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Dear Colleagues,

I want to extend my thanks to the law school faculty and staff who were involved in making the 5th Annual Domestic Violence Symposium, held on the SU campus last Thursday and Friday, such a success. Particular thanks go to Visiting Assistant Professor Sara Ainsworth for her leadership and to Rebecca Parker for leading our logistical team. I've heard from many of the attendees that the event was both intellectually stimulating and well-organized.

I also want to highlight last week's Sidebar receptions in downtown Seattle and Olympia, put on by the Alumni Relations Office. The receptions were very successful, but I will be asking for greater faculty attendance at future Sidebars. Thank you to those faculty and staff who participated, particularly the intrepid souls who ventured down I-5 to Olympia!

Have a great week.
Annette

Publications

Professor Bryan Adamson's chapter, "A Criminal Practitioner's Guide to the Media in Client Representation," has been released as part of the ABA's recently published book "Media Coverage in Criminal Justice Cases."

Upcoming Events

[Constitution Day Presentation](#)

Same-Sex Marriage: A Conversation
with Professors Shapiro & Siegel
Tuesday, September 17
2:30-4 p.m., Courtroom

[Red Mass](#)

Tuesday, October 1
5:30 p.m., Mass at Chapel of St. Ignatius
6:30-8 p.m., Reception, 2nd Floor Gallery

[James E. Bond Moot Court Competition Final Round](#)

Wednesday, October 9
4:30 p.m., Courtroom
5:30 p.m., Reception, 2nd Floor Gallery

Visit the School of Law website for more
[upcoming events](#).

Sara Rankin has accepted an offer to publish her article, “Invidious Deliberation: The Problem of Congressional Bias in Federal Hate Crime Legislation,” in Rutgers Law Review.

David Skover published “A Constitutional *Camerado* Inspires Us to Read Our Founding Document,” a review of Garrett Epps, *American Epic: Reading the U.S. Constitution* (Oxford University Press, 2013), for the Washington Independent Review of Books. He also coauthored (with Ron Collins) a lead article, “Foreword: *Buckley v. Valeo* Revisited,” in a SCOTUSblog symposium on *McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission* that included Erwin Chemerinsky, Robert Corn-Revere, and Adam Winkler, among others.

Denis Stearns has accepted an offer to publish his article, “A Continuing Plague: Faceless Transactions and the Coincident Rise of Food Adulteration and Legal Regulation of Quality,” in the Wisconsin Law Review.

Presentations

Tina Ching spoke to the Law Librarians of Puget Sound about her experience co-chairing the American Association of Law Libraries Local Arrangements Committee. The committee coordinated on-site and local activities for the 106th Annual Meeting and Conference in Seattle in July.

Margaret Fisher will present on teaching immigration issues at the American Bar Association Law-Related Education Leadership Conference in Atlanta Oct. 5.

Other news

Tom Antkowiak and students from his International Human Rights Clinic prepared a petition on behalf of Jason Puracal (brother of Janis Puracal, ‘07) demanding an end to ongoing abuses by the Government of Nicaragua and redress for the many violations suffered by Puracal and his family. The petition was filed before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on Monday, Sept. 16, the one-year anniversary of Jason's return to the United States after being held in a Nicaraguan prison for two years. A link to the full story is below.

<http://www.law.seattleu.edu/news-and-features/news/2013-news-archives/human-rights-clinic-files-petition-in-puracal-case>

On September 11, **Lori Bannai** was part of a panel addressing “Indefinite Detention without Due Process” at Seattle Town Hall. Her remarks commented on the WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans and the *Hedges v. Obama* litigation which challenged the indefinite detention provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act.

Bob Boruchowitz led a small group discussion at the inaugural meeting of the National Association for Public Defense at the University of Dayton Law School. More than 30 defender leaders from 21 states attended the working session to start the new organization.

Liz Ford facilitated a collective bargaining summit for leadership of Fire Department and Fire Fighter Associations from across Washington State sponsored by the Association of Washington Cities, Washington Council of Firefighters and Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs.

John Strait and **Bob Boruchowitz** assisted in *Wilbur et al v. City of Mount Vernon and City of Burlington*, U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington before Judge Lasnik. This is the first systemic §1983 challenge in federal court of municipal public defender offices that have been denying the effective assistance of counsel to indigent defendants since the *Monell* case in 1987. The ACLU, with the assistance of local counsel Perkins Coie and Terrell, Marshall, Daudt, and Willie, PLLC, allege that the cities’ contracts were so deficient that they collectively provided all indigent defendants in the municipal courts with constitutionally deficient representation. The case was based upon research developed by Professor Boruchowitz with student assistance. Professor Strait testified as an expert witness on Sixth Amendment Effective Assistance of Counsel and the constitutional standards to be applied to these public defender systems. A decision is expected in September.

Please send items to be included in the next Dean's Spotlight to [Katie Carcamo](#) in the Dean’s Office.

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