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Dear Colleagues,

It's hard to believe that the fall semester is almost over! As we scatter for the holiday, I wish everyone a joyous, blessed, fun, and relaxing Thanksgiving spent with family and loved ones. Safe travels for those who will be heading out of town.

Annette

Presentations

Erin Fullner and **Kathleen Koch** presented at a King County Bar Association CLE on November 17 on how elder law attorneys can incorporate student and recent graduate hiring into their business models.

Jack Kirkwood delivered the keynote address at the Oregon LERA conference on the changing nature of employer-employee relationships. He described the gig economy, the precariousness and low pay of much gig work, and the principal methods of protecting gig workers without destroying the benefits of the gig economy. In addition, he participated in the panel on Seattle's "Uber ordinance," which allows for-hire drivers to organize and bargain collectively. Since that requires an antitrust exemption, he went through the elements of the exemption and the likelihood they're satisfied. Finally, he signed onto an amicus brief seeking en banc review of a Second Circuit decision that obliterated the Justice Department's victory in its antitrust case against American Express.

Upcoming Events

[Social Justice Monday](#)

Monday, November 21
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Room C5

[Thanksgiving Recess](#)

Wednesday, November 23 – Friday,
November
Offices close at noon on November
23

Visit the School of Law website for more
[upcoming events](#).

Sara Rankin spoke to the City Club of Boise about decriminalization of homelessness and her comments were featured in [The Idaho Statesman](#), [Boise Weekly](#), and [Northwest Cable News](#). The full speech can be found on the City Club of Boise [website](#). The law school's work on homeless rights was also featured in a piece by the [Yakima Herald](#) about that city's anti-homeless laws.

Other News

Tom Antkowiak served as discussant for the New Directions in Human Rights panel at the American Society of International Law's annual Research Forum. This year, UW law hosted the Forum.

Robert Chang completed a book chapter entitled "Korematsu Reimagined" for inclusion in *Critical Race Judgments: Rewritten U.S. Court Opinions on Race and Law* (Bennett Capers, Devon Carbado, Robin Lenhardt, Angela Onwuachi-Willig eds., forthcoming Cambridge University Press). He also delivered remarks entitled "Who's Afraid of Stare Decisis" in early November for a Law and Social Movements Conference at Georgetown Law Center. He will be speaking on a panel at Microsoft at the end of November about the First Amendment and racially disparaging trademarks.

The **Korematsu Center** has had an active litigation docket this fall. **Robert Chang** participated in oral argument in Anchorage Superior Court representing the Native Village of Hooper Bay and the Native Village of Kongiganak in a case involving the private psychiatric hospitalization of Native foster kids. In addition, several pretrial motions and responsive pleadings were filed in anticipation of a trial in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona in the challenge to an Arizona statute that resulted in the elimination of the Mexican American Studies Program at Tucson Unified School District. Amicus briefs were submitted in two cases before the Washington Supreme Court involving sexual orientation bias in family law and the constitutionality of Washington's sentencing scheme with regard to juvenile offenders. Amicus briefs were also filed in the New York Court of Appeals in a case involving the peremptory challenge of a dark-skinned Indian woman and the United States Supreme Court involving the First Amendment and racially disparaging trademarks.

Brooke Coleman's paper, "One Percent Procedure," was indispensable to this piece in [The American Prospect](#) on elitism in federal rulemaking.

Charlotte Garden spoke with [Salon](#) about what a Trump presidency will likely mean for organized labor.

Carmen Gonzalez' book, *International Environmental Law and the Global South* (Cambridge University Press, 2015) was favorably reviewed in 6 Climate Law 373 (2016).

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