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## STUDENT LIFE

### NEWSLETTER

#### Upcoming Events

##### **Social Justice Monday: Washington's Right to Counsel Program for Tenants in Eviction Cases**

**Monday, January 10 from Noon – 12:50 pm**

**Location:** Contact Info Redacted

On April 22, 2021, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee signed 2ESSB 5160, which made Washington the first state in the nation to require that courts appoint attorneys for indigent tenants in eviction cases. Establishing the right to appointed counsel (RTC) in all 37 of Washington's counties has created a significant number of opportunities for both lawyers and law students. To date, a hotline has been implemented to streamline referrals and more than 60 attorneys have been hired throughout Washington. Attend this SJM to learn about this practice area and what Seattle University School of Law is doing to support this effort. Speakers include **Jim Bamberger**, Director of the Office of Civil Legal Aid, **Philippe Knabb**, Eviction Defense Program Manager for the Office of Civil Legal Aid, and two RTC attorneys, **Emily Justin '21** and **Vallen Solomon '20**.

##### **Virtual Learning through Jan 30 - Q&A with Dean Clark**

**Tuesday, January 11 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm**

**Location:** Contact Info Redacted. Zoom

Have questions around virtual learning or policies and protocols around COVID-19 on-campus?

Come have your questions answered.

## Meet celebrated activist Dr. Mary Frances Berry

**Friday, January 14 from 10:00 – 10:30 am**

**Location:** [Contact Info Redacted](#).

The King County Bar Association, in cooperation with Seattle University School of Law and the University of Washington School of Law, is delighted to give law students an exclusive opportunity to meet virtually with Dr. Mary Frances Berry, our 2022 keynote speaker for the Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon.

For more than four decades, Dr. Berry has been one of the most visible and respected activists in the cause of civil rights, gender equality, and social justice. Serving as chairperson of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, Dr. Berry led the charge for equal rights and liberties for all Americans over the course of four presidential administrations.

A moving speaker who makes history come alive, Dr. Berry believes that each generation has the responsibility to make a dent in the wall of injustice. She continues to speak boldly for those who can't speak for themselves and motivates all of us to take action. Her clarion call challenges everyone to stand up, stand tall, and to never give up the fight.

Dr. Berry received the Nelson Mandela award from the South African government for her role in raising global awareness of South African injustice (which included 40 years of apartheid). Dr. Berry has been nationally and internationally recognized and honored by various civil rights organizations for her courage and dedication to human and civil rights

## WSBA Privacy Law Seminar

**Friday, January 14 from Noon – 1:30 pm**

**Location:** [Contact Info Redacted](#). Zoom

Event Description:

This panel explores diverse ways through which legal professionals enter the privacy law space.

The panelists are privacy experts across diverse settings ranging from consulting to in-house to private practice. They are excited to share their personal journeys with fellow privacy professionals and those seeking to enter this niche.

Panelists:

- Smriti Chandrashekar, Senior Associate at Hintze Law PLLC.
- Olivia Holder, Senior Privacy Counsel at GitHub, Inc.
- Zainab Hussein, Senior Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
- Radhika Prabhakar, Carpenter Wellington PLLC.

**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.**



**Deans' Office**

**Dean Clark's Office Hours**

Dean Clark will be holding office hours at the below time:

Thursday, January 13 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Contact Info Redacted

Meeting ID: Contact Info Redacted

Passcode: Contact Info Redacted

If a student would like to meet with Dean Clark at another time, please contact Kathleen Le Coze  
Contact Info Redacted

## Dean DiBiase's Office Hours

Dean DiBiase meets with students by appointment.

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### One-on-One

In addition to meeting with students by appointment, Dean DiBiase will be holding **Zoom office hours** from **5:30–6:30 pm on Wednesdays**. The weekly one-on-one office hour session is broken into three 20-minute slots, with one student per slot. Students can book a slot up to six days in advance 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 have an hour of in-person open office time from 5:30–6:30 pm in the Deans' Conference Room (in Suite 210), where students can get to know her and each other in a group setting. The next open office hour is scheduled for **February 2**.

## Scholarships

### FDCC Foundation - Barb Currie Diversity Scholarship 2022

The Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel is committed to the full participation and inclusion of diverse professionals in our organization and the legal profession as part of our core values of diversity and inclusion. To that end, we seek diverse members, whether persons of color, women, LGBTQ, or persons with physical limitations and whether they represent economic, geographic, social, ethnic, racial or religious diversity. With these core values in mind, we created the **FDCC Foundation Barb Currie Diversity Scholarship** to honor the spouse of one of our long-time members, Edward J. Currie, Jr., a champion of diversity in the profession. See attachment for more details.

### Marshall M. Schulman 2021-2022 Competition for student papers in criminal law and/or criminal procedure

The Criminal Law Section of the California Lawyer's Association (formerly the Criminal Law Section of the California State Bar) is pleased to announce the 2021-2022 Marshall M. Schulman Annual Competition for Student Papers in Criminal Law and/or Criminal Procedure. This is a nationwide competition; while the focus is on California law, past winners have included students attending schools from coast to coast. See attachment for more details.

### PRIZES

#### GRAND PRIZE

- \$1500 cash prize
- The Grand Prize –winning paper will be published in the Criminal Law Journal, the official quarterly publication of the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of California
- One-year student membership in the Criminal Law Section

### THREE HONORABLE MENTION PRIZES:

- \$500 cash prize
- Each of the papers awarded Honorable Mention status will be published in the Criminal Law Journal, the official quarterly publication of the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of California
- One-year student membership in the Criminal Law Section

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration, the paper must be written solely by a student enrolled in law school at the time the author submits a paper to this Competition. First-year law students are encouraged to submit entries.

## Contact Info Redacted

This is 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!**

Seattle University School of Law also curated a list of scholarships our students may be interested in. Check out **Contact Info Redacted**.

## Announcements

### Law Library

#### Happy New Year from the Law Library!

We wanted to let you know that we are ready and available to assist you with library services. You can check the library **Contact Info Redacted** for hours.

You can also email the library for assistance:

- Research Questions: [lawreference@seattleu.edu](mailto:lawreference@seattleu.edu)
- Circulation Questions: [lawcirc@seattleu.edu](mailto:lawcirc@seattleu.edu)
- Interlibrary Loan/Summit Questions: [lawILL@seattleu.edu](mailto:lawILL@seattleu.edu)

### Sidebar closed through January 30

The Sidebar will be closed for January while we are remote and will reopen in February when we return to in-person teaching. Attached is a January food service list of services. As noted, the student center Cherry Street Market will have food service available Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, with different food options available at scheduled times. Weekend hours are limited.

## Dean Search Sessions

Dear Student Body --

As your representative for the Dean Search Committee, I am asking if you can submit questions for our upcoming Dean search sessions. The sessions will be occurring throughout the month of January. Due to the tight turn-around and limited time we have with the candidates, only SBA Council members and select student organization leaders have been invited to participate. Questions that you submit will be aggregated and asked by a student attendee at the forum. Please submit Contact Info Redacted

Respectfully,

Valerie Garcia  
J.D. Candidate | Class of 2022  
Seattle University School of Law  
Student Bar Association | President  
| Email: Contact Info Redacted

## Family Law CASA

Family Law CASA advocates for local children in high-risk custody cases so they have a chance for a safe, secure home life, significantly reducing the risk of abuse and neglect. CASA stands for court appointed special advocates. CASAs are volunteers who serve as a voice for children in court cases. When a judge or commissioner is seriously worried about the safety or well-being of a child, they appoint a CASA to gather information for the court about that child's circumstances.

Family law custody cases involve children caught in the middle of high-risk custody cases between their parents and sometimes their family members. Neither the child nor the parents receive state-provided supportive or protective services. The children we serve are from lower income homes within King County (under \$80k combined gross income). Issues impacting the child include domestic violence, addiction, mental illness, neglect and more.

With professional guidance and support, volunteer CASAs go to the children's homes to learn about their needs and alleged risk factors. They interview family members, relatives, and friends. They talk to teachers, counselors and other professionals that might have helpful information. They review mountains of records and documents. All of this information, along with the volunteer's observations and recommendations for services and schedules is summarized in 1 or 2 comprehensive reports submitted to the court. A typical case requires 75-100 volunteer hours over 6-12 months. And all of this occurs as part of a litigated high-conflict custody case so the volunteer's work must withstand legal scrutiny from multiple sources.

You can learn more on our website here: <https://www.familylawcasa.org/>

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