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### May 8, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations on the completion of the academic year! I look forward to seeing you at our many commencement events this week, including the Black Graduation and Latinx Graduation ceremonies on Thursday evening, the School of Law Graduation Reception on Friday night, and the Commencement on Saturday morning. This is such a meaningful time in the lives of our graduates and they appreciate your attendance at these celebrations of their achievements.

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## **Publications**

**Steven Bender**'s latest book, *Compassionate Migration and Regional Policy in the Americas*, a co-edited volume with William Arrocha, was published in May by Palgrave Macmillan.

**Jack Kirkwood**'s book chapter, "Online RPM," was published in the *Cambridge University Press Handbook of Antitrust, Intellectual Property and High Tech*.

### **Presentations**

**Bob Boruchowitz** was a discussion leader at the Washington Defender Association Management Training conference, which was at Sun Mountain, WA on April 28. He discussed the independence of defenders, funding for use of expert witnesses, and conflicts of interest.

**Maggie Chon** spoke at a panel on Re-Imagining IP for the Race + IP conference held at Boston College.

## **Upcoming Events**

#### **Black Graduation Ceremony**

Thursday, May 11 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Second Floor Gallery

## **LLSA Graduation**

Thursday, May 11 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Student Center, Room 160

## **Baccalaureate Mass**

Friday, May 12 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Chapel of St. Ignatius

## **2017 Graduation Reception**

Friday, May 12 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Sullivan Hall

#### **Spring Commencement**

Saturday, May 13 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Key Arena, 305 Harrison St

## Cyber-Security - A Practical Guide CLE

Friday, May 19 8:25 am – 4:00 pm Room 110

Visit the School of Law website for more upcoming events.

**Jack Kirkwood** presented "The Meaning and Determination of Market Power" at the Loyola Antitrust Colloquium in Chicago.

**Anna Roberts** presented on implicit jury bias at the Superior Court Judges' Association Spring Conference in Spokane.

On April 28, **John Strait** presented on the ethics of representing political activists and demonstrators at the King County Bar Association and the ethics of contacting putative and certified class members at Perkins Coie and Law Seminars International. He also presented on selected conflict of interest hypotheticals at the Thurston County Bar Association on February 17 and conflicts of interest at Van Ness Feldman on May 23.

## Other News

**Deborah Ahrens** was quoted in <u>Crosscut</u>'s piece about coercive police interrogation and the risk of false confessions.

**Bob Boruchowitz** prepared an expert witness affidavit that has been filed in support of a motion to certify a class action in *Allen v. Edwards*, a challenge pending in East Baton Rouge Parish court that alleges that Louisiana has failed systemically to provide a constitutionally acceptable public defense system. The plaintiffs are represented by the Southern Poverty Law Center, Davis Polk and Wardwell, Jones Walker, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

**Anna Roberts** was quoted in <u>The Stranger</u> about the use of prior convictions to cast doubt on people in court. The Stranger also linked to her article, "Impeachment by Unreliable Conviction."

**John Strait**'s court filing in support of sanctions against an overly aggressive lawyer was quoted by <u>The Seattle Times</u>. He was also quoted in <u>The Bulletin</u> (Bend, Oregon) about the ethics of lawyers speaking to the media during a trial. John will also be presented with the William O. Douglas Award for a "pattern of extraordinary achievement, courage, and dedication in the practice of criminal law" on June 9 by the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Please send items to be included in the next Dean's Spotlight to Jessica Fuqua in the Dean's Office.