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STUDENT LIFE

NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Student Life Events

Social Justice Monday & Diversity Week: Youth Courts: Youth Delivering Restorative Justice to Seattle's Youth

Monday, January 23 from Noon – 12:50 pm

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

Please join the Honorable Catherine McDowall, Professor Margaret Fisher and law students Heather Malcolm and Fatima Al-Rikabi for an interactive look at the role of youth courts using restorative justice to handle youth misconduct – juvenile diversion, traffic infraction and school rule violations. In the Seattle Youth Traffic Court, high school students take an active role in the justice system, thinking for themselves about how it works, and how they can truly make a difference in achieving better compliance with traffic laws and making driving safer for everyone.

Justice Impact Alliance Information Session

Monday, January 23 at 4:00 pm

Location: [Contact Info](#)

Come learn more about the [Contact Info Redacted](#). The Justice Impact Alliance (JIA)'s mission is to empower people in the legal profession whose family or community has been impacted by the criminal legal system. Through the research, programs, and policy collaborations of its justice-impacted leadership, JIA has introduced several initiatives targeting inequities within the criminal legal, education, housing, employment systems. JIA would like to meet SU Law students to see what sort of interest there is among our students in taking part in any of their initiatives.

Grand Opening of the Wellness/Meditation Space - Presentation by Nida Javed, '23

Tuesday, January 24 from Noon – 12:30 pm

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

The Student Bar Association, Wellness Committee, and Deans are pleased to welcome everyone to the grand opening of our Wellness/Meditation Space. This space can be used for students to conduct prayer, meditation, and general wellness relief, and can be found in room 103 behind the SideBar. You will need a code for this space, please [Contact Info Redacted](#).

Diversity Week: Diversity Reception & Honor Drum Song followed by Dean's Luminaries Series

Tuesday, January 24 at 4:30 pm

Location: 2nd Floor Gallery (Reception), Room 110 or via [Contact Info](#) (Luminaries in Law Lecture & Conversation)

Join us for the opening Diversity Week Reception and honor drum song, sponsored by the Native American Law Student Association and Student Bar Association, which will be followed by the Dean's Luminaries in Law Lecture & Conversation Series. Dean Anthony E. Varona's guest will be speaking with Zabrina Jenkins, executive vice president and general counsel of Starbucks.

Diversity Week: Trivia with Womxn's Law Caucus & the Black Law Students Association

Wednesday, January 25 from Noon - 1:00 pm

Location: Room C5

Join the WLC and BLSA to celebrate Diversity Week! Enjoy some food and fantastic company while playing Kahoot pertaining to Womxn and Black lawyers in the legal field. The top 3 winners will win gift cards! The top winner will receive a \$45 gift card, 2nd place will win a \$20 gift card, and 3rd place will win a \$10 gift card.

Hands On with Chat GPT

Wednesday, January 25 from Noon - 1:00 pm

Location: Room C3

AI Language Models are all over the news these days. At this lunchtime get together, we will be playing around with ChatGPT, an OpenAI chatbot that has been at the heart of extensive discussion about what AI is going to mean for society in the very near future. Whether you have extensive experience with the program, or are just hearing about it now, this will be a great opportunity to look at what AI language models can do now, and what we can anticipate in the future.

Diversity Week: Disability at Work: A Panel Discussion

Thursday, January 26 from Noon - 1:00 pm

Location: Room C5 or [Contact Info Redacted] (Passcode: [Contact Info Redacted])

Join us for a one-hour panel discussion featuring three outstanding legal professionals who will share how they have navigated disability in the law school setting and beyond. Walk away with practical advice about the disclosure process, reasonable accommodations, and self-advocacy in the workplace.

Diversity Week: Dinner and Dancing with the Jewish Law Students Association

Thursday, January 26 at 4:30 pm

Location: 2nd Floor Gallery

Come join the Jewish Law Student Association as we close out Diversity Week with a Mizrahi dance class and a feast! We will host a dance instructor to lead participants through dance patterns common among Jewish communities from Southwest Asia and Northern Africa. After working up an appetite, participants will be invited to enjoy delicious traditional foods. The cultural practices, heritage, and histories represented at this event are often excluded from the typical image of Jewish Americans; we hope this event will draw awareness to the diversity of experiences and practices of the Jewish people.

30th Annual PILF Auction: Tickets Now Open!

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Location: Grand Hyatt Seattle – 721 Pine Street, Seattle

For 30 years, the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) at Seattle U Law has raised funds for summer grants to support law students working in unpaid legal internships with organizations serving marginalized communities. These organizations serve immigrants, domestic violence survivors, and those who lack access to justice. Join us on March 4, 2023 for PILF's spectacular fundraising auction and gala, featuring keynote remarks from political commentator Angela Rye '05.

Buy your ticket here: [Contact Info Redacted]

Alternative Dispute Resolution Board

Greetings and welcome back from the Alternative Dispute Resolution Board!

1L Competition

1Ls it's your time to shine. Join us for the 1L competition. You do not need to be an ADR Board member to compete.

This is a two-part simulated competition for teams to work together as attorneys in two rounds. The first round is a client counseling interview and the second is a negotiation session with opposing counsel. This competition is an opportunity for 1Ls to experience ADR concepts while building confidence in client interviewing and developing creative problem-solving skills.

3L Students! If you are interested in being a judge in the 1L competition please contact Michael Mounthait at [Contact Info Redacted]

- When: February 3rd from 5:00-9:00pm
- Where: Sullivan Hall and via zoom for 1Ls who are Flex or Remote
- How: Sign ups close on Twen on January 27th (separate sign up sheets for in person and Zoom format)
- Competitors must attend one of the Information and Training Sessions
- Sessions will be held Monday, 01/30 at 12 pm in-person (room TBD) and Tuesday, 01/31 at 6pm on Zoom

If you have any questions please contact:

- **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

There are still a few slots left to bailiff for the preliminary rounds of Tausend on January 27th. Sign up [Contact Info Redacted] to bailiff on January 27th from 4:00-9:00pm.

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

Chair, Martha Ridgway - [Contact Info Redacted]

Vice Chair, Shariah Olorun - [Contact Info Redacted]

Student Bar Association

Save the Date for several key events:

- 100 Days Left Event for graduating students – Friday, February 17 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in the Student Center
- Over the Hump Event for 2Ls – Saturday, February 11 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in the Student Center
- Barrister's Ball – Saturday, March 25

For the 100 Days Left Event and Over the Hump event we are collecting photos and superlatives. Please fill out the forms below to submit:

- Superlatives - [Contact Info Redacted]
- Class Photos - [Contact Info Redacted]

Dean's Office

Dean DiBiase, Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Dean DiBiase will be available for Office Hours Monday, January 23, 2023:

Office Drop-In (Room 210E)

Noon to 1:00pm

Online from 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Meeting URL: [Contact Info Redacted]

Meeting ID: [Contact Info Redacted](#) (Passcode: [Contact Info Redacted](#))

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

Student Opportunities

MARSHALL M. SCHULMAN 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 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. More information about the competition can be [Contact Info Redacted](#).

GRAND PRIZE

- \$1500 cash prize
- The Grand Prize –winning paper will be published in the [Contact Info Redacted](#), 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.

QLaw Scholarship 2023

The mission of QLaw is to serve as a voice for LGBTQ+ lawyers and other legal professionals in the state of Washington on issues relating to diversity and equality in the legal profession, in the courts, and under the law. To support our mission, QLaw is committed to assisting graduating law students with the costs associated with accessing the legal profession after graduation, including but not limited to the cost of the bar preparation course. The amount and number of scholarships will be determined by QLaw and may vary in amount, starting from \$1,000. Scholarship Recipients will be selected based on various criteria including past success and/or future dedication in supporting QLaw's mission as well as LGBTQ+ community involvement. Scholarship Recipients will be notified prior to and are expected to attend QLaw's Annual Banquet in June, 2023 (QLaw will notify the Recipient the date of the banquet, and complimentary ticket for attendance will be provided to each scholarship Recipient).

Deadline for Applications: 5 PM PT, Sunday, March 5, 2023

Eligibility: Enrolled students at one of the three Washington State law schools who:

- Will be graduating in May/June 2023 or December 2023; and
- Have taken or will be taking steps to be admitted to the Washington State Bar

Joel Stern Scholarship

The BSP Law Charitable Foundation Joel Stern Scholarship seeks to provide financial support to students from diverse backgrounds who contribute to the diversity of their law school student body as they pursue their legal career. Open to 1Ls, 2Ls and 3Ls. Deadline to apply is February 17. [Contact Info Redacted](#)

The Fund for American Studies Summer Law Fellowship

Applications are currently being accepted for the [Contact Info Redacted](#). Apply by Feb. 23.

The 9-week intensive fellowship is hosted by The Fund for American Studies (TFAS) in partnership with the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University. The TFAS Summer Law Fellowship is a legal internship and academic program that aims to prepare future attorneys to defend the values and ideals of a free society rooted in individual liberty, limited government, free enterprise and constitutional originalism.

Selected fellows will receive a full-tuition scholarship to attend the program and housing for the duration of the program. Awards are highly selective – only 25 students will be selected to participate.

Announcements

Library

Looking for books or resources you can't find in the Law Library? Use the [catalog search on the Law Library's homepage](#), and choose the option to search "SU Libraries" to include books from the main Seattle University Library in your results of choice "Summit Libraries" to search the collections of academic libraries from around the Pacific Northwest. See the [Seattle University Library guide on Summit Borrowing](#) for more information.

Womxn's Law Caucus – 1L Flex Representative

Womxn's Law Caucus is looking for a 1L Flex JD section representative. Section representatives are expected to serve as a liaison for their sections, communicating upcoming events and WLC news. This is a great position for students interested in WLC Board positions in their second year. If you are interested in applying, email WLC Co-Presidents, Aden Jones and Simran Kaur, at [Contact Info Redacted](#) and [Contact Info Redacted](#). Please include your name, section, and a short paragraph on why you are interested in joining WLC.

Legal Research Symposium

This inaugural Legal Research Symposium is a way for faculty, staff, students, and alumni to share research they've been doing. If you are interested, please fill out this form: [Contact Info Redacted](#)

This event will take place on Friday, April 21 from 12:00 - 4:00 pm in Sullivan Hall.

Individuals will have roughly 15 minutes to present followed by a short 5 minute Q&A.

Deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, February 3, 2023 by 11:59 pm PST. Proposals will be reviewed in February and presenter(s) will be notified by late February/early March.

Graduation Cord Survey from NGNCA and OutLaws

If you are graduating and would like a cord from NGNCA and OutLaws, please fill out this [Contact Info Redacted](#). Based on interest, we will decide whether to order them or not.

25 Students who Soar

We are honoring 25 current Seattle University School of Law students who have shown a commitment to giving back to the legal community or the law school. Students will be featured on our school website and recognized throughout our community.

All students currently enrolled in the law school are eligible for this honor. Selected students must be available for a professional photo shoot in March (photos will be available for personal use).

Please consider nominating yourself or another student by 11:59 pm PST on February 3, 2023. The selection committee will review and make announcements in late February or early March. [Contact Info Redacted](#).

PLI Patent Bar Presentations - January 2023

If you are a student with a degree (or at least two years of coursework) in engineering, computer sciences or the hard sciences (chemistry, biology, physics, or related fields), and are interested in becoming a Patent Agent or Attorney, Practising Law Institute (PLI) invites you to an online presentation by Mark Dighton, PLI's Director of Law School Relations and Administrative Director of their Patent Office Exam Course.

Topics for discussion include:

- The latest info on the Patent Office Exam,
- Who can take it,
- How it works (it's on computer and "on demand"),
- When you should take it (you don't need to and probably shouldn't wait until you graduate), and
- Recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult Exam.

Just sign up for ONE of the presentations below. (All five talks are the same.)

- [Contact Info Redacted](#)
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Earth Month Logo Design Competition...with a Prize

After last year's successful Earth Month logo design competition, we are looking for your contributions again. Create a logo, and your design may become the face of Earth Month (April) 2023 at SU.

The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to SU's Campus Store and \$25 donation to an environmental organization of their choosing. The winning creation will be used to publicize SU's earth month initiatives on social media, website, flyers and more. Submission details can be found at [Contact Info Redacted](#) or by [Contact Info Redacted](#).

E-mail submissions and any questions to: [Contact Info Redacted](#).

KCPAO Externship Info Session

When: Friday, January 27, 12:30pm-1:30pm, Virtual on Zoom

What: Please join us for an information session to learn about the KCPAO summer externship program. The KCPAO IL summer externship program provides first-year law students an invaluable opportunity to participate in and learn about various aspects of criminal prosecution. Hear from former externs and prosecutors about their work, and discover more about this incomparable summer law school experience.

Who: Info session coordinators include Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys, Noe Merfeld (she/her) and Yessenia Manzo (they/them).

How: Please RSVP to [Contact Info Redacted](#). Join Zoom Meeting: [Contact Info Redacted](#).

Washington State AGO - Campus Visit

When: Tuesday, January 24, 12:00pm-1:00pm

What: Come learn about opportunities with the Washington State Office of the Attorney General from guest speakers Letrice Tobin and Kendra LaCour. They will give a presentation followed by a Q&A for the Spring Recruitment Program.

Where: Sullivan Hall, Room C1

RSVP: None required

For questions or accommodations, please email [Contact Info Redacted](#).

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