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## **Events & Announcements**

### **April 12 – April 16**

#### **Student Life Office Staff Transitions**

I'd like to start this week's newsletter by sharing some news regarding staff changes in the Student Life Office. After close to five years working with the Student Life and Admission departments of the law school I will be transitioning into a new role as Director of the Flex JD Program. It has been a pleasure working with the law student community during this time and getting to know you as prospective students and through your various involvements as student leaders.

We are delighted to welcome Tony Vo, who will assume the role of Assistant Director of Admission & Student Life starting Monday, April 12 (today!). Tony is a graduate of Seattle University's Doctoral program in Educational Leadership in Adult, Post-Secondary and Higher Education, and was most recently the Program Manager for Health & Wellness at Bellevue College. Tony brings a wealth of student advising and student development experience to the School of Law. Please take a moment to welcome him!

Best,  
-Colin

#### **Virtual Drop In Hours**

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

Monday, April 12th 5-6pm – [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Thursday, April 15th 1-2pm – [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 **May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.**

### **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**

Valerie (President) - T/TH - 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Lauren (Vice President) - M/W - 12 PM - 2:30 PM

Nathan (Treasurer) - T/TH - 11 AM - 1:30 PM

## **Virtual Events This Week**

### **Social Justice Monday: The Harms of Conditional Scholarships: How the Community can Come Together to Ensure the Protection of Marginalized Students**

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

The **National Lawyers Guild (NLG)** is a progressive public interest association of lawyers, law students, paralegals, jailhouse lawyers, law collective members, and other activist legal workers. The NLG's mission is to use law for the people, uniting lawyers, law students, legal workers, and jailhouse lawyers to function as an effective force in the service of the people by valuing human rights and the rights of ecosystems over property interests. Please join us in welcoming our colleagues, **Madison Moreno and Mariana Molina Beltran**, to discuss the negative impact that conditional scholarships have on students. Specifically, we will examine what

conditional scholarships are and how they work, as well as how the community can come together to ensure that the scholarship program is one that serves our most marginalized students.

### **APILSA Presents: Lunch with Lawyers**

**April 14 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)**

Join APILSA for our last Lunch with Lawyers for this academic year! This year, APILSA launched Lunch with Lawyers, a series of lunch hour chats with attorneys in our community. For our last event of the semester, we'll be sitting with George Kaai (attorney at Miller Nash Graham & Dunn), Serin Ngai (founder of Sound Family Solutions, PLLC), and Michelle Pham (partner at Helsell Fetterman), SU Law alums. Our guests will be speaking with us about their SU Law experiences and how to best prepare for your career while in law school. Join us on Wednesday, April 14, at noon. We hope to see you there! Zoom Meeting ID: 979 3259 8617

### **State v. Blake: Implications on Simple Drug Possession Convictions in Washington State**

**April 14 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)**

Please join SUPAA on Wednesday, April 14, at 12:00pm (PDT) for its last general body meeting of the year!

**Jon Zulauf**, co-founder of Seattle Clemency Project and attorney at Zulauf & Chambliss, will lead the discussion surrounding the Washington State Supreme Court's recent decision in *State v. Blake*.

On February 25, 2021, the supreme court ruled that the statute criminalizing simple possession of drugs is unconstitutional. This is a categorical holding and extends to every simple possession conviction regardless of drug, quantity, time, or classification (felony or misdemeanor). Mr. Zulauf will discuss the case, its impact on individuals, and what courts and prosecutors plan on doing with past and current cases.

### **Processing the Derek Chauvin Trial**

**April 14 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)**

The ongoing trial of Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, charged with the murder of George Floyd, has brought up difficult questions about the criminal justice system and powerful emotions for observers. Please join Distinguished Practitioner in Residence Michael Russo and guests Leslie and Jeffrey Kelley to ask questions, discuss precedent, or express concerns.

### **BELA Lunch & Learn with Seattle Startup Attorney**

**April 14 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)**

Please join us for a conversation with Paul Swegle, a renowned Seattle startup attorney.

**Paul's Bio:** [Paul Swegle](#) wrote the book on entrepreneurial law in the Seattle area - [literally](#). After serving with the SEC, reviewing hundreds of IPOs and M&As, Paul made the shift to advising tech startups in the Seattle area. He currently serves as general counsel for a number of the companies he helped launch and boasts expertise in corporate governance, intellectual property, fundraising, M&A, and more. Additionally, Paul is an Adjunct Professor at the Seattle University School of

Law, teaching a [SITIE](#) course titled Counseling Startups. If you have any interest in practicing entrepreneurial law, Paul Swegle is a must-know.

## KCBA New Lawyers Division Networking Event

**April 14 | 5:00pm |** [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Looking for networking opportunities? The KCBA New Lawyers Division is hosting a speed mentorship event on **April 14, 2021 at 5 p.m.** The purpose of the event is to provide mentorship and networking opportunities for law students who have been all or mostly virtual over the past year and have not had access to the types of in-person events that they normally would in law school.

Similar to “speed dating,” this event will allow participants to match with multiple mentors and make connections in a short timeframe, promoting long-term conversation and relationships as law students transition into the practice. The event will utilize Zoom breakout rooms to enable students and mentors to interact in small groups, the way they would at an in-person speed networking event. If you would like to participate, please [Contact Info Redacted](#) :

As a reminder, law students get free membership to KCBA as well two free sections. If you’re interested, you can sign up as a student member on the [Contact Info Redacted](#)

## Practical Advice for Gender-Related Issues in the Legal Field

**April 15 | 11:45am – 12:45pm |** [Contact Info Redacted](#)

This virtual event will feature a panel of Washington State Gender & Justice Commission Members and Affiliates who work in various fields of law. After a main panel of introductions, students will have the ability to choose a breakout room for more in depth and personal conversations. The goal of these breakout rooms is to provide students with networking opportunities while simultaneously promoting discussion on modern gender-related issues in our profession. The breakout room topics will focus on (1) Identity and Intersectionality in the Workplace; (2) Uncomfortable Moments: Navigating Offensive Conduct and Microaggressions in the Workplace and in Interviews; and (3) Negotiating a Salary and Other Difficult Conversations. This is a [Contact Info Redacted](#) in one of the three breakout rooms.

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

**April 15 | 4:00 – 5:00pm |** [Contact Info Redacted](#)

A.I. Law Society is hosting Tech Talk for April! Please RSVP on [Contact Info Redacted](#) where you will find the Zoom link as well.

For April, we are excited to host Vikram Modgil, Head of Growth at [Symbi](#), a tech company focusing on Conversational Intelligence. He will present on various topics in the industry, including Compliance and AI in Compliance. After his presentation, we'll open the floor for Q&A. Vikram Modgil is also the founder of [The Good AI Org](#), which hosts monthly meet ups to discuss transparency of ethical AI. SU's own Professor Mark Chinen was recently a keynote speaker!

AILS's Tech Talk operates as a monthly book club-like discussion group where we talk about an interesting article, podcast, or video about artificial intelligence, technology, and its intersection into community issues and social justice. Tech Talk is

open to all, regardless of familiarity or experience with technology or artificial intelligence. We hope to see everyone there!

## **Cannabis Law Society: A Discussion on Washington's 2021 Cannabis Legislation**

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

Please join Cannabis Law Society for a discussion on 2020-21 Washington cannabis legislation and what it means for Washington's cannabis industry. We are pleased to welcome Ammon Ford and Justin Walsh from Gleam Law and Kenneth Ford from Cultiva Law to discuss how the 2020-21 legislative session policy changes will shape cannabis law practice moving forward.

## **Federalist Society Lunchtime Happy Hour Meet and Greet**

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

Have lunch with the Federalist Society! Come join the Federalist Society at noon on Friday, April 16th, for a virtual Zoom lunchtime happy hour to learn more about the Federalist Society, discuss current events, and enjoy good company! If you are interested in running for office, we would be happy to answer any questions about Chapter membership and leadership. We look forward to seeing with you there!

## **Journal Information Session**

**April 16 | 4:00 – 5:00 pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)**

Please join the incoming Managing Editors of Law Review, Seattle Journal for Social Justice (SJSJ), Seattle Journal of Technology, Environmental & Innovation Law (SJTEIL), and the American Indian Law Journal (AILJ), for an info Session this **Friday, April 16, 2021, at 4pm**. This meeting is mandatory for anyone who is considering joining a law journal for the 2021-2022 school year. We will discuss all that you need to know to prepare for SU's Annual Write-On Competition, as well as answer any questions you might have about our journals. This effort will be part of a two week series of recruitment events, so be on the lookout for more information about what you can do to get involved with our journals!

This session will be recorded, however, we are only waiving the mandatory attendance requirement in a limited number of circumstances. If you need an accommodation for attendance or any other purpose, please email William B. Heberling at [Contact Info Redacted](#) and Rayshaun Williams-Hardie at [Contact Info Redacted](#)

## **ESLA Night of Fun**

**April 16 | 5:30 – 7:30pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)**

Join ESLA for our second annual Night of Fun!

Play Jeopardy regarding pop culture, sports & music and one lucky player will win a prize for winning Jeopardy! We will also get to know the 2021-2022 Executive Board, learn about upcoming events & internships, and discuss other ESLA related topics.

This is a fun way to destress with ESLA before finals and have a final meeting of the year before we are all off to our summer adventures. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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**

#### **Library Study Room Reminders**

At this time, the library study rooms are available for individual study only. Classrooms on the 1st floor of Sullivan Hall are available for group work. Please reach out to library circulation for questions about reservation or current guidelines ([libcirc@seattleu.edu](mailto:libcirc@seattleu.edu)).

#### **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).

#### **[AccessLex Law School Scholarship Databank](#) is open for business!**

We wanted to make it easier for students to find money that's already available to help pay for law school and lower their student loan burdens. So we did it! We created a space where students can search nearly **800 carefully curated and vetted scholarship opportunities and writing competitions**, with filters to help them find the ones best suited for them.

The Databank includes scholarships for incoming and returning law students, and even some that can be used to pay for degrees prior to a J.D., including bachelor's and master's degrees; or towards bar study costs.

It's the most comprehensive list of scholarships out there that's designed specifically for law students and those interested in a law career. **Contact Info Redacted!**

#### **[Student Animal Legal Defense Fund Board Elections](#)**

The Seattle U. chapter of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund is excited to announce board elections for the upcoming school year. Openings include but are not limited to President, Vice President, and Treasurer. To apply, please send a brief statement of interest by **Contact Info Redacted** to

**Contact Info Redacted** and **Contact Info Redacted**. Let us know which position you are interested in and why you would be a good candidate. To learn more about the Animal Legal Defense Fund, visit **Contact Info Redacted**

## Low Bono and Traditional Models of Practice

**April 14th, 2021 4pm-6pm**

Join the WSBA Low Bono Section for an informational panel exploring Low Bono and Traditional Models of practice. The panelists will share information about how to engage in Low Bono practice and will be prepared to answer your questions! The panel will be followed by a networking happy hour.

To register [Contact Info Redacted](#)

## CALL FOR LAW SCHOOL STUDENT FELLOWS:

Law Students of Color, specifically those in:

- Asian/Pacific American Law Student Association
- Black Law Student Association
- Latina/Latino Law Student Association
- Native American Law Student Association
- South Asian Law Student Association

[Lawyers of Color](#) is recruiting minority law students to serve as Lawyers of Color Fellows, who will have the opportunity to network with law firm partners and corporate in-house counsel, as well as public interest law leaders. We are a 501(c)(3) devoted to promoting diversity in the legal profession. We celebrate attorneys of color and conduct research and studies regarding the intersection of the legal profession and social justice. We've been mentioned in *The New York Times*, the *National Law Journal*, and *Above The Law*, among other media outlets.

Because fellows are not paid, there is typically only a small time commitment of about 30 minutes per week. If you'd like to take advantage of this great opportunity, please complete the following form by **Wednesday, April 14, 2021**:

[Contact Info Redacted](#)

## The Mary Ellen Krug Award

**DEADLINE: April 15, 2021 by 5:00 pm**

The Mary Ellen Krug Award honors a student who has shown strong interest, promise, or distinction in labor and employment law and includes a cash grant. The cash grant, awarded by the King County Bar Association Labor and Employment Section, is a variable amount generated in part from proceeds originating from the annual Pacific Coast Labor and Employment Law Conference each spring, which now comprises an endowed scholarship at Seattle University School of Law. In addition to the cash grant, the winner is honored with recognition at the Conference luncheon attended by some 300 labor and employment attorneys. The conference awards luncheon is typically held in early May. For details see the guidelines posted on the [Contact Info Redacted](#)

## Minority and Justice Commission "Social Justice Toolkit" Panel

**April 22, 2021 at 12pm - 1pm (Zoom link to follow)**

The SU Student Liaisons of the Minority and Justice Commission are inviting law students to attend "the Social Justice Toolkit" panel. Student will have the opportunity to hear panelists discuss diverse and inclusive ways to engage in



and foster social movements beyond physical protest, donating money, and litigation. Panel topics will include: (1) mutual aid; (2) holding authorities accountable; (3) education; and (4) self-reflection. Panelists include Professor Spade, Sam Sueoka, Professor Ahrens, and Professor Coleman. Contact Info Redacted

## Kate Seabright Scholarship Applications Open

KABA is pleased and honored to announce it will be continuing the Kate Seabright Scholarship for a third consecutive year. This scholarship will provide **\$3,000-\$8,000 to one or two law students** attending law school in Washington State who demonstrate commitment to advocating for mental health awareness, promoting volunteerism, and increasing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

This scholarship will be awarded in the memory and honor of Kate Seabright. Funding for the scholarship is made possible through donations from Kate's parents, Mike Seabright and Margaret Ahn Seabright, and her law firm, Fox Rothschild LLP. Kate was a leader in the legal profession and in her law firm, dedicated to serving the Asian American legal community, and unwavering in her support of marginalized communities. Above all, Kate was an incredibly compassionate young woman, whose kindness and integrity will always be remembered. Application information is available on KABA's website here: Contact Info Redacted

**Deadline: April 30, 2021**

## Qualified Immunity 360

**May 7, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** (WSBA CLE credit available)

The [Washington State Minority and Justice Commission](#) is sponsoring a webinar presentation on qualified immunity, co-hosted by Washington Supreme Court [Justice Mary I. Yu](#) and [Judge David Whedbee](#) of the King County Superior Court.

The presentation aims to facilitate a "360" discussion of the doctrine to educate practitioners, judges, law students, and the public on the mechanics, history, and public policy behind the doctrine. Contact Info Redacted

## Judicial Clerkship at Tulalip Tribal Court

**Position:** Judicial Clerk

**Open to:** All law students - 2L or 3L preferred, but 1L may be considered depending on experience

**Time commitment:** Full or part-time positions are available for Summer

**Location:** The position will be virtual for Summer 2021, but travel to the court may be required on few occasions. Mileage reimbursement is available.

**Compensation:** Pay is \$16.69 per hour. 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.

**Application Process:** Send resume, letter of interest, transcript and a writing sample via email to Brooke Pinkham, CILP Staff Director, at Contact Info Redacted

**Application Deadline:** Rolling basis - apply ASAP

**Contact:** Brooke Pinkham, CILP Staff Director, via email at Contact Info Redacted

## 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](#)

Please contact **Madeline Kass - Distinguished Scholar in Residence** [Contact Info Redacted](#) for additional information

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