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Events & Announcements February 22 – February 26

Virtual Drop In Hours

Virtual Office Hours with Dean Clark

Monday, February 22nd from 12:00 – 1:00pm – [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Thursday, February 25th from 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 3:00 – 4:00 – **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.

SBA E-BOARD OFFICE HOURS

President, Amanda Simantov

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am – 1:00pm

Please email **Contact Info Redacted** to arrange a meeting time.

Vice-President, Ean Tatum

Monday Wednesday 8:00am - 10am and Fridays 8:00am-10am.

Please email **Contact Info Redacted** to arrange a meeting time.

Treasurer, Jamie Wilson

Tuesdays 8:30am – 10:30am and Fridays 5:00pm – 8pm

Please email **Contact Info Redacted** to arrange a meeting time.

Virtual Events This Week

Social Justice Monday: International Refugee Assistance Project: Looking Forward to the Next Chapter of Immigration Law and Policy

Feb 22 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | **Contact Info Redacted**

The **International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)** is an international organization that provides legal advocacy for refugees and displaced people in need of a safe place to call home. IRAP works with clients from all over the world to navigate pathways to safety through free legal direct representation, systemic advocacy, and litigation. Following a brief introduction by IRAP students about the work of the SU Chapter, IRAP attorney **Mary Dahdouh** will discuss her experience working as an immigration attorney, as well as the harsh reality of persistent weak spots in U.S. immigration policy, and her hopes for a legal future that is more approachable and efficient for displaced clients. Ms. Dahdouh will also touch upon the importance of cross-cultural understanding in immigration work and offer insight into pursuing a successful career working with refugee and asylum-seeking clients.

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!

Public Defender Panel Discussion

Hosted by the Defender Rising Project

Tuesday, February 23; 12:30 – 1:30pm; Via Contact Info Redacted

Join a panel discussion on how to pursue a career in public defense. Meet public defenders from San Juan County Public Defense, City of Spokane Public Defender, and Thurston County Public Defense in a panel discussion about public defense across the state, what employers are looking for, and how to gain experience in this virtual post-COVID world.

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.

APILSA presents: Lunch with First-Generation Lawyers

Feb 24 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | Contact Info Redacted

APILSA is excited to host another Lunch with Lawyers, a series of events where we chat with lawyers from our legal community. This time around we will be featuring a panel of first-generation lawyers Liz Lee, Nam Nguyen, and Fabian Lucero. Join our panelists for an informal conversation about their experiences as a first-generation lawyer in their respective legal fields. Contact Info Redacted

A.I. Law Society Spring General Membership Meeting

Feb 24 | 4:00 – 5:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Please join the A.I. Law Society for its Spring General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, February 24 at 4:00 pm! New members welcome! We will discuss plans for this semester, along with upcoming board openings and board elections for next school year. Open positions include Treasurer, Secretary, Event Chair, and Social Media Chair. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom!

[Contact Info Redacted](#)

VLS February General Meeting

Feb 24 | 4:30 – 5:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Please join the Veterans Law Society for their March General meeting to find out about the organization's future plans, the E-Board election cycle, and more.

OutLaws General Body Meeting

Feb 25 | 12:00 – 12:45 pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

We are holding our first general body meeting on **Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.** via Zoom to discuss upcoming speaking events and scholarship/job opportunities.

Closed captioning will be available. We hope to see you there!

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](#)

The Federalist Society Presents "Regulation During the Pandemic - The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly of Agency Action During COVID"

Feb 26 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Please join the Federalist Society as regulatory expert and small business advocate, Karen Harned, discusses "Regulation During the Pandemic – The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly of Agency Action During COVID." In this presentation, Ms. Harned will examine state and federal regulatory responses to the pandemic, including highlights and lowlights of the 50-state regulatory response to the pandemic; the federal response, resulting in many things including regulatory waivers, rulemaking in "real-time," and the use of guidance documents to inform stakeholders; and lessons learned so far. Join us on Friday, February 26, 2021 at noon for this engaging event!

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 Sunday to Saturday, from 7am-10pm, 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 hours.

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.

Fun Reading

Looking for something to read in your down time? The law library carries a selection of new, popular (mostly fiction) titles in our McNaughton section. Recent additions include Sigrid Nunez's *What are you going through*, Ezra Klein's *Why We're Polarized*, and Peter Baker and Susan Glasser's *The Man Who Ran Washington*. You can use  to get to a list of what's available. From the catalog, you can place a hold, or you can email lawcirc@seattleu.edu for help. All check out for 6 weeks. Additional fun books are available in our Walkover collection; use  to search those.

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.

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.)

Workers' Rights in the Wake of a Global Pandemic

Hosted by the Seattle Journal for Social Justice | Fri, March 5, 2021 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Even before COVID-19 exploded in the United States, the worklaw system here had already created levels of wealth and income inequality not seen since the great depression, systematically divesting Black, native, immigrant and other vulnerable communities of wealth and income. The COVID-19 pandemic has magnified these inequities and enhanced the need for a conversation to both expose the underlying structures and to offer paths forward to a healthier future. This symposium aims to create space for that conversation among academics, practitioners, and community advocates to analyze the ways in which the COVID-19 outbreak has impacted safeguards for workers. [Contact Info Redacted](#)

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](#)

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 [visit the Events page at ailawa.org](#).

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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