article, “Antitrust and Output,” was accepted for publication by the *University of Baltimore Law Review*. Also, **Prof. Kirkwood** wrote an amicus brief in support of the FTC’s challenge to the Illumina/Grail merger. Filed in the Fifth Circuit, the brief was signed by 27 professors, including many of the best-known names in antitrust.

**VP & Prof. Natasha Martin** was published in *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education* for her opinion piece, “[Diversity on Campus Must Be a Top Priority](#).”

**Vice Provost & Prof. Laura Spitz** recently co-edited a book, *Law, Vulnerability, and the Responsive State: Beyond Equality and Liberty* (Routledge: 2023) and co-authored an article in the same book, “Using Vulnerability Theory to Reconceive the Relationships between Native Nations, the United States, and State Governments,” with Martha Fineman.

**Prof. Yvonne Zylan** co-authored an article, “[Walking the Moral Tightrope: Federal Civil Servants’ Loyalties, Caution, and Resistance under the Trump Administration](#),” with a colleague from Hamilton College. It was published in May in the *American Journal of Sociology*. The article is a qualitative study of how career civil servants navigated moral and professional challenges during the Trump Administration.

## **PRESENTATIONS and TESTIMONY**

**Prof. Thomas Antkowiak** presented an expert opinion on the collective rights of the U’wa Indigenous Community and his recommended reparations for the community. The case, *U’wa Indigenous People v. Columbia*, was heard by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

**Prof. Emerita Lori Bannai** has continued to speak and write about the present-day relevance of the WWII Japanese American incarceration and *Korematsu v. United States*, including their relevance to anti-Asian hate, reparations for the Black community, and the role of lawyers and the courts during times of perceived crisis. Since May, she has presented to the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness and the Courts at its national conference in Seattle; the Hennepin County Law Library, MN; the law firms of Hanson Bridgett, San Francisco, and Baker Botts, Houston; and the Women's University Club in Seattle. Additionally, **Prof. Emerita Bannai** has continued to speak about curricula she and co-authors have developed on [\*Using Korematsu To Teach Across the Law School Curriculum\*](#), including using *Korematsu* to teach Law School Orientation and Introduction to Law Courses; Professional Responsibility; Civil Procedure (with **Prof. Margaret Chon** and Eric K. Yamamoto); Constitutional Law (with Eric K. Yamamoto); and Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis (with **Assoc. Dir. Stephanie Wilson**) (2022), and presented the Legal Writing module with **Prof. Emerita Laurel Oates** at the Western Regional Legal Writing Conference in August. Thanks to the work of **Assoc. Prof. Janet Dickson**, next year's conference will be held at Seattle University.

**Assoc. Dean Steve Bender** moderated and served as a commentator on a panel for the CRN-11 Displaced Peoples at the Law and Society Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Also, **Assoc. Dean Bender** moderated and participated in a roundtable discussion he organized on LatCrit's return to its Puerto Rican roots at the conference. This past weekend, **Assoc. Dean Bender** organized a professor session at the American College of Attorneys annual meeting in La Jolla. Last month, he organized the EPOCH conference on affirmative action and moderated three of the panels for the two-day event. The prior week, he participated in a Social Justice Monday event around the conference. The *Seattle Journal of Technology, Environmental & Innovation Law* published the online version of the 2023 annual innovation conference, with panel summaries and an overall introduction supplied by **Assoc. Dean Bender**.

**Prof. Michael Blasie** presented to the headquarters of investment firm, Harding Loevner, which manages over \$55 billion in assets. The presentation focused on plain language in the investment world. **Prof. Blasie** presented a two-hour course to judges from across the country and world participating in the National Judicial College's flagship Judicial Writing course on September 20. He gave a guest lecture to law school students in the Plain English Skills for Lawyers class at *Universidad Austral* and presented a keynote speech titled *Coordinating International Plain Language Law Research* at Plain Language Association International's annual international conference, held this year in Buenos Aires. **Prof. Blasie** moderated

the *Plain Legislation* panel at the Plain Language Association International's annual international conference. The panel featured a member of the Buenos Aires legislature, the advisor to the Director of the European Parliament's Directorate for Citizens' Language, the project coordinator for New Zealand plain language leader Write Limited, and an Argentine prosecutor who specializes in environmental law and serves as a United Nations consultant on law enforcement. He presented in the Argentine Senate building to city and provincial legislators from across Argentina as part of Legislaturas Conectadas' (Connected Legislatures') "Clear Language and Transparency for an open government" program. Observatorio de Lenguaje Claro of the School of Law of the University of Buenos Aires and Plain Language Association International (PLAIN) just released their website for the upcoming annual international plain language conference. The website features Michael Blasié on the [homepage](#) in a video marketing the event, in a [webpage](#) promoting the keynote speakers, and on a [webpage](#) describing the panel moderators.

**Prof. Katy Boling** presented three times in different sessions at the biennial conference for the Association of Legal Writing Directors in July: The first presentation was a media presentation called, "What's 'the Rule'? Quotation Marks and the Role of Courts and Lawyers as Performers of the Law"; The second was called, "Tactile Sorting Games to Strengthen Students' Use of Facts in Legal Analysis," as part of the conference's Innovative Teaching Workshop; The third was a Discussion Group presentation about "Replacing Class Participation with a Professionalism Requirement."

**Profs. Katy Boling and Mimi Samuel** presented their CLE entitled; "Writing Refresher: Writing Clearly, Correctly, and Convincingly," for the fourth time at the request of the Washington State Bar Association.

**Prof. Robert Chang** attended and spoke at a convening in September in Sundance, Utah, of advocates and academics exploring state constitutional approaches to certain criminal legal system issues.

**Prof. Maggie Chon** participated in "The Future of the Global Intellectual Property System" workshop at the University of British Columbia in June. Also, Prof. Chon participated in the USPTO Stakeholder listening session: "U.S. Intellectual Property Priorities Abroad" in August.

**Dean Emerita Annette Clark** delivered remarks at the 2023 Law School Admission Council (LSAC) PLUS Program graduation ceremony at Heritage University in Toppenish, WA. Dean Emerita Clark was joined by the LSAC Plus Program Director, Bree Black Horse '13, Ninth Circuit Judge Salvador Mendoza, Heritage University President Andrew Sund, and

Northwest Justice Project Executive Director César Torres.

**Vice Dean Brooke Coleman** co-planned and facilitated the Eighth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop at Northwestern school in May. This workshop was co-founded by Vice Dean Coleman, Liz Porter from the University of Washington, and Dave Marcus from UCLA.

**Prof. Richard Delgado** was featured on a webinar series hosted by The Institute for the Advancement of Legal Communication at Stetson Law School. The webinar, *Counterstory: The Writing and Rhetoric of Critical Race Theory*, took place on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Assoc. Dean Kristin DiBiase** co-facilitated a session entitled; *WTF(a) – What the Fundamental Alteration?!! An Accommodations Workshop* at the National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals conference in June. **Assoc. Dean DiBiase** presented two sessions at the 2023 ABA Associate Deans Conference held in Chicago, IL July 11-13: *Cross-Cultural Competency and Standard 303*, and *Accommodations in Law School Admissions*. Finally, **Assoc. Dean Kristin DiBiase** led the 2023 Washington Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) July 30-August 4. The annual leadership development institute for high school juniors, seniors and recent graduates with disabilities is a statewide event sponsored by the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment.

**Prof. Janet Dickson**, along with Mary Bowman from ASU, presented, “Soft on the Person, Hard on the Subject: Addressing the Current Load of Student Stress to Make Students More Available to Learn,” at the biennial conference for the Association of Legal Writing Directors at UC Irvine in July. This presentation addressed how current students face many hurdles to their learning, including “normal” law school stresses; increased post-pandemic anxiety, depression, and stress; and sometimes ADHD and other learning disabilities. The session explored how to balance the need to treat students gently while equipping them to produce high quality work in practice. Additionally, **Prof. Dickson** taught online to students in Odesa, Ukraine, through the Global Legal Skills community and USAID's “Justice for All” program. Classes were taught at Odesa State University, the Department of Administrative Law and Administrative Procedure, and topics included statutory analysis, the use of caselaw to support statutory arguments, and techniques in writing style.

**Prof. Danieli Evans** presented, “From Equality to Belonging,” at the Racial Equity Summit at Seattle University on April 13. **Prof. Evans** presented, “The State and Fate of Affirmative Action After Students for Fair Admissions” (panel discussion) at the Supreme Court Affirmative Action Decisions—Rapid

Response Webinar on June 30. **Prof. Danieli Evans** also presented the “Constitutional Law” session at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington State Judges Conference on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Prof. Margaret Fisher** jointly offered the Judicial Institute for Teachers at the U.S. District Court from July 24-27, 2023. Teachers learned in more depth about the US Constitution, federal, tribal and state jurisdictions, criminal process, SCOTUS term 2023, and argued a student free speech case to a 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court judge, participated in a voir dire, observed new arrests and sentencing. Additionally, **Prof. Fisher** presented about youth court programs at the LawYours event on August 9.

**Prof. Jack Kirkwood** was invited to several presentations including a Utah Law School symposium on the government’s new Merger Guidelines and a Temple Law School conference on controlling tech giant behavior by regulation or antitrust enforcement. **Also, Prof. Kirkwood** was invited to debate Adam Mossoff of Scalia Law School at a Federalist Society teleforum on the FTC’s challenge to the Illumina/Grail merger. Finally, he was invited to present on the Robinson-Patman Act at a KCBA Business Law Section CLE.

**Assistant Dirs. Melissa Lee and Jessica Levin** presented at the Office of Public Defense Annual Appellate Defender Conference in Chelan, WA, on June 1. The presentation, titled, *The Whole Picture: Looking Outside the Record to Make Your Case for Racial Justice*, discussed how appellate defenders could leverage aspects of amicus practice in their own briefs—i.e., using historical examples, social science, or statistics—to ensure courts continue to address the role of race in the criminal legal system.

**Visiting Research Prof. Catherine O’Neill** was a panelist at the University of Washington’s annual Indian Law Symposium, held in Seattle on September 7-8, 2023. The theme of this year’s Symposium was “Boldt at 50: Law, Policy and the State of the Cascadian Fisheries” -- in preparation for the upcoming anniversary of the landmark federal court decision recognizing tribal nations’ treaty rights. Professor O’Neill had the honor of speaking on a panel with Charisse Arce (SU Law ’14), Senior Attorney with Earthjustice (Anchorage), and Patti Goldman, Senior Attorney with Earthjustice (Seattle). The panel was titled: “Cases and Controversies: Pebble Mine, Snake River, and the Klamath.”

**Prof. Andy Siegel** was one of three speakers for the “U.S. Supreme Court Wrap-Up” presentation hosted by Pacifica Law Group on August 10. **Prof. Siegel** also hosted Seattle U Law’s Constitution Day program entitled *Litigating to Protect Democracy*, where he led an insightful conversation with Abha Khanna, one of the nation’s leading voting rights attorneys.

**Prof. Dean Spade** and other organizers presented, “Defend Mutual Aid: Pushing Back Against Attempts to Criminalize Solidarity,” on August 17. They discussed how to protect our communities against recent threats to mutual aid and solidarity efforts.

**Ref. Librarian LeighAnne Thompson** taught a CLE on the topic of ChatGPT and generative artificial intelligence (AI) for lawyers. The CLE covered the technology behind Generative AI/ChatGPT, how this technology is currently being used by lawyers, the benefits, the risks of using generative AI in the practice of law, and other ethical considerations.

**Dean Tony Varona** delivered a keynote speech at the Second Annual Michael A. Olivas Writing Institute on July 21. **Dean Varona and Prof. Andrew Siegel** spoke on a Supreme Court preview panel at the national Federal Administrative Law Judges Symposium in Seattle on September 11. **Dean Varona** moderated and helped plan the first-of-its-kind opening plenary panel for the Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Convention in Minneapolis on September 7<sup>th</sup>, highlighting the work of the new HNBA Task Force on Law Professors and Deans, which he co-chairs. **Dean Varona** moderated the panel on Jesuit law schools’ response to the *SFFA* decision at the Seattle U Law Epoch Symposium (September 8<sup>th</sup>). He served as the Hispanic Heritage Month speaker for **Dorsey & Whitney** on September 27<sup>th</sup>, in a firmwide virtual event across all 21 offices. He focused his remarks on the harms of and solutions for the severe underrepresentation of Latinx/Hispanic attorneys, law firm partners, law professors, and law school deans.

**Assoc. Dir. Tony Vo** presented a session, *Engagement & Student Leadership Success* at the National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals conference in June.

**Dir. Colin Watrin** presented a session, *The Times They Are A-Changin’: Change Management Theory for Law Student Affairs Professionals* at the National Association of Law Students Affairs Professionals conference in June.

**Seattle University School of Law Faculty** represented well at the Western Regional Legal Writing Conference hosted by the University of San Francisco law school. **Prof. Katy Boling** presented on, “Promoting Reflection as a Professional Practice: Free-Writes and Recap Meetings.” **Prof. Jen Soderman** advocated for our Flex JD format for legal writing in her presentation entitled, “Why a hybrid Legal Writing course is the best model for reaching all students and preparing them for practice in today’s world.” **Prof. Emeriti Lori Bannai and Laurel Oates** hosted a joint presentation called, “Questioning Authority: Using *Korematsu v. United States* to Teach Key Skills and Concepts in Legal Writing,” which described some of the learning modules that the *Korematsu* Center created for

various required law school courses, including legal writing.

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Koustubh “K.J.” Bagchi ’11** was recently named Vice President of Technology Policy at Chamber of Progress in D.C.

**Malou Chavez ’10** has been named the next [Executive Director](#) of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project.

**Erika Evans ’15 and Craig Sims ’97** were selected as Co-Chairs of [Washington Leadership Institute](#) (WLI), Leading Efforts to Recruit and Develop Underrepresented Attorneys for Leadership Positions.

**Amanda Hopkins ’06** was appointed chief judge for Colorado’s 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

**Ric Jacobs ’21** helped win a case in Columbia County regarding the removal of the [Rural Library District](#).

**Justice Charles Johnson ’76** became the longest serving [Washington Justice](#) on September 26.

**Georg Kaai ’16** recently joined Costco Wholesale as Corporate Counsel.

**Peter Kram ’76** recently won the WSBA Professionalism Award. The Professionalism Award is given to a WSBA member who exemplifies the spirit of professionalism in the practice of law.

**Kristina Markosova’14** was promoted to Principal Corporate Counsel at Microsoft.

**Pete Mazzone ’95** and **Tom Phelan ’80** both received The Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ President’s Award on June 9.

**Emily McDaniel ’20** was elected Chair of the Elder Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association and will serve a one-year term. Emily is an associate with Schwartz, McMinimee & Andrew, LLC in Denver, Colorado. Her practice focuses on estate administration, conservatorships resulting from financial exploitation of vulnerable elders, and trust administration.

**Edwardo Morfin ’14** was recently presented the Local Hero Award by the WSBA.

**Sean Parnell ’87**, former Alaska governor and current chancellor of University of Alaska, was appointed by U.S.

Senator Dan Sullivan to a new nine-member Alaska Federal Judiciary Council he has convened to make recommendations for nominations to Alaska's open federal judiciary seats. He will serve as [council chair](#).

**Raymond Delos Reyes '10** was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Washington State Clemency and Pardons Board where he'll help review petitions from incarcerated individuals who are asking the Governor for reduction or commutation of sentence, pardon, or restoration of the right to engage in political office.

**Robert Schiffner '90** received The Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' Champion of Justice award on June 9.

**Quita St. John '06** won gold for criminal defense and silver for DUI representation in the *Seattle Times* Best of the Pacific Northwest.

**Archita Taylor '13** recently joined Moss Adams as Corporate Counsel.

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES, APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS, AND OTHER DISTINCTIONS**

**Prof. Emerita Lori Bannai** will be receiving the President's Award at the Asian Bar Association of Washington's Gala this Fall, as well as the Asian American Luminary Award for Service and Leadership from the Chinese Institute of Engineers USA-Seattle Chapter.

**Asst. Dir Will Bassett** has accepted a position by invitation as a member of the Reaffirming Individuals Supporting Education (RISE) Alliance Advisory Council. Led by Executive Director Jay Austin who formerly oversaw admission and financial aid at the law schools of Rutgers University, UCI, Penn State, U Penn, and more, RISE Alliance is a national center within the Law School Admission Council which provides leadership and professional development support to student-facing law school staff. RISE Alliance focuses on how the lived narratives and layers of personal identities of law school staff can be influential in building and retaining a legal education pipeline that adds to the diversity of the legal profession.

**Prof. Michael Blasie** has begun teaching a customized course for the School of the New York Times for high school students from around the United States and the world. The course introduces them to the different branches of government and how each branch influences the creation and application of

laws. Also, **Prof. Blasie** was featured on the [website](#) of Observatorio de Lenguaje Claro of the School of Law of the University of Buenos Aires and Plain Language Association International (PLAIN) in a video marketing the event, in a webpage promoting the [keynote speakers](#), and on a webpage describing the panel [moderators](#). They released their website for the upcoming annual international plain language conference.

**Prof. Deirdre Bowen** appeared several times in media interviews and received a grant this summer: Interviewed three times, once by KIRO FM and twice by KING 5, regarding the Kohberger arraignment; Interviewed twice by KING 5 for the Belltown pregnant woman murder case and the Third-Party intervening risk in DV cases; Quoted many times in a *Seattle Times* article, [Private WA colleges pledge diversity in wake of Supreme Court affirmative action ruling | The Seattle Times](#); Spoke with a reporter from *The Telegraph* about the impact SB 5599 has on reporting requirements for minors at shelters while also seeking protected health care; Received a 1.9 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control. Alice Elyson is the P.I. and Prof. Bowen, along with her UW Firearm Injury Policy and Research Program colleagues, are a part of the research team. The title of the grant is *Preventing Firearm-related harm through Domestic Violence Protection Order firearm prohibitions and relinquishment*.

**Vice Dean Brooke Coleman** received an Inclusive Excellence Award at the Office of Diversity & Inclusion's 5-year celebration in June. Additionally, **Vice Dean Coleman** spoke with Kate Walters at KUOW/NPR regarding a [settlement case](#) involving a Seattle police officer. Finally, **Vice Dean Coleman** will serve on the AALS Standing Committee on Arc of Career Programs in the coming year.

**Assoc. Dean Kristin DiBiase** was a member of the conference planning committee for the 2023 National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals (NALSAP) conference held in Denver, June 13-15.

**Prof. Danieli Evans** was quoted in, [What the Supreme Court's Rejection of Affirmative Action Means for WA Colleges](#), WASHINGTON STATE STANDARD on June 29.

**Prof. Elizabeth Ford's** proposal, "The Un-Common Law of Police Collective Bargaining," has been provisionally approved by Arnold Ventures. Additionally, **Prof. Ford** was quoted in an article by Fast Company, [Seattle is at the forefront of gig worker protections](#), and an article by Washington State Standard, [Union sues to stop state purchase of psychiatric hospital until labor dispute is resolved](#). Finally, **Prof. Ford and the Workers' Rights Clinic** completed a grant agreement which commits Arnold Ventures to fund \$100,000 in research toward The Uncommon Law of Police Collective Bargaining. It will be a state-by-state survey of the administrative decision-

making to determine whether that common law has developed differently for police bargaining than all other types of bargaining. The \$100,000 will pay for a Workers' Rights Fellow to do research on this project. Special thanks to Sponsored Research Office Sarah Bricknell and Assistant Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations Lisabeth Bull.

**Prof. Jack Kirkwood** was quoted, interviewed, and appeared on news media this summer: Quoted in three national media on antitrust issues – *Time*, *Bloomberg News*, and *The Capitol Forum* (two stories); Appeared on *KIRO 7* commenting on the FTC's challenge to the Microsoft/Activision merger; Interviewed for a *New York Magazine* article on the FTC Chair, Lina Khan. Finally, **Prof. Kirkwood** signed onto two amicus briefs: Signed onto an amicus brief filed in the Ninth Circuit in support of the FTC's challenge to Microsoft/Activision; Signed onto an amicus brief filed in the Second Circuit in support of a private action alleging that Meta had excluded a rival.

**Assistant Dirs. Jessica Levin and Melissa Lee**, along with the Spring 2023 Civil Rights Clinic and co-counsel at TeamChild, filed a personal restraint (post-conviction) petition in the Washington State Court of Appeals on behalf of a Latino youth. The petition raises state constitutional challenges to the statute allowing children to be prosecuted in adult court (known as the discretionary decline statute), as well as to the procedures used to sentence youth in adult court. Both claims focus both on the improper role that race played in the client's case and leverage statewide statistical analyses showing that race is a statistically significant factor at both the front end (decline) and the back end (sentencing). Also, **Assistant Dirs. Lee and Levin** led the Calhoun Fellowship over the summer, supervising [six amazing student fellows](#) who had the opportunity to learn about and engage in race equity advocacy. This included a trip with Jerry Calhoun and Andrea Wenet to Montgomery, Alabama, to visit the Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum and Peace and Justice Memorial; a 10-week speaker series that introduced fellows to a variety of leaders from the bar and the community who are engaged in cutting-edge racial justice advocacy; and a variety of advocacy projects. The projects included working on a white paper addressing the racist underpinnings of Washington's three-strikes law, participating in an inquest proceeding, and drafting a pocket brief for King County Department of Public Defense that addressed the scope of the juvenile court's authority to incarcerate young people when they will be released into homelessness.

**Prof. Dean Spade** has been selected as the recipient of the 2024 Richard Tewksbury Award from the Executive Board of the Western Society of Criminology. This award was

established for significant contributions to scholarship or activism on the intersection of crime and sexuality.

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