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Upcoming Student Life Events

Social Justice Monday: Advancing Fred Korematsu's Legacy through Advocacy and Clinical Training

Monday, January 30 from Noon – 12:50 pm

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

Please join Korematsu Center faculty **Melissa Lee** and **Jessica Levin '08** as they discuss the life and legacy of Fred Korematsu and his fight for racial equity and social justice during and after World War II. They will then discuss how his legacy drives the work of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, focusing on the Center's cases and other advocacy that have called upon Washington courts to recognize and remedy the many ways that racism operates in both the civil and criminal legal systems.

Presented by the Asian Pacific Islander Students Association

FedSoc Coffee Breaks: The Dormant Commerce Clause and National Pork Producers v. Ross

Monday, January 30 from Noon – 12:50 pm

Location: Courtroom or via [Contact Info Redacted](#)

California's Proposition 12 prohibits the sale of pork products from animals housed inconsistent with California law. The vast majority of pork consumed in California is produced *outside* of California, though. In this case, the major pork trade associations have sued, arguing that the California law is unconstitutional as violating the dormant Commerce Clause. We will listen to excerpts of the oral arguments, discuss the arguments on both sides, and review what exactly the dormant Commerce Clause is about anyway.

D.I.A. General Body Meeting

Monday, January 30 from Noon – 12:50 pm

Location: Room 110 or via Contact Info Redacted

Join us for our first general body meeting of 2023! Feel free to join in person in Sullivan Hall or via Zoom. Please contact Haley Miller at Contact Info Redacted for any access requests, questions or concerns.

The Disability Inclusion Alliance is an organization dedicated to promoting the wellbeing, academic success, and professional development of law students with disabilities. It is open to both students with disabilities and allies.

If you

Wellness in Law Series: The Power of the Mind/Body Connection

Tuesday, January 31 from 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: Room C7

Come unwind with Professor Portnoy. Engaging in conscious practices that connect mind and body helps us build a more resilient nervous system. The regular practice of meditation and mindfulness helps us regulate our autonomic nervous system which in turn helps us dial down mental and physical stress responses. These types of practices can improve sleep and digestion as well as increase our sense of well-being. Meditation is something everyone can do and does not require any particular posture or set of beliefs. In class, we will learn the fundamentals underlying a meditation practice and engage in a meditation to mindfully connect our mind and body.

Coffee with Counsel featuring Erika Evans, Assistant United States Attorney, The City of Seattle

Tuesday, January 31 from Noon - 1:00 pm

Location: 2nd Floor Gallery


Erika Evans is a Past President of the Loren Miller Bar Association. She is a 2015 graduate from the Seattle University School of Law. Ms. Evans is an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Seattle. Ms. Evans was honored with the 2019 Seattle University School of Law, Black Law Student's Association, Alumni of the Year award for her demonstrated excellence in the practice of law and commitment to community service. Ms. Evans was awarded with the Young Lawyer Award in May 2017 for her leadership in advancing the goals of the Loren Miller Bar Association.

Presented by the Student Bar Association

Seattle University Post-Conviction Appellate Alliance (SUPAA)

General Body Meeting

Wednesday, February 1 from Noon - 1:00 pm

Location: Room 110 or via 

Seattle University Post-Conviction Appellate Alliance is a law student organization. Our purpose is to raise awareness and educate the public on post-conviction issues and advocacy, including conviction and incarceration. We aim to bring awareness of incarcerated individuals and their efforts to attain release from confinement, custody, or punishment through appellate or executive procedures. We also strive to bring awareness to the challenges that formerly incarcerated individuals face when reintegrating into society. We wish to serve our community by ensuring that incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals have a voice.

SU National Lawyers Guild General Body Meeting


Wednesday, February 1 from Noon - 1:00 pm

Location: Room C5

The NLG is dedicated to the need for basic change in the structure of our political and economic system. Our aim is to bring together all those who recognize the importance of safeguarding and extending the rights of workers, women, LGBTQ people, farmers, people with disabilities and people of color, upon whom the welfare of the entire nation depends; who seek actively to eliminate racism; who work to maintain and protect our civil rights and liberties in the face of persistent attacks upon them; and who look upon the law as an instrument for the protection of the people, rather than for their repression.

Teach In on Racist Police Brutality

Wednesday, February 1 at 4:00 pm

Location: Room 110 or via 


In the aftermath of the shocking and graphic killing of Tyre Nichols at the hands of police, we as a society – and especially those of us in the legal profession – are once again grappling with how to address police brutality and its often fatal consequences.

The usual questions abound. Why are we here once again, contending with a killing at the hands of police during a traffic stop? What law enforcement reforms have worked through the years to prevent more of these killings? What reforms have not worked? What roles do race and racism (systemic and structural) play, when both the police and the victim are of the same minoritized race? Is an entirely new approach to training the answer? Should we take police out of the business of traffic enforcement altogether? If so, who takes their place? Is there a role for Artificial Intelligence in the solutions?

Join Professors Ahrens, Chang, Evans, and Spade for this important discussion.

Environmental & Land Use Practitioner Panel

Thursday, February 2 from Noon – 1:00 pm

Location: 

Please join the Environmental Law Society on Zoom on Thursday, February 2nd from 12-1 pm for a discussion with environmental and land use law practitioners to learn more about what a future in these fields of law may look like. Joining us will be Grace Bauer from Earthjustice and Jeremy Eckert from Tharsis Law. Feel free to bring any questions you may have about

environmental and land use law for our panelists.

1L Moot Court Mock Trial Training hosted by the Future Prosecutors for Social Justice

Wednesday, February 8 from Noon – 1:00 pm

Location: Room C3

Calling all 1Ls that are participating in the Moot Court Mock Trial in February! Join FPSJ for a training led by current trial attorneys for the Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office that are ready to answer any and all questions regarding trials. This training is meant to be a supplement to the mandatory Moot Court training to provide anyone competing with an opportunity to hear from trial attorneys about the best tips and tricks for a successful competition and to explain anything you have not yet learned about trials. Any 1L participating in the competition is welcome!

NALSA Spring General Body Meeting

Thursday, February 9 from Noon – 1:00 pm

Location: Room 110

NALSA aims to provide an organization for Native American law students and other law students interested in the field of Indian law that will promote academic excellence, cultural fluency, and serve as a basis from which actions can be taken to advance the field of Indian law and affect positive change in the Native American community. NALSA also seeks to foster communication through collaborations with other SU Law organizations, service to the Native American community, working with attorneys practicing in the field of Indian law, and the general public.

We will be discussing upcoming NALSA events and plans for elections of next years NALSA Board. Pizza will be provided. We hope to see you all there!

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.



Seattle University Law Review

Recruitment season for Seattle University Law Review (SULR) is officially upon us! So, what exactly is a journal? Simply put, a journal is a scholarly publication of research done by legal scholars. It enriches the growth and development of the law and serves as a useful research tool for students, attorneys, judges, and legal scholars. A journal also provides valuable educational and professional experiences for their student members. Generally, on all SU law journals, students will be required to write their own note or comment and edit other articles that will be published in their respective journal.

This year, as part of a one-year pilot program, SULR is hosting its own 2023 Law Review

Write-On Competition and so has formally departed from the joint journal write-on processes we've traditionally participated in. If you are interested in Seattle U Law's three specialty journals – American Indian Law Journal (AILJ); Seattle Journal of Technology, Environmental & Innovation Law (SJTEIL); or Seattle Journal of Social Justice (SJSJ) – please be on the lookout for news regarding their recruitment process in the coming months. Also, do not hesitate to reach out to the current Managing Editors of these journals to address any journal-specific questions. You can find their contact information at the end of this blurb.

If you are interested in applying to SULR specifically, please see our comprehensive recruitment timeline outlined below.

February 13, 15, and 17 | Tabling

Come find our Law Review table on the Court Level from 10:00-1:00 to talk with current members and get your first peek into our journal. We are excited to meet you!

February 24 | Law Review Information Session

To best situate yourself to apply to the Law Review, we *strongly* recommend students to attend this information session. In this meeting, our current Executive Board will cover the basics of putting together your Write-On Competition Application and review helpful information about joining our journal. A recording link will be made available to students who are unable to attend this virtual meeting.

- 12:00-1:00 on Zoom
- Link: TBA
- Meeting ID: TBA

March 10 | Law Review Q&A Session

Come join us if you have any lingering questions about applying to the Law Review! Bring your questions, talk through last-minute concerns about the Write-On Competition, and meet some of our current members.

- 12:00-1:00
- This session may be held in person. Updates to come!

March 13-27 | 2023 Law Review Write-On Competition

Participating in the Write-On Competition is the only way you can join the Law Review. More details will be discussed at our information sessions!

For specific journal related questions, please reach out to the respective Managing Editor:

- Mary Bent, AILJ – Contact Info Redacted
- Natalie Shen, SJTEIL – Contact Info Redacted
- Manmit Kaur, SJSJ – Contact Info Redacted
- Christine Sohn, SULR – Contact Info Redacted
- Or for Law Review related questions, please email

Contact Info Redacted

Moot Court Board

Be on the lookout for our 1L Mock Trial problem that will be on our TWEN page soon! Dates and sign up details will be announced in next week's email.

If you have any questions about the Moot Court Board, please feel free to reach out to:

Martha Ridgway - Chair - Contact Info Redacted
Shariah Olomua - Vice Chair - Contact Info Redacted

Student Bar Association

Save the Date for several key events:

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

SBA will be hosting an organization fair for FLEX students and evening/part-time students on Friday, February 10 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity to seek out leadership opportunities in a variety of student organizations.

Dean's Office

Dean DiBiase, Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Dean DiBiase will be available for Office Hours **Monday, January 30, 2023 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm**

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

2023 Valerie Zukin Memorial Fellowships in Immigration Law

Summer fellows gain hands-on experience advocating for immigrants in detention and enjoy close mentorship from Valerie's former colleagues and friends.

The Fellowship rotates between host organizations. Inaugural summer fellows worked at Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD) and Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) in 2022. In 2023, the California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice (CCIJ) and ILD will each host one Fellow for a 10-week, full-time fellowship paying \$15,000 over the course of the summer.

CCIJ utilizes coordination, advocacy, and legal services to fight for the liberation and empowerment of immigrants detained in California and their communities. To learn more about CCIJ, visit **Contact Info Redacted** and/or follow @ccijjustice on social media platforms. CCIJ has a small office in Oakland, CA, but most work and supervision will be remote, with occasional in-person visits to detention centers and/or courts in California. Therefore, **the CCIJ Fellow must reside anywhere in California during the term of the fellowship.**

ILD's mission is to promote justice through the provision of legal representation to underserved immigrant communities. In her last direct services case, Valerie co-counseled a detained client with ILD attorneys at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. To learn more about ILD, go to **Contact Info Redacted**. All work and supervision for the ILD Fellow will be remote, with occasional in-person court appearances and detention center visits. **The ILD Fellow can reside anywhere in the United States. Application is due on January 31 at 11:59.** **Contact Info Redacted**

Announcements

Racial Justice Book Groups

Sign up for the 7th annual racial justice book groups. Participating law faculty, staff, and students will be reading [*Torn Apart: How the Child Welfare System Destroys Black Families and How Abolition Can Build a Safer World*](#) by Dorothy Roberts. The author, [Contact Info Redacted](#), will be speaking at the law school on Tuesday, March 21 as part of the Luminaries in Law series so we will have an opportunity to hear from her in person.

The first 20 students to sign up for the book groups will receive a free copy of the book. Additionally, the Law Library has limited copies in the 2nd floor reserve collection and in ebook format. Please see the Law Library's [Racial Justice Book Groups Guide](#).

If you're interested in being assigned to a book group, please fill out the form at: [Contact Info Redacted](#) no later than close of business on Friday, February 3, 2023.

Womxn's Law Caucus Membership

WLC Membership is open!

Don't miss out on the benefits of being a member! If you didn't renew your membership last semester, now is the time to do so! Make sure you have completed all required steps to be a member of WLC.

1. Add yourself as a member on [Contact Info Redacted](#)
2. Pay the \$20 membership dues via Venmo** ([Contact Info Redacted](#))
3. Follow our Instagram page at [Contact Info Redacted](#)
4. If you have any questions regarding membership, email Nicole McElhaney [Contact Info Redacted](#).

Once you have completed these steps, you will have exclusive access to our amazing outline bank and WLC Member events.

Outline Drive:

Don't miss the opportunity to win one of two \$40 gift cards to Amazon or Boon Boona! To enter, simply submit an outline for any class. Each outline you submit counts as one ticket for the raffle, so the more outlines you submit, the more chances you have to win. Submit your outlines to Nicole McElhaney [Contact Info Redacted](#) by February 28th, 2023. Good luck!

Diverse Pathways to the Bench: A panel featuring Judges from Supreme Court, US Federal Court, Superior Court & King County Court

Thursday, February 2 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm (Doors will close at 5:00 pm)
Location: US District Court, Western District of Washington – 700 Stewart Street

FBA is partnering with Joint Minority Membership Partnership and its constituent organizations to help highlight different paths to practice and the bench for minority and first-gen lawyers and law students. Questions about the JMMP program please contact: [Contact Info Redacted](#).

Presented by the Federal Bar Association, WA State Chapter

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**

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