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# STUDENT LIFE

## NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming Student Life Events

#### **Social Justice Monday: DNA Evidence Misuse Exposed: Shedding Light on a Flawed Justice System**

**Monday, March 4 from Noon – 12:50 p.m.**

**Location: Room C5 or via [Zoom Link](#)**

Emanuel Fair spent nearly 9 years behind bars for a crime he didn't commit—a wrongful murder conviction based on unreliable DNA evidence. Despite the lack of physical evidence tying him to the crime scene, Emanuel's trial proceeded with questionable tactics from the prosecution. Join **Public Defender Ben Goldsmith** for a discussion on accountability and reform, shedding light on the urgent need for fair trials and the elimination of wrongful convictions fueled by faulty forensic science. This courageous fight for truth and justice serves as a powerful reminder of the systemic flaws plaguing the criminal justice system and the resilience of those determined to right its wrongs.

*Presented by Seattle University Post-Conviction Appellate Alliance (SUPAA)*

## Phi Alpha Delta: Recruitment

**March 4 (Noon – 1:00 pm) & March 5 (12:30 – 1:30)**

**Location: Court Level**

Stop by the PAD table to learn about what PAD is, what we do and why you should join! PAD unfortunately became inactive during COVID and we are working hard to rebuild to what we used to be!

## Middle Eastern/South Asian Law Student Association: Ramadan Celebration

**Monday, March 4 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm**

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

Join us for a Ramadan celebration where friends, family, and community members come together to share a meal during the holy month of Ramadan, which is observed by Muslims worldwide.

## OutLaws SU/UW Mixer

**Monday, March 4 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Location: Pine Box (1600 Melrose Ave)**

Join Seattle U and UW OutLaws members at Pinebox for food and an opportunity to expand your queer community.

## FedSoc Coffee Break - Social Media and the First Amendment

**Tuesday, March 5 from 11:00 am – Noon**

**Location: Courtroom or via [Zoom Link](#)**

Drop in for an informal discussion of the recent oral arguments in the *NetChoice* cases. If you want to review the oral arguments or party briefs before the meeting, you can find them at the links below:

- [NetChoice v. Paxton](#)
- [Moody v. NetChoice](#)

## Womxn's Law Caucus: Career Development Tips for Womxn Law Students

**Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 pm**

**Location: Online via [Zoom Link](#)**

This webinar will provide law students with valuable career development advice and encourage students to advocate for themselves as they begin their legal careers. The panel of attorneys attending will answer questions related to their career development.

Specifically, the panelists will provide an overview of their career path, and they will answer specific questions related to what steps they took to develop their careers and what advice they have for law students. Moreover, the attorneys in attendance will be open to networking with law students.

## **Disability Justice Collective: General Body Meeting**

**Thursday, March 7 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm**

**Location: Room 110 or via** [Zoom Link](#)

Join the Disability Justice Collective for its March general body meeting! We will be announcing candidates for the 2024-25 DJC Board elections and giving them an opportunity to speak and answer questions about their candidacy, organizational goals, etc.

## **Korean Law Students Association: KBBQ Dinner**

**Friday, March 8 from 3:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Location: Please contact** [Contact Details](#) **for location**

This is our first social event for our KLSA members! There will be KBBQ, Korean drinks, Karaoke, and more. You will have the opportunity to connect with our members and have fun.

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## **Alternative Dispute Resolution Board**

**Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 ADR Negotiation Competition!!**

We are so proud of everyone who competed and appreciate the participation. A special thank you as well to our competition judges. ADR wishes you good luck with the rest of the semester!

1st: Morgan Graves and Rebecca Hannan  
2nd: Kailyn Bowman and Nicholas Valade  
3rd: Joseph Burdine and Abiel Woldu



### **Congratulations to ADR's newest members**

Maeve Axtell  
Anita Jahangiri  
Mirtha Lopez  
Justin Mack  
Emily Nguyen  
Nikhita Mendes  
Aurora Ocegüera  
James O'Donnell  
Fatima Taha

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## **Journals**

### **Seattle U Law Journal Write-On Competition**

The Write-on Competition begins this **Wednesday, March 6 at 12pm**. All 1Ls and qualifying flex students have received an invitation to the **2024 Write-On Competition Canvas Page**. If you have not received this invitation, please email **Contact Email** as soon as possible. All materials can be found on Canvas. Applicants will need to submit a 1-page resume with name and identifying information removed, a signed FERPA release, and the application packet. Please read the instructions thoroughly, as failure to follow the instructions will result in disqualification.

**Applications are due Wednesday, March 20 at 12pm via Canvas.**  
Participation in the Write-on competition is required to join a journal.

## Seattle Journal of Technology, Environment, and Innovation Law – Prospective Members

If you are a 1L or Flex Student and prospective SJTEIL member, meet the SJTEIL team and join us at our End of Year Banquet on **April 18, 2024 from 5pm-7pm at the Second Floor Gallery**. If you plan to be in attendance, fill out this [Link](#) by **March 10, 2024**

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## Moot Court Board

Come watch the 1L Mock Trial Final at 12pm on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> in the Courtroom. If you have a class at 1pm, there will be a break to leave at that point. Congratulations to all of our 1Ls who competed!



**Finalists:** Claire Engley & Noah Heekin vs. Vidal Glassman & Laurel Olden  
**Semifinalists:** Lucas Dini & Abby Nagich, Ricardo Franco & Abbey Langub

Keep an eye out for **2L/3L Mock Trial** sign-ups coming to TWEN later this week. 2L/3L Mock Trial will take place on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

For our graduating students, the **Order of the Barristers** application can be found on our [TWEN page](#) and is due March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm. If you have any questions or concerns email Tiana Pereira, Secretary [Contact Email](#)).

Finally, Moot Court **Membership Applications** are open until March 8<sup>th</sup> on Connect SU. For other general questions about the Moot Court Board, please feel free to reach out to



Sarah Wood, Chair ( [Contact Email](#) ) or Justin Gorney, Vice Chair  
[Contact Email](#)

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## Student Organization/Student Bar Association Announcements

### Womxn's Law Caucus: Elections

Our election applications are currently open and will close at Midnight on March 7th! The application can be found here: [Link to Form](#). If anyone has any questions, they should reach out to WLC President, Meg Rutherford at [Contact Email](#)

### Womxn's Law Caucus: Scholarship Announcement

WLC is announcing two scholarships. First, in collaboration with the Womxn of Color Coalition, the Kellye Testy scholarship for \$1,000. Second, in collaboration with both the Black Law Students Association and the Womxn of Color Coalition, the G. Helen Whitener scholarship for \$1,000. The application informational flyers are attached to this email, and any further questions may be directed to Meg Rutherford

[Contact Email](#), Divya Dhami [Contact Email](#), or Ariel Archie [Contact Email](#). Applications will remain open until midnight on March 11th.

### Barrister's Ball - ERAS OF POP CULTURE

**Saturday, March 23 at MoPOP from 8:00 – midnight**

[RSVP Link](#). **Tickets are \$75**

Come out to this annual event to celebrate the end of another academic year. Each ticket comes with two free alcoholic drink tickets redeemable for any drink at the bar, unlimited non-alcoholic drinks and food will be provided. The menu includes gluten free, vegetarian, and vegan options for your convenience. We recommend eating dinner before the event as food will be mainly appetizers. Tickets also include immersive experiences to several MoPOP galleries. Galleries that's included with admission includes:

- Hendrix: Wild Blue Angel [Hendrix: Wild Blue Angel | MoPOP](#)
- Guitar Gallery [Guitar Gallery | Museum of Pop Culture \(mopop.org\)](#)
- Nirvana: Taking Punk to the Masses [Nirvana Museum Exhibit: Taking Punk To The Masses | Seattle WA \(mopop.org\)](#)
- Indie Game Revolution [Indie Game Revolution | MoPOP](#)
- And our new gallery, Massive: The Power of Pop Culture, which opens March 15. [Massive: The Power of Pop Culture \(mopop.org\)](#)
- On the 2nd floor we have Sound Lab [Sound Lab | Museum of Pop Culture \(mopop.org\)](#) and the Hidden Worlds: The Films of LAIKA. [Hidden Worlds: The](#)

## Womxn of Color (WOCC) E-Board Applications Open

WOCC is very excited to announce the applications for 2024-25 E-board are now open. If you are interested in joining, please complete the application by **3/10 at 11:59 pm**. Please see the attached document for the list of open positions and their role descriptions (most positions share responsibilities with a co-partner).

To apply, please send application materials to [Contact Email](#) with the following information:

1. Resume
2. Personal statement (no more than 300 words)
  - a. *Prompt:* Why do you want to join the WOCC E-board in your top position choice?
3. Indicate your top 5 preferred positions (1 being most preferred, 5 being least preferred):
  - President
  - Vice-President
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - International Womxn's Advocate
  - Community and Events Coordinator
  - Social Media Coordinator
  - LLM Representative

## SBA Appointed Positions

The following positions will be appointed to the Student Bar Association. Interested students can submit a resume and cover letter to Erin, Speed, [Contact Email](#) by **Monday, March 18, 11:59 pm PST**. Please see the [SBA Bylaws](#) for a description of each position.

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| Student Activities Representative            | Graduate Student Council Representative    |
| Student Services Representative              | KCBA New Layers Division Representative    |
| MLS Representative                           | WSBA Young Lawyers Division Representative |
| Transfer and Visiting Student Representative | ABA Law Student Division Representative    |



## Dean's Office

### Spring Cafecitos with Dean Varona

Dean Varona will be hosting *Cafecitos* this Spring in his office and over zoom. Cuban coffee and cookies will be available for students.

There is no agenda, so please bring any questions you may have for the Dean! Below are the available *Cafecitos* dates, times, and formats.

To register, simply send an email to me at [Contact Email](#) indicating your preference for date/time and identifying one alternate date/time.

- Wednesday, March 27: 12:00-1:00 pm (in-person)
- Saturday, April 13: 10:30-11:30 am (over zoom:  
[Zoom Link](#))
- Wednesday, April 24: 12:00-1:00 pm (in-person)

### Dean's Luminaries in Law Lecture & Conversation Series

**Wednesday, March 6**

**4:30 p.m., Sullivan Hall, Room 110 (Remote access via [Zoom Link](#))**

**Reception at 5:30 p.m., Second Floor Gallery**

[Zoom Link](#)

Seattle University School of Law is honored to welcome Fred Rivera, executive vice president and general counsel for the Seattle Mariners, as a featured guest in the latest edition of the Dean's Luminaries in Law Lecture and Conversation Series. He will be joined in conversation by Dean Anthony E. Varona and Kelli Rodriguez, director of MLS & Sports Law for Seattle U Law.

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

Dean DiBiase will be available for Office Hours

**Monday, March 4, 2024, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.**

[Zoom Link](#)

[Meeting Details](#)

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

Office Drop-In (Room 210E)

Dean DiBiase is also available to meet with students by appointment: [Link to Book Appointment](#)

### Communities & Commons Recommended Event: Why Should You Get Involved with the ABA? 2023-24 Campus Visit Series

**Wednesday, March 6 from Noon – 1:00 pm**

**Location: Room 109**

[Zoom Link](#)

Did you know that the ABA is the largest voluntary association in the world? Come meet with local ABA leaders and learn more about what the ABA does and how and why you should get involved. Every law student is eligible for a FREE ABA membership that comes with tons of benefits and resources to help you through law school and beyond. Lunch will be provided to registrants. All attendees will also be entered into a raffle to earn a free pair of AirPods.

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## Other Announcements/Opportunities

### Law Library

The Law Library needs your feedback to help us improve the Law Library's services and resources for all law students! Please take **15 minutes** to complete this optional survey: [Google Form Link](#)

To show our appreciation for your time and insight, all survey participants will be eligible to enter a prize drawing. Prizes include a pair of [Bose QuietComfort Headphones](#) (\$350 value), four \$50 [Visa gift cards](#), and SU Law hats and water bottles.

The survey is open until March 31. Thank you for your participation. We look forward to hearing from you!

### Commencement Speaker Nominations Due March 8

Nominations are now open for the May 2024 Commencement Ceremony Student Speaker and Outstanding Faculty Award. Graduates - check your Seattle University email for instructions. The deadline for all nominations is Friday, March 8! Late submissions will not be accepted. Please call [Contact No.](#) or email [Contact Email](#) if you have questions.

### Graduates! Deadline to Order your Regalia This Week!

Appropriate graduation attire is required to participate in the ceremony. Rental of regalia is provided free of charge to graduates. There are no special cords, tassels, or colors for students graduating with honors. Some student organizations will bestow stoles or cords to be worn at the ceremony; however, these will not be a part of your rental package.

Graduation announcements will not be provided but are available for purchase through the Jostens website. Several options for formal announcements and announcement photo cards are available under the "Graduation Announcements" button on the Jostens SU School of Law home page. Keepsakes, rings, and diploma frames are also available.

**Please order your rental regalia online through the [Website Link](#) no later than Friday, March 8. If you have difficulty ordering, reach out to the Jostens Customer Service at [Contact Email](#)**

### Bar Exam and Character Screening

Bar Exam and Character Screening Advice. Contact Professor John Strait at [Contact Email](#), cell: [Contact No.](#); office room 438, for confidential advice and assistance.

### Joint Minority Mentorship Program (JMMP)

The mission of the JMMP is to promote the retention, growth, and success of minority\* law students and new lawyers as they enter the legal profession, through formalized one-on-one mentorship matches and practical follow-up events throughout the year.

Participants will be formally matched, and pairs will create their own agreement regarding discussion topics, meetings, and follow-up. The formal program will last through the end of 2024. But we hope the relationships will continue beyond.

[RSVP Link](#) to attend the **Kick-Off Event on Wednesday, March 27th from 6:00-8:30 pm at Foster Garvey's Seattle law office:** [Location](#)

### WILLIAM L. DWYER INN OF COURT

Current 2Ls are invited to apply for 2024-25 membership in the William L. Dwyer [Inn of Court](#). One of the Inn of Court's functions is to serve as an educational and

mentoring organization to law students who are dedicated to the pursuit of high-quality, ethical lawyering.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:** Applications for membership in the William L. Dwyer Inn of Court are **due Friday, March 8 at 12 pm**. A resume and letter of interest detailing why you would like to join the Inn should be addressed and emailed to [Deans Deborah Ahrens](#) and [Erin Fullner](#).

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Student dues for 2024-25 will be covered by the Office of the Dean.

### **Celebrating International Women's Day:**

**Friday, March 8 at 1:00 pm**

The **RSVP link** is [Link](#)

The [Washington State Women's Commission](#) is hosting an event in Seattle with the Consul Generals of Canada (TBC), Korea, and India.

- **Venue:** [Women Painters of Washington Gallery](#) (Downtown Seattle)
- **Speakers:**
  - CG Seo of the Republic of Korea
  - CG Gupta of India
  - CG Barratt of Canada (Or another representative from the Canadian Consulate; confirming schedule)
  - **Panel of 3 Consul Generals** to speak to
    - gender pay equity and women's economic empowerment in their respective countries,
    - role of any federal/state/local agencies that lead policies impacting women and girls,
    - innovative initiatives or programs from their countries that advance equity and opportunity, and
    - observations about gender equity in Washington state and the United States
  - **Moderated by WSWC Executive Director Grace Yoo**, who will highlight recent progress and future work to address the gender wage gap in Washington

### **Family Defense in Practice**

**Friday, March 22 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Sullivan Hall, Room 110**

[Zoom Link](#)

Join the Washington State Office of Public Defense, the Office of Civil Legal Aid, and various contracted family defense solo practitioners and law firms for a training and panel discussion on three landmark cases that have shaped race, culture, and equity issues in family defense in Washington State – and the attorneys who were at the forefront of litigating those cases.

Students will have the opportunity to personally interact with family defense attorneys, learn insight on what draws them to the work of family defense, the day-to-day challenges of serving as family defense attorneys, and why these attorneys

continue to serve in this important role.

## Privacy in Practice Event

Professors Chris Koa and Jake Bernstein cordially invite the Seattle University Law School community to attend an open session of their Privacy in Practice course on March 27.

Special guest lecturer and past SU Alum of the Year Senator Joe Nguyễn (read his bio

[Link](#)

) will share his experience advocating for privacy legislation in Washington.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024

**Time:** 5:30pm – 6:45 (Program / Interactive Q&A); 6:45 – 7:15 pm (Reception)

**Location:** Sullivan Hall Room 327 (and by Zoom)\*

\*A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the event date for the Program / Interactive Q&A.

Unfortunately, the Reception will not have a Zoom option.

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