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Events & Announcements February 16 – February 19

Virtual Drop In Hours

Virtual Office Hours with Dean Clark

Tuesday, February 16th from 12:15 – 1:00pm & 5:00 – 6:00pm – [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Dean DiBiase's Office Hours

In addition to meeting with students by appointment, Dean DiBiase will be holding office hours on Zoom each Wednesday.

One-on-One

The weekly one-on-one office hour session is broken into four 15-minute slots, with availability for one student per slot. Students can book a slot here:

[Contact Info Redacted](#)

Open Office

On the first Wednesday of each month (subject to change depending on the law school events calendar), Dean DiBiase will also have an hour of open office time where students can get to know her and each other. The next open office hour is scheduled for [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

Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Law Discussion

Feb 16 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Come join the Health Law Society for its first general body meeting of the spring semester! We will be joined by guest speaker, Karla Lopez. Ms. Lopez is the Supervising Attorney of **Community Health Access to Addiction and Mental Healthcare Project (CHAMP)**, New York State's health insurance ombudsman program for people who need substance use disorder and mental health care. Ms. Lopez led the launch of CHAMP in 2018 and manages its staff and network of partner organizations around the state.

See you there!

PILF Grants Information Session

Feb 16 & 18 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | See Zoom Links Below

Interested in applying for a PILF grant for your summer internship at a public interest organization? Attend one of the PILF Grant Info Sessions with PILF Grants Coordinators, Ellen Evans and Emily Justin, to learn about the application process.

The first session is on February 16 at noon via [Contact Info Redacted](#).

A second session will be held February 18 at noon via [Contact Info Redacted](#).

Both sessions will be recorded and will be available on [Contact Info Redacted](#).

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)"

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*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!

Intellectual Property Law Society - General Body Meeting

Feb 19 | 5:30 – 6:30pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Please join the Intellectual Property Law Society (IPLS) at this year's first general body meeting. We will be discussing a number of topics, but most importantly, want to welcome any new members interested in learning more about IP!

Additionally, we would like to share information about:

- Upcoming IPLS Board member elections for 2021 - 2022
- Upcoming IP events hosted by IPLS
- Important Clinic & Externship Presentation from Externship Program Advisor

Please come with questions, comments, or suggestions! Hope to see you on Zoom!

The Federalist Society Presents *Created Equal: Clarence Thomas In His Own Words*

Feb 19 | 7:00 – 9:30 pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

In honor of Black History Month, the Federalist Society is excited to present a virtual screening of *Created Equal: Justice Thomas In His Own Words* on Friday, February 19th, from 7:00 to 9:00, with a short 30 minute discussion of the film to follow the presentation. Few know Justice Clarence Thomas beyond his contentious confirmation, and this film explores his life in being born poor in the segregated South to his rise to become one of the most influential justices in the highest court of the land. Come to learn more about Justice Clarence Thomas - in his own words!

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.

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Announcements

News from the Law Library

Racial Justice Book Group

If you signed up for this year's Racial Justice Book Group, you should hear from your facilitator soon. Here is information on the three titles, including ebooks links and call numbers for a limited number of library copies:

[Caste by Isabel Wilkerson](#)

Call Number: LAW-Reserve **Contact Info Redacted**

ISBN: 9780593230251

Publication Date: 2020-08-04

Discussion questions are available from [LitLovers](#)

[How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi](#)

Call Number: LAW-Reserve **Contact Info Redacted**

ISBN: 9780525509288

Publication Date: 2019-08-13

Discussion questions are available from [Penguin Random House](#)

[Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi](#)

Call Number: LAW-Reserve **Contact Info Redacted**

ISBN: 9781568585987

Publication Date: 2017-08-15

We have included two books by Ibram X. Kendi. The Dean's office has purchased several online tickets for **Contact Info Redacted** on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 7:30 pm, sponsored by Seattle Arts and Lectures. These tickets will be available with priority to book group participants.

Health and Safety

Please remember that students may only enter Sullivan Hall if they have a [negative COVID test](#) on file with the University Health Center. Prior to coming to campus, you must also complete the **Contact Info Redacted**. Your screening results will be delivered immediately to your Seattle University e-mail account. Make sure you have received an approval message prior to arriving on campus. While on campus, you must wear your face coverings and practice physical distancing at all times.

Fredric C. Tausend Moot Court Competition Results

Congratulations to **Devin Epp** (first place) and **David Rund** (runner up) as the winners of the 2021 Tausend Moot Court Competition.

BLSA Presents The American History Museum: The Unspoken Truths

Monday, Feb. 22 | 3:30p | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Seattle University BLSA is excited to host, alongside University of Washington BLSA, *The American History Museum: The Unspoken Truths* virtual event!

The national award-winning museum chronicles the rich history of Africans in Africa prior to American Chattel Slavery, the experiences and impact of American Chattel Slavery and of the Jim Crow Era, while also detailing the many contributions African Americans have had on scientific, cultural, and technological inventions/innovations in the U.S., and the world. The 90-minute event, led by museum founder and curator, Delbert Richardson, will include an open dialogue in Q&A format.

The event takes place on **Monday, February 22nd at 3:30pm**. The event is free to attend, and the first 10 registrants will receive a \$25 Postmates code!

Legal Education at Seattle U: What Is and What Could Be

Feb 23 | 5:00 – 6:00 pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Jeffrey Minneti as the William C. Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence will present Legal Education at Seattle U: What Is and What Could Be. Jeff Minneti has directed Seattle University School of Law's Academic Resource Center (ARC) since 2015, leading a team of dedicated academic support professionals whose focus is to equip students with the skills they need to accomplish their personal best in law school and pass the bar exam. He teaches Criminal Law to students entering through the Access Admission program, as well as Trusts and Estates and Enhanced Analytical Skills to upper-level students. Professor Minneti's scholarship focuses on two interests: (1) the intersection of behavioral economics and environmental regulation and (2) the study of how students' preferences, choices, and behaviors affect their academic performance.

KCBA NLD Pro Bono Services Volunteer Orientation

The KCBA New Lawyer Division is pleased to host a joint training program for the Housing Justice Project and the Records Project. Representatives from both projects will be presenting via Zoom on **February 24, 2021**, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Participants will be eligible to apply and begin volunteering upon completion of the program. In true NLD form, a virtual happy hour will immediately follow the training modules.

[Contact Info Redacted](#)

Participants will be sent a Zoom link via Eventbrite closer to the event date. Please contact Zach Davison [Contact Info Redacted](#) with any questions.

Epoch: Going Beyond a Racial Reckoning

February 26, 2021 | 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM PST

Please join Seattle University Black Law Student Association and Law Review for the debut of our annual Spotlight Symposium. The events of 2020 have provided another opportunity for us all to scrutinize and examine systems that perpetuate racism. We

welcome Black deans from law schools around the country for a critical discussion on the legal education space as it pertains to Black law students—particularly in periods where racial injustice is at the forefront of the nation’s consciousness. We hope to provide some historical context for the current moment, highlight race equity efforts across the legal field, and reimagine a future where the legal landscape is centered around race equity and anti-racism. [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Commencement Committee – First Meeting

Interested anticipated graduates are welcome to join us for the first planning meeting of the Commencement Committee on Thursday, February 18 at 11:00am on Zoom: [Contact Info Redacted](#).

The Commencement Committee is responsible for selecting Faculty Marshals and Faculty Hooders, as well as organizing the selection of the Student Speaker and Outstanding Faculty Award/Faculty Speaker (voted by members of the graduating class). **This year, in addition to its traditional responsibilities, the Commencement Committee will take an active role in planning and decision-making regarding the format and execution of our Commencement Ceremony.** If you are interested in helping, but cannot attend the meeting, please email [Contact Info Redacted](#) and we will be sure you are connected with Commencement Committee activities going forward.”

Time to order your regalia

Rental of regalia is provided free of charge to graduates. There are no special cords, tassels, or colors for students graduating with honors. Some student organizations will bestow stoles or cords to be worn at the ceremony; however, these will not be a part of your rental package.

You may now submit your order your regalia online through the Jostens website at [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Please order your regalia by Friday, March 19, 2021!

Your regalia will be shipped to you at your home address, usually within 5 weeks of your order. **Your regalia is a rental.** Jostens will include a UPS label with your shipment for return to Jostens. **Hold on to this label** and return your regalia directly to Jostens after the ceremony.”

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.)

The FDCC Foundation Barb Currie Diversity Scholarship

The FDCC Foundation Barb Currie Diversity Scholarship is open to application by all diverse law school students and prospective students. The selected recipients will receive a \$5,000 academic scholarship to the law school of their choice and have an opportunity to intern for an FDCC law firm or company in the geographic areas where they wish to practice between their second and third year of law school.

[Contact Info Redacted](#). To apply, please submit the following materials no later than **March 15, 2021**

American Bar Association (ABA) Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources (SEER) Writing Competitions

Eight SEER competitions are accepting entries during the 2020-2021 ABA year. Each competition represents a chance to win a \$1,000 cash prize. Entry Deadline: May 31, 2021. Visit the [Contact Info Redacted](#) for more details on the eight different competitions. If you are not already a member of the ABA and/or SEER, law students can [Contact Info Redacted](#) to access a multitude of [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Sexual Citizens

Free Book And Author Webinar

On February 22, 2021, at 12pm, Seattle University in collaboration with University of Washington will host a conversation with Jennifer S. Hirsch and Shamus Khan authors of the highly acclaimed *Sexual Citizens: A landmark study of sex, power, and assault on college campuses*. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend the webinar and students are eligible to receive a copy of the book prior to the event. To sign up for the webinar, receive a link, and request a copy of the book please RSVP through ConnectSU, or [Contact Info Redacted](#)

For more information about the event, please contact [Contact Info Redacted](#)

This event is being sponsored by Wellness and Health Promotion, Health and Wellness Crew (HAWC), the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, the Anthropology Club, Women and Gender Sexuality Studies Department, and Master of Social work Program at Seattle University, and in collaboration with the University of Washington.

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](#)

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 opens 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](#)

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