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# STUDENT LIFE

## NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming Events

#### NGNCA Bake Sale!

**Monday, October 17 from 9:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Location: Court Level**

The NGNCA will be holding a bake sale on Monday, October 7 from 9am to 3pm to raise money for our organization's goals of advocating for transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming people's rights. Come get some delicious baked goods!

#### Social Justice Monday: Legal Education and the Rule of Law in War-Torn Ukraine

**Monday, October 17 from Noon – 12:50 pm**

**Location: Room C5 or via [Contact Info Redacted](#)**

Join Anastasiia Bokshorn and Tetiana Voloshanivska from the Odesa State University of Internal Affairs to learn how they are training future lawyers and law enforcement officers in Ukraine and how legal education has been impacted by the war. They will discuss the university's continued efforts to seek innovative ways to train students and cadets to respond to domestic violence situations, support children in crisis, and provide free legal assistance, despite the introduction of martial law by the Russian Federation.

## National Lawyers Guild Legal Observer Training

**Tuesday, October 18 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Location: Zoom -** Contact Info Redacted

The Seattle Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild would like to invite you to be a legal observer.

The Legal Observer program is part of a comprehensive system of legal support by the National Lawyers Guild's Mass Defense Committee designed to enable people to express their political views as fully as possible without unconstitutional disruption or interference by the police and with the fewest possible consequences from the criminal justice system.

Legal Observers are trained and directed by Guild attorneys, who often have established attorney-client relationships with activist organizations, or are in litigation challenging police tactics at mass assemblies. The presence of Legal Observers may serve as a deterrent to unconstitutional behavior by law enforcement during a demonstration." Contact Info Redacted

## What's Next? The *Dobbs* Decision and Life After *Roe vs. Wade*

**Tuesday, October 18 from 12:30 – 1:20 pm**

**Location: STCN 160 (Leroux Room)**

Join in a on a series of lunchtime conversations with Faculty members at Seattle University.

- Sital Kalantry, JD, Associate Dean for International and Graduate Programs and Associate Professor of Law
- Theresa Earenfight, PhD, Professor, History and Director, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program

## Legal Writing is Fun(ny)!

**Wednesday, October 19 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm**

**Location: Room 109**

The Onion's recent *amicus* brief in [Novak v. City of Parma, Ohio](#) garnered attention for the best of reasons – the brief was persuasive, well-written, and funny. Please join panelists Mimi Samuel, Director of Legal Writing, and Melissa Lee, Assistant Director and staff attorney at the Fred T. Korematsu Center for a presentation and discussion of how legal writing can be both fun and funny. Paul Holland, Associate Dean for Experiential Learning, will moderate.

## Luminaries in Law, with David Zapolsky

**Wednesday, October 19 at 4:30 pm**

**Location: Room 109 or via** Contact Info Redacted

Mr. Zapolsky, General Counselor for Amazon will join Dean Anthony E. Varona in conversation about the life of a Fortune 5 general counsel and the future of e-commerce.

### **About the Dean's Luminaries in Law Lecture & Conversation Series**

This new lecture and conversation series brings to Seattle U Law nationally and internationally preeminent leaders from law practice, the judiciary, government, and the corporate world to share their bold ideas about the future of law and the legal profession.

## **Boon Boona Coffee Date**

**Thursday, October 20 from 9:30 – 10:30 am**

**Location: Boon Boona on 12<sup>th</sup>**

Come join Womxn's Law Caucus for a coffee date at Boon Boona on October 20th from 9:30-10:30am! Come ready to drink some coffee and connect with other WLC members.

Make sure to **Contact Info Redacted**. The first **three** people to RSVP will receive a free drink!

## **Black Law Student Association General Body Meeting**

**Thursday, October 20 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm**

**Location: Room C1 or **Contact Info Redacted****

Monthly meeting to review updates, events, and community involvement opportunities including the 1L Mentorship Program, E-Board position results, BLSA Halloween Bash, etc.

## **International Law Society Halloween Happy Hour**

**Thursday, October 20 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Location: Optimism Brewery**

Join us on Thursday, October 20th from 5-7 pm at Optimism for International Law Society's Halloween Happy Hour! Enjoy one free drink and appetizers on us. Come socialize with fellow members – casual Halloween dress is encouraged!

## **How the Biden Administration's Student Debt Relief Plan Impacts Law Students and Current Borrowers**

**Friday, October 21 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm**

**Location: **Contact Info Redacted****

President Biden's Debt Relief and Public Service Loan Forgiveness can seem confusing, but it's achievable if you know the steps to take. This session will help you understand the requirements of PSLF and help you get on – and stay on! – track for forgiveness. You will also receive the latest update on Debt Relief.

Jacquie Carroll, Ed.D, AFC®, from AccessLex will be presenting the webinar.

## **Pumpkin Patch visit to JB Pumpkin Patch**

**Saturday, October 22 from 9:30 – 12:00 pm**

**Location: JB Pumpkin Path**

**Registration Required (5 spots left for transportation)**

Transportation will be provided; tickets will need to be bought individually by students at the door. Car pick-up is at 9:30 am at the roundabout in front of Sullivan Hall and will return around noon time. [Contact Info Redacted](#).

## **Entertainment & Sports Law Association presents Guest Speaker Hewan Teshome**

**Thursday, October 27 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm**

**Location: Room C1 or [Contact Info Redacted](#)**

We are welcoming special guest speaker Hewan Teshome, General Counsel and Senior Vice President for the Seattle Kraken and Climate Pledge Arena! Hewan will be sharing with us her path from law school to her current role with the Kraken and CPA, giving advice to law students and young lawyers, as well as answering any questions from ESLA attendees.

## **Yoga with Nanine Russo ft. Professor Russo**

**Thursday, October 27 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm**

**Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery**

[Contact Info Redacted](#).

Come and destress with the Russos through a fun Yoga workshop.

## **Bar Exam Accommodations: When & How to Request Them**

**Friday, October 28 at 10:00 am**

**Location: Zoom Only – Email [Contact Info Redacted](#) for the link**

Hello 2Ls! You will have the opportunity to hear directly from the Washington State Bar Association on accommodations applications for the Washington bar exam. If you have questions and want to learn more about it, make sure to email Haley for the Zoom link (Haley's email above).

Presented by the Disability Inclusion Alliance and Washington State Bar Association.

## **Celebrate Pro Bono Week with Seattle U Law, Microsoft, and Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle**

**Friday, October 28 at 10:00 pm**

**Location: Sullivan Hall**

## Registration by October 18 is Required

Microsoft's Pro Bono team is seeking 20 law student volunteers. Participants will conduct preliminary eligibility review to vacate criminal convictions under the New Hope Act for clients referred by Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle. This multi-day event kicks off Friday, October 28 with mandatory trainings. Case assignments will be distributed for review the following week. Students will not meet directly with clients. **Space is limited and volunteers will be selected through a random name generator. We will have a waitlist for volunteers in case of cancellations.**

### Requirements of Volunteers:

- Attend pro bono and ethics training on Friday, October 28, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. in Room C-5.
- Attend Microsoft substantive law training on Friday, October 28, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. in Room C-5.
- Following training, review client records with an opportunity to debrief with Microsoft attorneys.

**Contact Info Redacted**. Registration will close at 5 p.m. Tuesday, October 18. Participants will be notified Friday, October 21.

## Not Having Food is Scary

**Friday, October 28 from 12:00 – 12:45 pm**

**Location:**

**Contact Info Redacted**

Come learn about EBT eligibility, learn how to apply, and get any questions answered.

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Board

Greetings from the Alternative Dispute Resolution Board!

### **New Members**

The ADR members would like to welcome our newest members:

**Joseph Burdine**  
**Gabrielle Clegg**  
**Gabriela Dionisio**  
**Tsechu Dolma**  
**Brett Kempinski**  
**Ariadna Quinares Navarrete**  
**Ashley Raines**  
**Jasmine E. Salguero**  
**Connor Trapp**  
**Abiel Woldu**

Congratulations on your induction!

### **Mediation Competition**

Join us for our second competition of the year! We invite all 2L/3L/4Ls to sign up! You do not need to be an ADR Board member to compete.

The Mediation Competition simulated mediation sessions where teams of two (one

acting as the lawyer, the other as a client) go up against another team of two in a mock mediation. In the second round, the team members switch roles so that both team members have a chance to use their lawyering skills. The goal is to demonstrate advocacy and problem-solving skills to a panel of judges.

The top two teams qualify for the ABA regional competition paid for by the law school

- When: October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-9:00pm
- Where: Sullivan Hall
- How: Sign ups open Oct 5<sup>th</sup> on TWEN and close on October 20<sup>th</sup>
- Competitors must attend one of the Information and Training Sessions.
- Sessions will be held on Monday, 10/24 at 12 pm in-person and Tuesday, 10/25 at 6pm on Zoom.

### **Fall Community Development Event**

Join the ADR board in a conversation with lawyers of the Northwest Justice Project.

- When: November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 from 12:00pm – 1:30PM
- Where: Sullivan Hall Room 109
- How: RSVP on: **Contact Info Redacted**
- Questions? Contact Lindsay Briese

If you have any questions please contact:

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**Competitions:** VP of In-House Competitions Schuyler Peters at **Contact Info Redacted**

**Membership:** VP of Membership Oliver Garrison at **Contact Info Redacted**

**General:** President Haley Westman at **Contact Info Redacted**

## **Moot Court Board**

The Moot Court Board is excited to announce that our Motions Competition will be held on **October 21st and 22nd! TODAY** is the last day to sign up for the competition on our TWEN page! The quarterfinal, semifinal, and final rounds are open to the public, so please feel free to join us and watch our wonderful competitors if you are not competing yourself!

The Moot Court Board Membership application opens **TODAY at 12pm!** You can find our application on our ConnectSU page!

If you have any questions about the Moot Court Board, please contact us!

Chair, Martha Ridgway - **Contact Info Redacted**

Vice Chair, Shariah Olomua - **Contact Info Redacted**

## **Student Bar Association**

Photos from professional headshot days will be uploaded by the end of October 21. If you took a photo, please be sure to check Tony's email last week for the link and QR Code to download your photo.

Join the New Lawyers Division for a 90-minute walking tour through Pioneer Square-- Seattle's oldest neighborhood. On this haunted tour, you will learn about the history of early Seattle and hear the real ghost stories, and in some cases, see evidence collected during actual paranormal investigations. **Limited Spots!** Tickets are only \$5.

RSVP: **Contact Info Redacted**

SBA and Students Services is partnering up for a Halloween Trick-or-Treating event from 11:00-4:30 pm on Halloween. Consider connecting with the various departments in Sullivan Hall and grab a treat!

**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.**



## Dean's Office

### Cafecitos with Dean Varona

Available *Cafecitos* are:

- Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm – in person (limit: 12)
- Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm – in person (limit: 12)

To reserve a space at one of these *Cafecitos*, please email Gabi Harrington at [Contact Info Redacted](#)

### Dean DiBiase, Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Dean DiBiase will be available for Zoom Office Hours **Monday, October 24, 2022, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.**

Meeting URL: [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Meeting ID: 997 9428 2549

Passcode: 182918

Dean DiBiase is also available to meet with students by appointment: [Contact Info Redacted](#)

## Scholarships

### Vasquez Law Firm DACA Dreamer Scholarship

For over 35 years, Attorney William Vasquez has been providing legal support to immigrants. The Vasquez Law Firm has successfully represented clients in a wide range of cases, including those involving family-based immigration, asylum, and citizenship. The North Carolina legal team also has vast experience helping young undocumented immigrants receive relief through Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival—or DACA. Through DACA, undocumented students may be able to pursue a higher education in the United States. We understand how difficult it can be for many of these students to receive financial assistance when attending college. Through our Vasquez Law Firm DACA Dreamer Scholarship, we hope to make the dream of pursuing a college education more attainable for these students.

The Vasquez Law Firm DACA Dreamer Scholarship awards \$1,000 to two exceptional students each semester to use toward their educational expenses. We are honored to help these students continue to fight for their American Dream.

Apply by December 20. [Contact Info Redacted](#).



For a list of scholarships for undocumented students, please see this [Contact Info Redacted](#) created by our Undocumented Law Student Association

## Announcements

### Law Library

The Law Library's website—<https://law.seattleu.edu/library/>—is your first stop for all your research needs; add it to your bookmarks! You likely know and use our Westlaw and Lexis databases, but the Law Library also provides access to many [other databases](#) and has [research guides](#) to help learn how to use them. Of particular note is our [Study Aids guide](#) which can help you locate study aids for your classes in print or online.

Visiting the library in person? Please be courteous and keep noise levels down. Be mindful and respectful of others who are studying and researching near you. Remember the fourth floor is a designated quiet floor.

### December 2022 Commencement Nominations for Student Speaker and Outstanding Faculty Award

Nominations are now open for the December 2022 Commencement Ceremony Student Speaker and Outstanding Faculty Award. Graduates - check your Seattle University email for instructions on submitting your nominations! The deadline for nominations is Monday, October 31, 2022. Elections will run the week of November 7. If you have questions, contact the Dean's Office at [Contact Info Redacted](#) or email [Contact Info Redacted](#)

### 1L Diversity Fellowship Info Session

**Thursday, October 20, 12:30-1:20pm** | [Contact Info Redacted](#)  
Meeting ID: [Contact Info Redacted](#) (Hosted by UW School of Law)

**Tuesday, October 25, 4:30-5:20pm** | [Contact Info Redacted](#)  
Meeting ID: [Contact Info Redacted](#) | Passcode: [Contact Info Redacted](#) (Hosted by Seattle U School of Law)

LEAD-WA (Legal Employers Advancing Diversity in Washington) is a fellowship program designed to provide summer associate positions for diverse 1Ls with participating employers, including **T-Mobile USA, Carney Badley Spellman, Expedia, Zillow, Costco, Seyfarth Shaw, Lee & Hayes, Gordon Tilden Thomas Cordell, and more.** Employer members will present an overview of the program and the timeline, discuss application details and deadlines, and answer students questions. Previous Fellows will be on hand to share their experiences and also answer questions. An updated Program Description will be available at each session. **Information sessions will be the same, with the exception of the speakers.** You are welcome to attend the session that works best with your schedule. [Contact Info Redacted](#)

### LCLD Success in Law School: Mentoring Program for 1Ls

The Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) is excited to offer the **2022-2023 Success in Law School Mentoring Program for 1Ls** at Seattle University School of Law. The program is launching in more than 30 cities around the country, including Seattle. Mentees will be paired with an experienced lawyer from one of LCLD's Member

organizations.

**Contact Info Redacted**. Select “Seattle/Redmond” from the Metro Area Session dropdown menu, then enter your information. Our City Lead, Mayank Prasad, Senior Corporate Counsel at Amazon Web Services, has recruited several great mentors this year. Mentors and mentees will be matched on a first come, first served basis. Don’t miss this opportunity to connect with practicing attorneys and have a mentor to guide you during law school. **Registration closes on Thursday, December 15.**

Additional information is available on the **Contact Info Redacted**

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