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Upcoming Student Life Events

Social Justice Monday: A Class of One: Multiracial Individuals Under Equal Protection

Monday, April 8 from Noon – 12:50 p.m.

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

Join **Professor Jeremiah Chin** as he discusses the unique barriers multiracial individuals face when bringing race discrimination claims. When it comes to recognizing multiracial individuals under the Equal Protection Clause, courts have fallen short. Only rarely do courts explicitly identify multiracial plaintiffs as multiracial. Instead, the majority of courts revert to a “one-drop” rule in which they view plaintiffs as only one part of their self-identified racial composition. In doing so, the unique identities and experiences of multiracial individuals remain unaddressed. Under the class of one doctrine, the Supreme Court has held individuals that do not identify with some commonly recognized marginalized class may still assert discrimination claims as a class of one by alleging that they were treated differently from others similarly situated. Given our increasingly multiracial society, it is more important than ever that courts play this vital role in the country’s continued discussions about race by acknowledging the often-marginalized identities of multiracial individuals.

Presented by the All Mixed Up Law Caucus

Federalist Society: Exclusionary Zoning and the Takings

Clause

Monday, April 8 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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

The housing affordability crisis in U.S. cities, particularly on the West Coast, has been well publicized in recent years, and the search for solutions has drawn together allies from across the ideological spectrum. While many reforms have been rolled out by various cities and states, there remains a widespread regulatory failure preventing the adaptation of cities to modern demands. In this event, we will discuss regulatory zoning, how it interacts with the Takings Clause, and discuss possible solutions to improve the functioning of U.S. cities.

Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court

Tuesday, April 9 at Noon

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

[Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court](#) (IP Inn) members will share their insights on intellectual property law practice and the benefits of joining the IP Inn. Participating IP Inn members are [Caroline Bercier](#) of Amazon, SU alum and adjunct professor [Bob Cumbow](#) of Miller Nash, [Harold Federow](#) of the Port of Seattle, [Stephen McGrath](#) of Meta Reality Labs, [Lori Tonnes](#) of Monad Bio, and SU Law alum [Aaron Weisman](#) of Folio Law Group. Time permitting, TILE faculty co-directors Professors Steve Bender and Maggie Chon will give a brief overview of TILE 2024 summer and fall courses, in advance of pre-registration for fall 2024 semester. This meeting is co-sponsored by IPLS and TILE.

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; Join by [Zoom Link](#)

[Meeting Details](#)

The Latinx Law Student Association and the Seattle University School of Law invite you to a distinguished lecture by Juan Dalmau Ramírez, 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.

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

Wellness Committee: Chat with CAPS

Weds, April 10 from 11:30 – 1:30 pm

Location: Court Level

The SU Law Wellness Committee invites you to meet Elizabeth Mulherron-Cayton, PsyD -- one of the CAPS therapists. She will be available to provide information about CAPS, resources for law students and answer any questions!

Justice in Employment & Labor Law Organization: SLEJ-JELLO Social

Thursday, April 11 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Location: Stroup Brewing in Capitol Hill

Join us on Thursday, April 11th at Stoup Brewing in Capitol Hill for food, drinks, and camaraderie with our University of Washington counterpart organization, Students for Labor and Employment Justice (SLEJ). This will be a great opportunity to socialize and network with other future lawyers interested in labor and employment law issues. If things get really crazy, there might be combat by board game! We have tables reserved starting at 6pm, and will provide attendees with pizza and a drink ticket.

Property & Tax Law Society: UW & SU's Tax Clinic Info Session

Friday, April 12 from Noon – 1:00 pm

Location: Online via [Zoom Link](#)

Interested in Tax? Interested in a Clinic? Need Experiential Credits but don't know anything about clinics? Join Property and Tax Law Society for a Clinic Informational Session. We will have Professor Holland speaking on the Clinic process and UW's Tax Clinic Directors speaking on the Tax Clinic itself!

Generative AI in the Practice of Law

Tuesday, April 16 at 1:00 pm

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

The Law Library, TILE, and the AI Law Society will co-sponsor this second session of the two-part workshop about Generative AI in the Practice of Law. This session will cover prompt writing. Students will have an opportunity to use ChatGPT and Lexis+ AI to perform tasks such as research, drafting, and summarizing.

IP, Tech, and Privacy Networking Event

Tuesday, April 16 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: 2nd Floor Gallery

Join us at Seattle University School of Law's Second Floor Gallery for an evening to get to know the local, legal community! We are bringing attorneys from backgrounds including AI, trademark, patent, and privacy sectors.

The evening will include keynote speaker, Professor Margaret Chon, an expert in the Intellectual Property sector, food, and beverages. This event is exclusively in-person, there will not be a hybrid accommodation.

Interested attendants must RSVP through our Google Forms link ([Link](#)).

Health Law Society: Health Law Fair

Friday, April 19 from Noon – 5:00 pm; Social at Rhein Haus from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Location: Sullivan Hall C1 or via [Zoom Link](#)

Opening Remarks will begin at 12pm. This year's Fair consists of four substantive presentations (12:15pm - Overview of Health Law; 1pm - Privacy & AI; 1:50pm - Digital Health/Telemedicine; 2:55pm - Government Enforcement, and a Careers Panel at 4pm). The Networking Hour will follow immediately at Rhein Haus. We have rented out the Bocce Den - finger food, beer & wine will be served. This year's Fair is co-hosted by WSBA HLS, Seattle U Health Law Section, and UW Health Law Section, and is generously sponsored by Foster Garvey, Fox Ballard, Lane Powell, and Ogden Murphy Wallace.

Asian and Pacific Islander Law Students Graduation & Awards

Ceremony

Saturday, April 20 at 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Student Center 160

Please RSVP for the event on [RSVP Link](#)

The Asian Law Students Association (ALSA), Filipino Law Students Association (FLSA), Korean Law Students Association (KLSA), Middle Eastern & South Asian Law Association (MESALA), and Pacific Islander Law Students Association (PILSA) will recognize all graduating Asian and Pacific Islander law students for our second annual graduation ceremony. We are honored to have Professor Robert S. Chang be the keynote speaker for the event.

We proudly present a night of festivities and celebration. This is a free event; ticket admission includes an Asian and Pacific Islander cultural buffet and access to a bar.

Disability Justice Collective Graduation Celebration

Friday, April 26 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Location: Second Floor Gallery of Sullivan Hall

Please RSVP for the event on [RSVP Link](#)

Please join us for Seattle U Law's inaugural Disability Justice Collective graduation celebration! The formal program will begin at 6pm with opening remarks from Dean Varona, followed by a speech from special guest and Seattle U Law alum U.S. District Court Judge Jamal Whitehead. We will conclude with comments and a cording ceremony for graduating 3Ls led by DJC Co-Founder and President Haley Miller ('24). A Mediterranean-style buffet dinner and drinks will be provided, including vegan and gluten-free options.

Law School Lavender Graduation

Saturday, May 11 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Second Floor Gallery of Sullivan Hall

Please RSVP for the event on [RSVP Link](#)

Come join us to celebrate graduating law students from the LGBTQ+ community at Seattle University in a special event co-hosted by OutLaws and NGNCA. All LGBTQ+ and ally students are invited to celebrate. Graduating students are also encouraged to invite friends and/or family to this brunch event!

Student Organization and Student Bar Association Announcements

Black Law Students Association E-Board

Congratulations to the new BLSA E-Board.

- President – Elinor Jones Toutant
- Treasure – Arouna T aylor-Kamara

- Secretary – Jaime McCandies

The new E-Board will assume their position on April 15th.

The new executive board's first order of business will be to fill the remaining executive board positions, which are:

- Vice-President
- Events Coordinator
- Community Services Director
- Communications/Social Media Director

Barrister's Ball Pictures

Thank you everyone for attending Barristers Ball. Please use this link to access photobooth pictures from the night - [Link to Access Pictures](#). A 4-digit pin may be required, please use 1775 to access the photos.

Congratulations to the new SBA Council Members

Secretary	Roger Robertson
Parliamentarian	Lexi Hanson
Incoming GSC Representative (term begins in May)	Grace Lewis
Transfer and Visiting Student Representative	Catherine Mitri
Student Activities Representative	Natalie Wilkins
Student Services Representative	Gregory Rodriguez
Disability Representative	Robert Roy
ABA Law Student Division Representative	Brittany Towner
KCBA New Lawyers Division Representative	Lucas Dini
WSBA Young Lawyers Division Representative	Hollie Hutchison

SBA Open Positions

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](#).

Calling all rising 2Ls and 3Ls! The Student Bar Association Judicial Board is currently accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year. The Judicial Board oversees all elections as well as interprets the SBA and student organization by-laws or constitutions. Multiple students from the rising 2L and 3L class will be selected and Judicial Board membership continues until graduation. Please submit a cover letter and resume to [Contact Email](#) if interested. Applications are due April 12 at 11:59 p.m.

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.

- 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, April 8, 2024, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

[Zoom Link](#)

[Meeting Details](#)

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 from 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Office Drop-In (Room 210E)

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

Other Announcements

Bar Exam and Character Screening Advice

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

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 in addition to being paid!
Please fill out the online externship application form and contact the Externship Program Office

to ensure you are eligible. Please contact the Externship Office as soon as possible to ensure you qualify.

Virtual Panel on Clerking in Superior Court with Judge Karen Moore

Tuesday, April 16 from Noon – 1:00p.m.

Location: [Link](#)

The Honorable Karen D. Moore '91 will join us for a virtual presentation at noon on Tuesday, April 16 to discuss clerking in Snohomish County Superior Court.

Student Research & Creativity Conference

Friday, May 10 from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

Location: Seattle University

All graduate and undergraduate students conducting research in all academic disciplines, creative works and artistic endeavors, are welcome to present at the conference! **The deadline to submit presentation information is April 15, 2024.**

More information about presentation types, submissions, contact, FAQs, etc. can be found on the [Student Research and Creativity Conference page](#).

Scholarship Opportunities

LatinX Law Students Association Scholarship Application

This scholarship was established in 2015 from the generous donations of Seattle University School of Law alumni, friends, supporters, and community members. The fund will provide financial support to current law students attending Seattle University School of Law. The scholarship will be awarded to an LLSA member who has demonstrated the leadership qualities embodied in LLSA's mission statement. If selected, the recipient is expected to attend the LLSA Graduation & Alumni Awards on **Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 pm** in the Court Level floor at Seattle University School of Law. **See attached PDF for application instructions.** Application is due **April 12th, 2024 at 11:59pm.**

2024 Student Writing Competition on Animal Law

Law students are invited to submit to COAL an article concerning any area of Animal Law that each individual submitter may choose. **The deadline for submission by a law student of an article is July 5, 2024 in order for the student to qualify for the Competition.** All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of attorneys and other professionals practicing, or otherwise involved, in the field of Animal Law. The first-place winner will receive \$1,000 and a certificate of achievement. The second-place winner will receive \$500 and a certificate of achievement. The third- and fourth-place winners will each receive a certificate of recognition. All winners' submissions will be eligible for publication in COAL's "Laws & Paws" publication.

2024 Marshall Schulman Writing Competition in Criminal Law and/or Criminal Procedure

The Criminal Law Section of the California Lawyer's Association (formerly the Criminal Law Section of the California State Bar) is pleased to announce the 2024 Marshall M. Schulman Annual Competition for Student Papers in Criminal Law and/or Criminal Procedure. This is a nationwide competition; while the focus is on California law, past winners have included students attending schools from coast to coast. See attached for more details.

Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition

The purposes of the competition are to promote greater interest in and understanding of the field of disability law and to encourage excellent legal writing skills in law students. The deadline is June 14, 2024. Briefs can be on any of the following topics:

- Disability Law;
- The Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972;
- Age Discrimination in Employment Act;
- Family and Medical Leave Act;
- A state statute or municipal ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Further information is posted on the Mercer website (the date in this email is correct, it has not yet been changed on the website) at [Link to Form](#)

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