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# STUDENT LIFE

## NEWSLETTER

### **Upcoming Student Life Events**

#### **Social Justice Monday: The Supreme Court Treats Indians Differently: And Not In A Good Way**

**Monday, October 9 from Noon – 12:50 pm**

**Contact Info Redacted**

Join **Lawrence Baca**, a pioneer in the fight for civil rights for Native Americans, to explore the Supreme Court's historic and present-day failure to understand American Indian history and culture. In 1978, the Court usurped the power over Native American affairs that it had ascribed to Congress for 200 years and hasn't given it back. Mr. Baca poses two questions: How do Native American tribal nations survive the modern Court? And, in spite of itself, did the Court just solve the greatest threat to college and law school admissions for American Indian students?

**Presented by Native American Law Students Association and American Indian Law Journal**

#### **Filipino American History Month (FAHM) Series: FLSA Informational Tabling Session**

**Tuesday, October 10 from 11:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Location: Court Level**

FLSA will be tabling to interact with the Seattle U Law community and educate the importance of FAHM and Filipino Americans in the United States. Additionally, FLSA will raise awareness around Filipino issues along with Wing Luke Museum vandalism and share ways you can support the rebuilding efforts.

**Historical & Cultural Context:** In October 1992, the first **Filipino American History Month (FAHM)** was celebrated in the United States. "In 2009, U.S. Congress declared October as FAHM, and in 2015, President Obama celebrated the first FAHM at the White House." [Filipino American National Historical Society](#). In 2019, Washington State statutorily proclaimed FAHM. See [RCW 43.117.120](#). In April 2023, FLSA was established at Seattle University School of Law, becoming the first Filipino law student organization at SU and Washington State. In September of 2023, the Wing Luke Museum was recently vandalized. See [The Seattle Times](#). The Wing Luke Museum is supportive of Filipino culture.

## **October BLSA General Body Meeting: Networking 101**

**Tuesday, October 10 from Noon – 1:00 pm**

Contact Info Redacted

BLSA's next general body meeting is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>. The first part of the meeting will feature Rita Irvin and Joel Odimba from McKinley Irvin discussing their Mentor and Scholarship programs. Then, we will move into a Networking 101 panel as networking season is upon us! The panel's purpose would be to advise students on networking and answer any questions students might have related to networking. The panel will comprise students, professors, and potentially a few attorneys.

## **Meditation and Mindfulness with NGNCA**

**Tuesday, October 10 from 12:30 – 1:00 pm**

**Location: Room C3**

Come meditate with us during your lunch break! We will explore different kinds of meditations designed to reduce stress, increase compassion, and build connection, including tonglen, zazen, and other guided meditations.

## **Washington's Innocence Project Pro Bono Service event hosted by SU Post Conviction Appellate Alliance (SUPAA)**

Contact Info Redacted and choose the timeslot that works for your schedule.

**Slot 1:** Tuesday, October 10 - 12PM-4PM in Courtroom

**Slot 2:** Friday, October 20 - 8AM-12PM in Courtroom

**Slot 3:** Friday, October 20 - 12PM-4PM in Courtroom

**About the Event:** This pro bono event promises a day of action, learning, and advocacy. Participants will have the opportunity to:

**Legal Workshops:** Engage in interactive workshops led by seasoned legal professionals, focusing on the intricacies of post-conviction appellate work and the efforts of Washington Innocence Project by assisting in putting case files into their new database.

**Case Reviews:** Collaborate with experienced attorneys and investigators on real cases, gaining valuable hands-on experience in the pursuit of justice.

**Networking:** Connect with fellow legal enthusiasts, lawyers, students, and professionals, who share a passion for justice reform.

**Advocacy Opportunities:** Learn about ongoing initiatives and advocacy efforts spearheaded by Washington's Innocence Project, SUPCAA, and ATJI, and discover how you can get involved.

## FedSoc Coffee Break

**Tuesday, October 10 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm**

Contact Info Redacted

We will be previewing the October Term cases for the Supreme Court. What are some of the big cases out there? What changes will be coming with the law? Come by for a relaxed discussion of what the Court will be looking at in the next year.

## ChatGPT Challenge hosted by the AI Law Society

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

**Location: Courtroom or via Zoom**

Come join AILS for a fun ChatGPT Challenge! We will also be launching our AI-generated art contest. Bring a lunch and your best ChatGPT coding skills.

## Dance VIBE with Sarah Sorensen, 1L Student

**Monday, October 16 from 4:00 – 4:45 pm**

**Location: Room 327**

Join Sarah, 1L student for a fun, high energy cardio dance fitness class featuring music from the Top 40s, Hip Hop, R&B, Pop, and More!

**What can you expect during class?** We will start with approximately 5-7 minutes of warm up, followed by 30 – 35 minutes of songs with a variety of intensities (including high, moderate and low intensity), followed by 5-7 minutes of cool down and stretching. Students are encouraged to listen to their bodies and modify moves, stretch, take breaks, and drink water whenever needed! **We will laugh, smile, sweat, and shake out the stress!**

**No prior dance experience is needed** for this class! The choreography repeats throughout the songs and I will be leading you through the movements. **All moves can be modified and all fitness levels and backgrounds are welcome!**

**Tips for Class:** We will be dancing on carpet, so students are encouraged to wear shoes and clothing they feel comfortable in. **I recommend bringing a water bottle** and possibly a small towel or change of clothes for after class if you have a long commute ahead of you.

**The goal of this class is to have FUN, move and feel good in our bodies, build community, and relieve stress in a positive way!**

Email [Contact Info Redacted](#) with any questions or ideas for future events!

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## **Alternative Dispute Resolution Board**

Greetings from the Alternative Dispute Resolution Board!

### **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 consists of two simulated mediation sessions. There will be teams of two (one partner acting as a lawyer, the other as a client) who compete 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 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm
- **Where:** Sullivan Hall
- **How to sign up:** sign up on the ADR TWEN page by 10/13 at 11:59 pm.
- **Questions:** Email [Contact Info Redacted](#)

### **Mediation Development Event**

**Join ADR for a crash course in mediation led by professional mediators!**

There will be food, drinks, and networking following the session. You **do not** have to be an ADR Board Member to attend.

- **When:** October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm
- **Where:** Sullivan Hall Courtroom
- **Questions:** Email [Contact Info Redacted](#)

## **Moot Court Board**

Congratulations to everyone who competed in the Bond preliminaries, and to our quarter finalists moving on to compete on **October 10th**. Spectators are welcome to watch the Semis on **October 11th** from 1:30-3:30pm and the Final from 4:30-5:30pm. Second floor Reception to follow.

The **2L/3L Mock Trial** problem will be released on **October 9th**. The competition will take place on **November 3rd and 4th**.

Finally, our **New Member Applications** open on **October 10th**! If you're interested in Moot Court, be sure to swing by our Recruitment Happy Hour on October 10th from 5-

7pm at the Chieftan!!

## Student Bar Association

**ABA Law Student Division on Social Media:** From October 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>, the ABA Law Student Division will feature law students from various law schools sharing fun ways they combat mental stressors, through their social media channels. Look for them on TikTok, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Facebook. Look for the following hashtags: #mentalhealth, #lawstudents, and #LSMentalHealthDay.

By the end of the week, the ABA Law Student Division will post a YouTube playlist of all the (video) media to the ABA's website at:

[https://www.americanbar.org/groups/law\\_students/resources/mental-health/mental-health-day/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/law_students/resources/mental-health/mental-health-day/)

**Virtual Law Student Mental Health Summit:** Reed Smith has announced their virtual Law Student Mental Health Summit, an event designed to proactively address the mental health of aspiring lawyers. This summit takes place on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am-3pm ET. More information can be found on [their event page](#).

**Halloween Party:** SBA will be hosting a Halloween party for all students to attend on Saturday, October 21 from 8:00 pm – Midnight. Please save the date.

**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

### Dean Varona

If you would like time to meet with Dean Varona, please email [Contact Info Redacted](#) Executive Coordinator to the Dean.

### Dean DiBiase, Associate Dean for Student Life, Diversity & Inclusion

Dean DiBiase will be available for Office Hours

**Monday, October 9, 2023**

[Contact Info Redacted](#)

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

Office Drop-In (Room 210E) from 2:00 – 3:00 pm



# Department Events & Announcements

## Law Library

At this point in the semester, you might be starting to feel like you know your way around the resources available to you through the [Law Library](#). But did you know you can also use services provided by the Lemieux Library on campus, including their [Billodue Makerspace](#) and [Media Production Center](#)?! The Makerspace and Media Production Center have fun and useful equipment including video and audio recording equipment, computers and software for editing your recordings, 3D printers, sewing and embroidering equipment, bike repair equipment, laser cutters, and much more. Additionally, they offer classes to teach you how to use all that cool equipment.

See the [schedule of upcoming makers classes](#). Attending an orientation session is mandatory before attending Billodue Makerspace courses or using Makerspace equipment. [Orientation sessions are scheduled for Thursday October 12th and October 19th.](#)

## Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) 1L Law School Mentoring Program

Registration for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) **2023-2024 1L Law School Mentoring Program** is now live. The program is launching in over 25 cities around the country, including Seattle, and also offers a virtual option. Mentees will be paired with an experienced attorney from one of the LCLD member organizations.

**Contact Info Redacted**: Seattle area students should select “Seattle/Redmond” under “Program Information”. FLEX JD students who live outside the Seattle area are welcome to sign up for a mentor in their home city, or select the virtual option. Don’t miss this great opportunity to connect with an attorney mentor who will help to guide you through law school.

**Registration closes on Friday, December 15.** However, mentors and mentees are matched on a rolling basis, so we encourage you to sign up early. Additional information about the program and the [Leadership Council on Legal Diversity \(LCLD\)](#) is available on their website.

Questions? Contact **Contact Info Redacted** Center for Professional Development

## The US Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps Presents: United States v Nixon Keago, Midshipman, U.S. Navy

**Thursday, October 12 at 10:30 am**

**Location: U.S. Naval Undersea Museum Naval Base Kitsap Keyport 1  
Garnett Way Keyport, WA 98345**

Come watch oral argument before the military’s highest court - the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (CAAF) in United States v. Keago. This is a great opportunity to watch Military Justice!

The lower court decision from United States Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal

Appeals (NMCCA) can be found at: United States v. Keago, 2022 WL 2437886 or 2022 CCA LEXIS 397

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## Legal Mentor Network Happy Hour

**Thursday, October 12 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm**

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

The Legal Mentor Network invites all Seattle-area mentors and mentees to connect, enjoy free food and drinks, and talk about mentorship! The Legal Mentor Network is the first nationwide, free mentorship program for law students and recently barred attorneys. Attorneys at all stages of their careers match experienced attorneys with newer attorneys and law students, to create impactful relationships for mentors and mentees alike. The Legal Mentor Network is made up of highly engaged members of the legal community. In coming to an event, you might just meet your next mentor, mentee, boss, colleague, client, referral source, or all of the above! Join us on Thursday, October 12 from 4:30pm to 6:30p.m. on the 2nd Floor Gallery.

RSVPs are required to attend this event. Please [Contact Info Redacted](#)  
Questions? Please contact Brittany Becker at [Contact Info Redacted](#)

## LEAD-WA - 1L Diversity Fellowship Information Session

**Monday, October 16 | 4:30-5:30pm | Room C6**

LEAD-WA (Legal Employers Advancing Diversity in Washington) is a 1L fellowship program designed to provide summer associate positions for diverse and underrepresented 1Ls with participating employers, such as Carney Badley Spellman, Expedia Group, Gordon Tilden Thomas Cordell, Karr Tuttle Campbell, Lee & Hayes, Smith Currie Oles/Howard S. Wright, Pacifica Law Group, T-Mobile USA, Seyfarth Shaw/Costco, Zillow Group, and more.

Participating Employer members and past Fellows will discuss the program, application details and deadlines, and answer questions. The updated 2023-2024 Program Description will be available before the information session. Dress is business casual.

### Speakers for this information session are:

Adam Lasky, Seyfarth Shaw LLP (Past President)

Emily Yoshiwara, Dorsey & Whitney LLP (President, Previous Fellow)

Emily Husa, 3L – Summer 2022 Fellow at Lasher, Holzapfel, Sperry & Ebberson PLLC

Nitya Tolani, 3L – Summer 2022 Fellow at Salesforce

RSVP on the [Simplicity events tab](#) by Friday, October 13 at Noon.

Questions? Contact [Contact Info Redacted](#) Associate Director, Center for Professional Development

## Dean's Luminaries in Law Lecture & Conversation Series: The Indian Supreme Court at 75: Protecting Rights, Expanding Freedoms, and Empowering Citizens



**Friday, October 20 beginning with lunch on the Court Level at 11:45 am followed by talk at 12:30 pm in Room C5**

The School of Law, in collaboration with the RoundGlass India Center at Seattle University, is honored to welcome Abhishek Manu Singhvi, a member of the Indian Parliament and India's leading Supreme Court litigator, to deliver an address on the "The Indian Supreme Court at 75: Protecting Rights, Expanding Freedoms, and Empowering Citizens."

Professor C. Raj Kumar, founding Vice Chancellor of Jindal Global University and a leader in Indian higher education, will provide commentary.

The discussion will be moderated by Dean Tony Varona, and Professor Sital Kalantry will provide concluding remarks. This event will mark the international launch of Professor Kalantry's new book, "[The Court on Trial: A Data-Driven Account of the Indian Supreme Court](#)."

## **Student Organization Announcements**

### **PILF Auction**

Save the date for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual PILF Auction, to be held **February 24, 2024**. This year's theme is BLOOM, focused on our ever-growing and blossoming community. Join us for a night of high-spirited company and a lively auction of sought-after prizes, all to support student public interest grants. Tickets will be available to purchase January 8, 2024.

### **Womxn of Color Coalition 1L Representatives**

The Womxn of Color Coalition (WOCC) is looking for representatives for each section of the 1L class! Duties include regular attendance at monthly General Body meetings and promoting WOCC events to your classmates.

Answer in 300 words or less the following questions:

- Why are you interested in WOCC?
- Why specifically do you want to be a 1L representative?

In your response, include your name and section. Submit your response with a copy of your resume to [Contact Info Redacted](#) no later than **Friday, October 13, 2023**.

## **Scholarship Opportunities**

### **2023 Filipino Lawyers of Washington Foundation Panagrap Scholarship - Application Deadline: Friday, October 13, 2023**

Each year, the Filipino Lawyers of Washington Foundation awards scholarships annually to law students in the Pacific Northwest of up to \$10,000 total collectively. The scholarships are intended to recognize law students who have demonstrated significant commitment to community service, particularly service to the Filipino/Filipino-American community. *You*

*need not be of Filipino ethnicity to apply.* Please Contact Info Redacted for more information and the application form.

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