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Upcoming Student Life Events

Social Justice Monday: Pathologizing Racism: Your Public Service Loan Forgiveness Action Plan

Monday, March 25 from Noon – 12:50 p.m.

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

Student loan repayment can feel overwhelming, but a debt-free future is achievable if you know the steps to take. Join **Teria Thornton**, an Accredited Financial Counselor from AccessLex Institute, as she discusses Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) requirements. She will help you get on the path to financial wellness and prepare you for the next steps. Ms. Thornton will cover all the essential details, including loan repayment options, consolidation, loan forgiveness and more. By attending this session, you qualify to enter for a [MAX Scholarship](#). Also, take advantage of [MAX Coaching](#), where you can speak to an AccessLex Accredited Financial Counselor® for free about any questions you have related to student loans, loan repayment, or PSLF.

**Due to certain restrictions, we are unable to record this presentation. However, this presentation is available via webinar. You may contact Student Financial Services for more*

information and webinar dates.

Artificial Intelligence Law Society, TILE, Law Library: Intro to GenAI

Tuesday, March 26 at 1:00 pm

Location: Room 309 or via [Zoom Link](#)

Join us on Tuesday, March 26th in Room 309 at 1pm, as The Law Library, TILE, and the AI Law Society co-sponsor a two-part workshop about Generative AI in the Practice of Law. This first session will explore the underlying technology, the differences between general-purpose tools (such as ChatGPT) and legal-specific tools (such as Lexis+ AI), the benefits and risks of using these tools, and how lawyers are currently using generative AI. Light food and beverages will be served.

Outlaws Jeopardy & Self Care Night

Tuesday, March 26 at 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: Room C1

Join us for a game of queer jeopardy, nail painting, and pizza. Bring your own nail polish. OutLaws is organized to provide support for LGBTQIA+ law students and their friends; present information to the law school and the legal community about legal issues and problems facing LGBTQIA+ individuals; work with the faculty and the law school to eradicate barriers to the success of LGBTQIA+ law students; and offer a network for social gatherings among our members and friends.

Sound Bath by the Wellness Committee with Healing Harmony

Wednesday, March 27 at Noon

Location: Room C7

Sound healing is a gentle non-invasive holistic healing practice which has been scientifically proven to reduce stress and anxiety, ease depression and grief, and mitigate trauma.

Healing Harmony uses Himalayan singing bowls handcrafted with intention in Nepal. The singing bowls are placed on or around the body and played by striking or rubbing each bowl to produce sound. Healing sound vibrates our physical bodies at the cellular level and restores us to a natural state of harmony and balance by bringing us back into “tune”.

Healing Harmony’s transformational sound healing treatments provide a path to wellness so you can enjoy a life full of purpose. Find joy by bringing your physical, mental, and spiritual bodies into balance.

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Privacy in Practice Event

**Wednesday, March 27 from 5:30 – 6:45 pm; 6:45 – 7:15 pm (Reception)
Sullivan Hall, Room 327 (and by Zoom)**

TILE Professors [Chris Koa](#) and [Jake Bernstein](#) cordially invite the law school community to attend an open session of their Privacy in Practice course on Wednesday, **March 27**. Special guest lecturer and past Seattle University Alumnus of the Year [Senator Joe Nguyễn](#) will share his experience advocating for privacy legislation in Washington state. He will also discuss public service/legislative careers and other issues that he has advanced.

[Zoom Link](#)

Business & Entrepreneurship Law Association: General Body Meeting

Thursday, March 28 at Noon

Location: [Zoom Link](#)

Join us for BELA's General Body Meeting! The Business & Entrepreneurship Law Association (BELA) is a law student organization dedicated to the pursuit of academic, professional, and social opportunities at the nexus of law and business.

BELA Executive Board Elections: March 25–April 5

Senator Manka Dhingra: Breaking Barriers - March 28 Fireside Chat with SeattleU Students

Thursday, March 28 at 12:15 pm

Location: Sullivan Hall, C5

[Zoom Link](#)

Senator Manka Dhingra will share wisdom from her beginnings as a law student to becoming the first Sikh state legislator elected in the nation in 2017 and the current day Deputy Majority Leader of the Washington State Senate. Among her achievements are Chair of the Senate Law & Justice Committee, founding the Senate Behavioral Health Subcommittee and advancing legislation that reorients the behavioral health system around prevention rather than crisis response; and co-founding Chaya, an organization that assists South Asian survivors of domestic violence.

More Details: Buffet lunch provided for those who register (including samosa from Seattle Samosas!) Hosted in conversation with Middle Eastern/South Asian Law Student Association leaders, excerpts from the SikhLens film Breaking Barriers for Manka Dhingra will be screened.

Plaintiffs' Law Association: Networking with civil plaintiff-side attorneys from WSAJ

Thursday, March 28 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Location: The Chieftain

Join the Plaintiff's Law Association and the Washington State Association for Justice to meet civil side plaintiff's attorneys who work across a variety of disciplines varying from sole practitioners to established plaintiff's firms.

Womxn of Color Coalition: Dinner with Our Sistas

Thursday, March 28 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Sullivan Hall, 2nd Floor Gallery

WOCC invites both members and nonmembers to our annual Dinner With Our Sistas on March 28 at 6 pm! There will be many legal professionals in attendance from different areas of the legal field (see more info below).

Every year around International Woman's Day, the Womxn of Color Coalition hosts a "Dinner With Our Sistas" event that provides an opportunity for students to build lasting connections to professionals, create a space to discuss navigating the workforce as women of color, and overall celebrate women of color in the legal profession with a catered dinner.

Get your tickets now at:

[Sign-up Form Link](#)

(Please select either Member or Non-Member accordingly)

Legal Professionals Attending:

- [Judge Rania Rampersad](#) - King County Superior Court Judge
- [Judge Andrea Jarmon](#) - King County District Court Judge
- [Noe Merfeld](#) - Associate Attorney at Pacifica Law Group
- [Michelle \(Miki\) Browne](#) - Staff Attorney at Colectiva Legal del Pueblo
- [Ruby Virk](#) - Investment Management Associate at Foster Garvey PC
- [Bianca Tillman](#) - Associate at Dorsey & Whitney LLP
- [Akua Asare](#) - Technology Transactions and Privacy Associate at Perkins Coie LLP
- [Beverly Tsai](#) - Staff Attorney at the Washington Appellate Project
- [Zaida Rivera](#) - DACA Attorney at NW Immigrant Rights Project
- [Lily Su](#) - Director of the Access to Justice Institute at Seattle University School of Law
- [Kristin DiBiase](#) - Associate Dean of Student Life, Diversity & Inclusion at Seattle University School of Law

Please contact Cheyann Fujii (fujiiicheyann@seattleu.edu) with any questions or concerns!

Non-Binary, Gender Non-Conforming and Allies Student Association: QUEERaoke

Thursday, March 28 from 8:30 – 11:45 pm

Location: The Chieftain

Come to karaoke at the Chieftain with the NGNCA! We meet at 8:30, and karaoke starts at 9.

This is a public event at **the Chieftain**, and the karaoke starts at **9pm**. Genderbending of songs, hanging of lyrics, and high-drama performance are encouraged!

We recommend that you get there close to the beginning to make sure you can get some songs in. It's a popular event, and it fills out quickly later in the evening!

Student Organization/Student Bar Association Announcements

BLSA Executive Board Applications for 2024-2025 are now open!

Those interested in running for an executive position should complete their application materials and return them to [Contact Email](#) by Wednesday, March 27, at 11:59 p.m. Elections will begin Monday, April 1, and will conclude Friday, April 5, at 11:59 p.m. Voting will take place through Connect SU.

Public Interest Law Foundation Grants

If you're working in a public interest internship this summer, be sure to apply for a Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) grant. If you have partial funding (such as through the Judicial Intern Opportunity Program), you can apply for a partial grant.

PILF Summer Grant applications are available for download on [ConnectSU page](#) page and are due no later than 11 p.m. on Monday, March 25.

SBA Communications Director Position

The Communications Director for the Student Bar Association is a paid position. Please submit a resume and cover letter to [Contact Email](#) by Monday, April 8 11:59 pm PST. The job description for this position can be found on the [SBA Bylaws page](#).

Student Bar Association Awards

The Student Bar Association celebrated all of the law school's student organizations with the SBA Certified Student Organization End of Year Celebration on March 20, during which a group of student leaders was recognized with awards:

Commitment to Community Award
2Asian Law Students Association

Activism Award
Haley Miller

Most Impactful Programming Award
American Constitution Society

Branching Out Award
Tyler Beckum

Breakout CSO Award
Filipino Law Students Association

Service in Leadership Award

Brenna Pink Pampena

The Student Bar Association also awarded three awards for members of the community that have supported them.

SBA Presidents Service Award
Catherin Mitri, Presidential Advisor

SBA Student Service Award
Meralina Morales, SBA Public Interest Representative

SBA Staff Service Award
Former Associate Dean for Finance and Administration, Dean Richard Bird

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](#)

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

Dean DiBiase will be available for Office Hours

Monday, March 25, 2024, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

[Zoom Link](#)

[Meeting Details](#)

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 from 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Office Drop-In (Room 210E)

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

[Link to Book Appointment](#)

Other Announcements

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 [Gift Link](#) (\$350 value), four \$50 [VisaCard Link](#) 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!

Ramadan Observance

The Law School will be providing light snacks and food for those that break their fast during Ramadan. Snacks will be laid out on the court level beginning March 19. A reminder that the law school has a meditation/prayer room, please email [Contact Email](#) for the access code.

Attention Graduates! We need Readers, Eucharist Ministers, and Gift Bearers for the Baccalaureate Mass

The Baccalaureate Mass is a tradition that celebrates and honors the graduating class. All students and their guests, regardless of religious affiliation, are invited to attend the Baccalaureate Mass on **Friday, May 17, 2024, at 4:30pm** in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. Readers must be baptized Christian or Catholic. Eucharist Ministers must be confirmed Catholic. Volunteers will need to be available Friday afternoon before the Mass for a rehearsal of the ceremony.

Graduating students who are interested in participating in the Baccalaureate Mass as Readers, Eucharist Ministers, or Gift Bearers should reach out to SBA President Erin Speed at [Contact Email](#) as soon as possible.

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: 1111 3rd Ave Ste 3000, Seattle, WA 98101.**

2024 Loyola Patent Law Interview Program Virtual Interviews - Thursday & Friday, July 18 & 19, 2024

Loyola University Chicago School of Law is hosting the [2024 Patent Law Interview Program](#). Interviews will be held virtually on **Thursday & Friday, July 18 & 19**. Last year over 100 employers, 165 law schools, and over 1000 law students from across the country participated in the program.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 27 at 11:59 pm

Begin by reviewing participation and eligibility instructions on the [Patent Law Interview Program](#) webpage, and then register to participate [Link](#). Initial registration is easy - it requires basic contact, school, and class year information. It also includes a **non-refundable \$50 dollar registration fee** that you will need to pay by credit card. Once you have registered, the Loyola Patent Law Program staff will send confirmation directly to the email address that you entered when registering for the program. **Late registrations will not be accepted.**

Student Eligibility

JD Students graduating in December 2024 through May 2026 may register for the Patent Law Interview Program. Patent bar eligibility is not required, although the vast majority of participating employers are seeking patent bar eligible students, particularly rising 2Ls.

Questions about the program? Contact [Contact Email](#) CPD Associate Director

Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington Mentorship Mixer

Thursday, April 4 at 5:30 pm

Location: Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC (Location)

Calling all Mentees and Mentors—bring friends and colleagues. Open to all law students and legal professionals. Join VABAW for our Annual Spring Mentorship Mixer, sponsored by Ryan Swanson Law Firm. Food and drinks will be provided by our gracious hosts. We will pair off with mentors and mentees during the event at around 6:00pm. Feel free to bring business cards to exchange.

Distinguished Lecture: New Tides in Puerto Rican Politics: The future of the World's Oldest Colony

Tuesday, April 9 from 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Location: Sullivan Hall, Room 110

Zoom Link

The Latinx Law Student Association and the Seattle University School of Law invite you to a distinguished lecture by Juan Dalmau Ramirez, the respected Puerto Rican lawyer and politician, titled "New Tides in Puerto Rican Politics: The Future of the World's Oldest Colony," with a reception and light refreshments to follow.

Distinguished Lecture: Room 110, Sullivan Hall (4:30-5:30pm)

Reception: Room 110, Sullivan Hall (5:30-6:00pm)

Join by **Zoom Link**

Judicial Clerkship at Tulalip Tribal Court

Please provide a resume, letter of interest, transcript and a writing sample via email to:
Brooke Pinkham, Contact Email

Description: The Tulalip Tribal Court is a general civil and misdemeanor criminal court. The Judicial Clerk will draft orders, research motions, draft memorandum on discreet legal issues, participate in multi-disciplinary meetings for drafting of rules. The position may require confidential research on procedural or substantive Indian criminal justice issues.

Qualifications: 2L or 3L preferred, but 1L may be considered depending on experience. Preferred applicants have excellent writing and interpersonal skills.

Compensation: \$19.97 per hour. Part-time (15 hrs/week) positions are available during Fall and Spring semesters. Full or part-time positions are available during Summer semester.

SU students may **earn credit** through the **Externship program** (instead of the paid position). Please contact the Externship Office as soon as possible to ensure you qualify.

Scholarship Opportunities

ABA SECTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES LAW STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

Submit your original, unpublished work to be considered for a \$1,000 cash prize.

SEER invites law students to write on one of the following topics: (1) Air, Water, and Food, (2) Biodiversity, (3) Energy Law, (4) Indigenous Law, (5) Recycling. Details are attached and submissions should be sent by Friday, May 31, 11:59 pm central.

WSBA Tax Section Tax LLM Scholarship

The Washington State Bar Association Taxation Section is pleased to announce its annual \$5,000 LL.M. Tax scholarship. Eligible applicants are those who have been accepted by, and plan to attend, a Tax LL.M. program in 2024-2025 at an accredited US law school.

The scholarship committee will evaluate academic record, demonstrated intent to become an active member of the WSBA Tax Section upon completion of a tax LL.M, and financial need. The application consists of resume (including name, address, phone number, email address, name of law school and graduation date); acceptance letter from an LL.M. tax program; law school transcript; and written explanation (not to exceed 2 double spaced pages) addressing commitment to practice law in Washington State, reasons for pursuing an LL.M, and financial need for the scholarship. Those related to members of the Tax Section Executive Council are not eligible to apply. Apply for the scholarship by sending the application materials to Jennifer Gellner by email at [Contact Email](#) by May 1.

Asian Bar Association of Washington – 2024 Spring Blossom Scholarship

Apply for the 2024 Asian Bar Association of Washington Student Scholarship Foundation (ABAWSSF) Spring Blossom Fellowship. Each year, ABAWSSF awards one fellowship grant of up to \$5,000 to a JD student who attends a law school in the State of Washington and will be working with a public interest/service organization during Summer of 2024 and whose work advances the rights of women and/or immigrants. Selection is competitive. Applications are due by April 12, 2024, at 5:00 pm PST. Information and details on how to apply can be found at following link: [Link to Form](#)

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