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Events & Announcements February 1 – February 5

Virtual Drop In Hours

Virtual Office Hours with Dean Clark

Monday, February 1st from 5:00 – 6:00pm – [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Student Life Office Drop In Hours with Colin Watrin

Wednesday, from 2:00 – 3:00 – [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Drop in Hours with Roderick Morrison, Senior Associate Director of Diversity, Equity, & Admission

Please email [Contact Info Redacted](#) to arrange a meeting time.

Externship Virtual Drop-In Hours

For general questions and guidance on the application process, students can meet with Samira Sharif by appointment. Please email [Contact Info Redacted](#) your availability.

Virtual Events This Week

Social Justice Monday: The Role of a Community Prosecutor

Feb 1 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office created the Crime Strategies Unit (CSU) to use a public health approach to firearm violence, aimed at developing evidence-based strategies to reduce preventable injuries and deaths. In the context of illegal shootings, a public health approach addresses the questions of who is being shot; why they are being shot; and how can we prevent future shootings. Join us for a discussion with **Darrah Hinton '17** on working as a community prosecutor with the CSU and the transformative role of a prosecutor. Ms. Hinton will elaborate on the work of the unit, explain her role within the unit, and speak about the immense responsibility that comes with being a prosecutor.

You can always see more details about student life related events in the coming weeks by visiting ConnectSU. Click the image below to view more.



Announcements

News from the Law Library

As you move ahead in this semester's classes, a reminder that the law library is open on a quiet study basis. We are ready to help you with mostly online services and some in-person services. If you need assistance, please reach out to:

- Research Questions: lawreference@seattleu.edu
- Circulation Questions: lawcirc@seattleu.edu
- Interlibrary Loan/Summit Questions: lawILL@seattleu.edu
- Check here for our [Contact Info Redacted](#)

When in the law library, please sign in on the 3rd and 4th floors. Be sure to follow all [health and safety requirements](#) and wear a face covering.

Law Library Stacks are Closed

For everyone's health and safety, the library stacks are closed. To request a book, please use the catalog or contact: lawcirc@seattleu.edu. Our circulation staff will obtain the book and place it on our contactless delivery shelf outside the library second floor entrance. All returned materials will be quarantined.

The G. Helen Whitener Scholarship Application Window is now Open!

The Womxn's Law Caucus and Black Law Students Association have collaborated to release the first annual G. Helen Whitener Scholarship, a \$2,000 award for a second or third year law student who demonstrates exemplary commitment to social justice and the betterment of their communities. **Applications are due by February 15th.**

Please see the SU Law [WLC](#) and [BSA](#) home pages for application packet and details or [Contact Info Redacted](#).

Joint Minority Mentorship (JMM) Program Registration

The Joint Minority Mentorship (JMM) program aims to pair law students and new lawyers (who self-identify as being from any and all historically marginalized or underrepresented groups) with mentor attorneys and judges (from all walks of life, including allies) to support mentees as they prepare to enter and navigate their legal careers. The program is generously sponsored by Foster Garvey, and hosted by the South Asian Bar Association of Washington, in partnership with several other minority bar associations (see below for details).

Once a year, participants are selected and formally matched. At the mandatory kick-off event, pairs will meet to create their own agreement regarding discussion topics, meetings, and follow-up activities. The formal program will last through 2021. But we hope the relationships will continue beyond!

[Contact Info Redacted](#) for program details and to register for the Kick-Off Event **on Tuesday, March 2nd from 6-9pm via Zoom**. (Pre-registration is required so we can match mentees and mentors in advance.)

A.I. Law Society: Tech Talk - February

Feb 18 | 4:00 – 5:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

A.I. Law Society is hosting Tech Talk for February!

Tech Talk is a monthly book club-like discussion group where we digest a short article or video about artificial intelligence, tech, and its impact on our daily lives as well as the community at large. Every month, a new item of interest in a different area of tech and A.I. and intersections in social justice is recommended by AILS's board members. We then get together to share our reactions, opinions, and ideas about the selected material.

This month, our topic of discussion is an article from the NY Times by Cade Metz titled "[Meet GPT-3. It Has Learned to Code \(and Blog and Argue\).](#)"

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/24/science/artificial-intelligence-ai-gpt3.html>

*Note the link may require you to create an NY Times account to read the article.

[This article is also accessible on Lexis.](#)*

We will discuss the pros and cons of AI having the ability to communicate through the written word and beyond. What does this mean for free speech? Are the writings produced by AI constitutionally or intellectually protected? Should it be? Is there liability when a person act to their detriment in response to AI-produced content i.e. social media bots? Should there be restrictions on AI-speech?

AILS Tech Talk is taking place on Thursday, February 18th from 4pm - 5pm via Zoom. Please RSVP on ConnectSU to confirm your attendance. We look forward to hearing everyone's reaction to the article!

Basic Immigration CLE

The Washington American Immigration Lawyer's CLE Committee is hosting a two day Basic Immigration CLE next month (2/25 & 2/26). It is aimed at lawyers and law students who are new to immigration law. The cost of this CLE is only \$74 for law students. For more information, including a full agenda, biographies of the speakers, and to register, please [Contact Info Redacted](#)

The Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington 2021 Judicial Externship

The Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington (VABAW) is pleased to offer judicial externships to clerk at the King County Superior Court (Seattle) and Washington State Court of Appeals Division I for a minimum of six (6) weeks. VABAW provides an **optional \$500 stipend** to each Externship Recipient. Currently, the sponsoring judges are **Judge Sean O'Donnell** and **Judge John Ruhl**. The externship is open to **1L, 2L and 3L law students** and application materials will be accepted on a rolling basis until positions have been filled. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.vabaw.com/> or email Nancy Pham at [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Judicial Clerkship at Tulalip Tribal Court

Accepting applications on a rolling basis for Spring 2021

Please provide a resume, letter of interest, transcript and a writing sample via email to: **Professor Gregory Silverman**, [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Description: The Tulalip Tribal Court is a general civil and misdemeanor criminal court. The Judicial Clerk will draft orders, research motions, draft memorandum on discreet legal issues, participate in multi-disciplinary meetings for drafting of rules. The position may require confidential research on procedural or substantive Indian criminal justice issues.

Qualifications: 2L or 3L preferred, but 1L may be considered depending on experience. Preferred applicants have excellent writing and interpersonal skills.

Compensation: \$16.40 per hour. Part-time (15 hrs/week) positions are available during Fall and Spring semesters. Full or part-time positions are available during Summer semester. SU students may **earn credit** through the **Externship program** (instead of the paid position). Please contact the Externship Office as soon as possible to ensure you qualify.

Supervisor and Location: Michelle Demmert, Chief Judge, Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. The position will be remote for Spring 2021, but travel to the court is possible to witness hearings in-person. Mileage reimbursement is available.

Other Deadlines: Summer 2021: applications accepted on a rolling basis until positions are filled.

Contact: For more information on the judicial clerkship at Tulalip Tribal Court, please contact Professor Gregory Silverman, CILP Faculty Director, via email at [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association Scholarship

Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association (WADA) intends to award at least one scholarship of \$2500 to a law student who has shown commitment to helping promote meaningful inclusion of people with disabilities throughout the legal profession and by sharing the personal experience of a person with disabilities while pursuing a legal career. More information about how to apply for this scholarship can be found [Contact Info Redacted](#). Submit the application and all supporting materials by March 30, 2021.

Companion Animal Law Writing Contest

The American Kennel Club (AKC) is pleased to announce the fourth annual Companion Animal Law Writing Contest! The contest begins on August 10th and is open to all students currently enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school

The contest will offer a first-place prize of \$2500 and a second-place prize of \$500. Students are asked to choose between two topics: [forfeiture of an animal and the legal treatment of animals as property](#). This year's topics offer students the unique opportunity to discuss legal perspectives on issues currently in the news and at the forefront of animal law.

Entries will be judged by legal and public policy professionals with experience in laws impacting companion animals.

Contestants can enter now through March 31, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. EST. To learn more about the contest, including official rules and policies, [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Earth Month LOGO Design Competition (...with a prize). Deadline: March 3, 2021

Students, faculty, and staff: get creative and have "the earth" be your inspiration! After last year's successful design competition, organizers of Seattle University's Earth Month activities, are looking for your contributions again. Create a logo, and **your design may become the face of Earth Month (April) 2021 at SU.**

The **winner will receive a \$25 gift card to SU's Campus Store & \$25 donation to an environmental organization of their choosing.** The winning creation will be used to publicize SU's earth month initiatives on social media, website, flyers, and more. More information can be found at www.seattleu.edu/earthmonth

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