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## **Events & Announcements March 1 – March 5**

### **Virtual Drop In Hours**

#### **Virtual Office Hours with Dean Clark**

Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.

**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: The Fight to End Violence Against Indigenous Women**

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

American Indian and Alaska Native women experience domestic violence, sexual assault, and even murder at alarming rates, much higher than other demographics in the U.S. The historical treatment of Indigenous women in the U.S. has contributed to the prevalence of violence against them within their communities today. The fight to change the circumstances for Indigenous women has been ongoing, including the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in 2013 and the recent formation of a Federal Task Force on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in 2020. Join us for a panel discussion with **Judge Theresa Pouley and King County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Aubony Burns** on the history of the fight to end violence against Indigenous women, the current efforts in progress to continue this fight, and the future of the movement, including ways to get involved as law students and future lawyers. We invite you to support the fight by wearing red on March 1 in honor of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women.

**SBA Council Meeting**

**March 1 | 6:00 – 7:00pm**

Join the Student Bar Association for our bi-monthly council meeting for updates from your Council Representatives and the Executive Board. **Email SBA Secretary, [Contact Info Redacted](#) for the MS Teams link.** In accordance with our bylaws, please

note that our council meetings adhere to Robert's Rules of Order. If you have questions regarding the procedure of our meetings, please email SBA Parliamentarian, Sam Mintz-Gentz. Past meeting minutes and council news can be found on our Connect SU page.

## **#freethemall: A Discussion on Ending Detention Centers in Washington and Beyond**

**March 3 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)**

Please join National Lawyers Guild at noon on Wednesday, March 3rd, in welcoming Alejandra Gonza and Maru Mora Villalpando to discuss the abolition of immigration detention centers. During #FREETHEMALL: A DISCUSSION ON ENDING DETENTION CENTERS IN WA AND BEYOND Alejandra Gonza and Maru Mora Villalpando will share with us their assessment of immigration detention centers, focusing on their work to shut down the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Washington.

Maru Mora Villalpando was born and raised in Mexico City. She first came to the United States in the early 90s and has been the CEO of the Latino Advocacy Program since 2010. As a prominent activist, she has appeared on news channels such as MSNBC and Democracy Now, and is well known for her key role in the organization of the protests at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Washington.

Alejandra Gonza is the Executive Director of Global Rights Advocacy, a non-profit specialized in the use of international human rights mechanisms. Formerly, Gonza was the Director of the International Human Rights Clinic at the University of Washington School of Law, where she currently teaches Human Rights Advocacy as an Affiliate Professor of Law. An Argentine lawyer, Gonza served as an attorney at the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights, and frequently litigates before both institutions. She has published on several topics in human rights, such as freedom of expression, personal liberty, and indigenous rights. In 2018, Gonza was a visiting scholar at the University of Notre Dame Law School.

## **Student and Lawyer Wellness through Health at Every Size®**

**March 3 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)**

Have you ever considered how your relationship with food and your body may be impacting your wellbeing? Have you ever considered how justice intersects with the healthcare sector? If so, we invite you to join the Wellness Working Group for our next Wellness Wednesday workshop featuring Opal:Food+Body Wisdom Co-Founder, Julie Church, RDN, CD, CEDRD-S.

As advocates and members of the legal community, it's our job to create safe and inclusive spaces for all, especially those in marginalized bodies. When we choose to place a moral value on weight loss or "dedication to health," we risk alienating those in the community who need it most.

This workshop will outline the problem with our current weight-centric healthcare approach and introduce the principles of a weight-inclusive approach called Health at Every Size®. Learn how your words, actions, and interactions (even via zoom!) may be contributing to another person's negative relationship with food or their body. Discover how your relationship with food or your body image may be stealing time, energy, well-being, and happiness from your life as a law student, faculty

member, or law school staff. Topics will include diet culture, nutrition, weight, weight stigma, self-worth, body image, and mental health, allowing for professional and personal application.

This workshop will provide education and information, as well as space for discussion/Q&A.

## **LELA Employment Discrimination Panel**

**March 4 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)**

Join LELA on **Thursday, March 4th at noon** for a robust discussion with three Seattle-based employment discrimination attorneys.

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Hardeep Singh Rekhi is an owner and partner of Rekhi & Wolk, P.S. His practice focuses on immigration, individual employee rights as well as class action wage and hour litigation. He has been an attorney for over 10 years. Mr. Rekhi's practice encompasses all aspects of federal and state civil rights litigation with respect to employment, including discrimination, wrongful termination, failure to accommodate, and sexual harassment. His practice includes representing employees to recover for unpaid wages, including overtime.

Ada K. Wong is the managing partner at AKW law and Adjunct Professor at the Seattle University School of Law, teaching Employment Discrimination. She is also an Arbitrator for King and Snohomish Counties. Further, she currently serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the WSAJ *Trial News*, Editorial Board Member of the American Inns of Court *The Bench*, and Public Relations Chair of the William L. Dwyer American Inns of Court. She was the Past-President of the Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington. Ada has authored many published articles and is a speaker at various lawyer's continuing legal education seminars.

Nicole Gainey is a 2014 Seattle University School of Law graduate. She is a solo practitioner who focuses her practice on Plaintiff's side Employment law - particularly cases related to sexual harassment and assault in the workplace.

## **OutLaws & The Non-Binary, Gender Non-Conforming, and Allies Student Association presents: A Discussion on Washington SB 5313, Trans Law Legislation Concerning Insurance Discrimination and Coverage for Gender-Affirming Care**

**March 5 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)**

Please join OutLaws and NGNCA in welcoming Catherine West (Legal Voice), Dana Savage (QLaw Association), Ari Robbins (QLaw Volunteer), Mattie Mooney (Trans Women of Color Solidarity Network), Alphonse Littlejohn (QLaw Association), and Donato Fatuesi (U.T.O.P.I.A. Seattle) to discuss SB 5313, a bill concerning insurance discrimination and coverage for gender-affirming care. This bill, if passed, would (1) prevent insurance carriers from denying coverage for gender-affirming treatment, and (2) ensure that carriers will help identify geographically accessible and timely care at an in-network rate should a carrier not have an adequate network for gender-affirming treatment.

See the text of the bill prior to this event at

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## Workers' Rights in the Wake of a Global Pandemic

Hosted by the Seattle Journal for Social Justice | March 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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

#### Updated Research Guide for Study Aids

The law library has updated its [Study Aids Research Guide](#). In addition to browsing by subject and series, you can link to Quimbee, CALL, and our recently launched Lexis Digital Library to find your preferred physical and digital materials. For recent and upcoming graduates, the research guide also provides resources that will aid your preparation for the bar exam.

#### Need to Print?

You can print to the self-serve DDC on the 2nd floor of the library or the two printers on the 3rd floor of the library. Be sure that your laptop has been configured for printing. Contact Law Technology for assistance: [lawhelp@seattleu.edu](mailto:lawhelp@seattleu.edu).

#### Need Help?

The library [website](#) has info on our hours, services, and policies. Or reach out to us:

Research questions: [lawreference@seattleu.edu](mailto:lawreference@seattleu.edu)

Circulation questions: [lawcirc@seattleu.edu](mailto:lawcirc@seattleu.edu)

Interlibrary/Summit loan questions: [lawILL@seattleu.edu](mailto:lawILL@seattleu.edu)

## 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.)

## Fighting Capital Punishment: A Conversation with Cassandra Stubbs - A review of the ACLU's work to oppose the death penalty

**Tuesday, March 9 | 5 p.m. | Contact Info Redacted**

As a part of our signature Influential Voices speaker series, attorney Cassandra Stubbs will join us to discuss her work as director of the Capital Punishment Project at the ACLU. The project promotes both abolition and systemic reform of the death penalty process through direct representation, strategic litigation, systemic reform, and public education and advocacy.

Professor Deborah Ahrens will moderate the conversation.

## Kellye Testy Scholarship

Seattle University's Womxn's Law Caucus is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a 2L or 3L SU Law student who exemplifies the leadership qualities of the WLC's core values. Seattle University's Womxn's Law Caucus is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a 2L or 3L SU Law student who exemplifies the leadership qualities of the WLC's core values. The WLC is dedicated to the support and development of womxn as active and supportive members of the legal community. Through our network of legal professionals and students, the WLC encourages students to interact with their current and future professional peers for both personal and professional development. The WLC originally created this scholarship to recognize the outstanding professional and personal accomplishments of Kellye Y. Testy, the first woman appointed as dean by the Seattle University School of Law. Dean Testy served as dean from 2004 to 2009, and founded the Access to Justice Institute, the Korematsu Center for Law and Equality and other programs during her time. **Application deadline March 15, 2021 – 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**

## A.I. Law Society: Tech Talk - March

**March 18 | 5:00 – 6:00 pm | Contact Info Redacted**

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

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 and opinions.

This month, our topic focuses on issues arising from the use of AI in the tech industry, primarily issues of privacy and lack of regulation. We will also talk about which parties are involved in the decision-making process on how to address AI concerns internally, such as engineers, lawyers, and organization directors, and how they drive the industry standards in a mostly unregulated field.

Two items to read include the [IEEE Code of Ethics for Engineers](#) and [Approaches to Regulating AI](#) (pages 2-7: "How to Think about Tech Regulation;" "What Policymakers need to know about 'Soft Law';" and pages 27-29: "Understanding calls for Regulating AI"). Consider whether you think it is sufficient to encourage engineers to utilize AI in an appropriate fashion.

Our March Tech Talk will be joined by Professor Chinen, Professor Kosa, and other working tech lawyers. This will serve as an informal networking opportunity as well as a learning opportunity on these issues being applied to real world scenarios.

AILS Tech Talk will take place on Thursday, March 18th from 5pm - 6pm via Zoom.

Please RSVP on ConnectSU to confirm your attendance. We look forward to hearing everyone's thoughts!

## 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**!

## 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](#).

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