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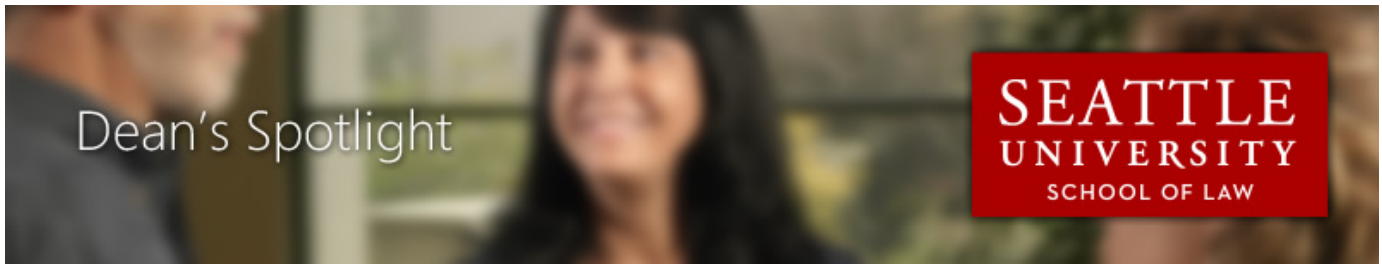
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**February 10, 2020**

Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations to the SBA for putting on a successful Diversity Week last week, and thank you to those of you who attended the kick-off reception with Natasha Martin and/or other events during the week. We also hosted a well-attended Town Hall last week to discuss the new format for the part-time program with our current students and learned a lot from their questions and ideas. And ATJI and PILF are busy putting the finishing touches on the PILF Auction, which is clearly going to sell out, so get your tickets now!

Best regards,

Annette

**Presentations**

**Jack Kirkwood** has been invited to speak at the Loyola Antitrust Colloquium in Chicago in April. He will comment on a paper on cartel concealment.

**Other News**

**Robert Boruchowitz** argued in Division Two of the Court of Appeals a combined direct appeal and personal restraint petition in *State v. K.A.B.*, a juvenile case from Grays Harbor County. The case includes issues of the law regarding capacity of 11-year old children to be tried for a crime, ineffective assistance of counsel, and the failure of a judge to recuse himself. Professor John Strait and Dr. Eric Trupin are expert witnesses on the personal restraint petition.

**Bob Chang** wrote an op-ed for [The News & Observer](#) about the need for North Carolina's Supreme Court to address racial bias in jury strikes. The Korematsu Center also filed an amicus brief in two cases pending at that state's high court. He was also quoted in [InvestigateWest](#)'s in-depth story on state patrol stops of drivers who are Native American.

**Upcoming Events**

[Dean Bond Memorial Reception](#)

February 13, 2020, 5-7pm  
Second Floor Gallery

[Presidents Day](#)

February 17, 2020  
No classes, offices closed

[10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Public Defense](#)

February 28, 2020, 8am-5:15pm

[2020 PILF Auction](#)

February 29, 2020, 5:30pm  
Grand Hyatt Seattle

Visit the School of Law website for more [upcoming events](#).

**Brooke Coleman** spoke with [The New York Times](#) about legislators' interest in taking action to stem sexual misconduct in courts.

**Diane Lourdes Dick** spoke with the [Los Angeles Times](#) about how a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing would require disclosure of a prominent West Coast union's financial documents. She was also interviewed live on Bloomberg Radio. She was a special guest on the live Bloomberg radio show "Balance of Power" with anchor David Westin. She and the hosts discussed the implications of an ongoing dispute involving alleged conflicts of interest in a bankruptcy case. She was also quoted in a story in the *Los Angeles Times* on a prospective bankruptcy filing by a large labor union.

**Charlotte Garden** wrote two pieces for SCOTUSblog ([preview](#) and [argument analysis](#)) about the age discrimination case, *Babb v. Wilkie*. She's also quoted in [Bloomberg](#) (second article [here](#)) on California's new state law protecting gig workers. She commented on changes in labor law over the past decade for an article in [Law360](#). She also spoke with [Bloomberg Law](#) about whether national labor law applies to employees of religious schools. Lastly, she was quoted on [KNKX](#) about Amazon's threat to fire employees who are climate activists.

**Madeline Kass** was invited and accepted to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) for the current quadrennial.

**Jack Kirkwood** signed on to two amicus briefs, one urging the Fifth Circuit to affirm the FTC's decision in a pay-for-delay prescription drug case, the other recommending that the Eleventh Circuit reject a broad reading of the insurance exemption from the antitrust laws. Jack also selected the winning paper in a WSBA antitrust essay contest.

**Tayyab Mahmud** spoke with [The Guardian](#) about global migration of Indian citizens.

**Sara Rankin** was a guest on [The Takeaway](#) to talk about laws and policies that criminalize homelessness. She is also quoted in [Landscape Architecture Magazine](#) about the Catch 22 effect of criminalizing homelessness. She spoke with [Crosscut](#) about a state effort to let King County tax businesses in order to raise revenue for chronic homelessness. She's also cited in a [Real Change editorial](#) about the new head of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

**John Strait** told [The Advocate](#) (Baton Rouge, LA) that judges should disclose any previous business relationships with lawyers who appear before them in court.

**Cindy Yeung** wrote an article for the [KCBA Bar Bulletin](#) on the Moderate Means Program that was published in the February edition.

**Please send items to be included in the next Dean's Spotlight to [Laura Spoor](#) in the Dean's Office.**

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