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## Dean's Spotlight

**SEATTLE  
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**April 3, 2017**

Dear Colleagues,

This Saturday's Spring Visit Day was a rousing success, and I want to express my gratitude to Gerald and our amazing admissions staff, as well as the faculty and staff who were there to meet and talk with our admitted students and to support the event. The turnout was strong and I heard nothing but positive comments from admitted students. I have no doubt that we moved a number of them from "undecided" to "I'm going to Seattle U Law" based on your efforts, so thank you!

Annette

### **Publications**

**Brooke Coleman's** essay, *Legal Fempire: Women in Complex Litigation*, was accepted for publication by the Indiana Law Journal.

### **Presentations**

**Maggie Chon** spoke at a symposium on patents, social justice, and public responsibility at the University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

**Brooke Coleman** presented *One Percent Procedure* at the District Court Conference for the District Court of Rhode Island.

**Diane Lourdes Dick** presented her article, *Bondholders vs. Retirees in Municipal Bankruptcy: The Political Economy of Chapter 9*, as part of the Business & Government Seminar series at the Harvard Kennedy School.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### ["13th" Screening and Discussion](#)

Tuesday, April 4  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Room C1

#### [Mission Day](#)

Thursday, April 6  
Offices closed before 1:30 pm

#### [SJEL Alumni Banquet](#)

Friday, April 7  
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery

#### [Good Friday](#)

Friday, April 14  
Offices closed

#### [The Current Status of the ACA and Healthcare: Medical and Legal Perspectives](#)

Friday, April 21  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
Sullivan Hall

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

**Carmen Gonzalez** was the Women's History Month speaker for Earthjustice, the nation's premier public interest environmental law firm. The title of her presentation was "Women of Color in Academia and the Legal Profession: Reflections on Presumed Incompetent." The presentation was broadcast live to Earthjustice's nine regional offices.

**Anna Roberts** has been invited to present her research to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. She will speak on exclusion from juries of those with criminal records, and her testimony will form part of a briefing entitled "Collateral Consequences: The Crossroads of Punishment, Redemption and the Effects on Communities." This will take place in Washington D.C. in May.

## Other News

**Charlotte Garden** spoke with [The Wall Street Journal](#), [Bloomberg](#), and [The Seattle Times](#) about efforts to block unionization by Uber drivers in Seattle. She also wrote an essay for [The Atlantic](#) about the future of organized labor under Trump, analyzed the U.S. Supreme Court case *Water Splash v. Menon* for [SCOTUSblog](#), and spoke with [Bloomberg](#) about the \$1 per driver settlement against Uber. She also spoke with the [McClatchy](#) news service about laws protecting teen workers in the logging industry. She authored an essay for [Shall Take Care](#) about Alexander Acosta, President Trump's pick for Secretary of Labor.

**Jack Kirkwood** was interviewed by Public and Regulatory Reports about the Justice Department's challenge to a large hospital system's "anti-steering" provisions, which prevent health insurers from encouraging their subscribers to use lower cost providers.

**David Skover** edited and signed a Supreme Court brief for First Amendment amici supporting the petitioner in a commercial speech case challenging New York's restrictions on retailer's information regarding credit card surcharges. On March 3, the Supreme Court voted 9-0 in favor of the petitioner, holding that the state statute directly targeted speech and not mere conduct. The case has been remanded to the 2nd Circuit to consider the constitutionality of the law under First Amendment principles governing content-based regulations of speech.

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