

# LSU Law

## Monthly Highlights – July 2022

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Be sure to review the travel policies and regulations at [this link](#) before making plans or incurring any expenses. The regulations are updated annually in July. Contact Misty at [mgrego1@lsu.edu](mailto:mgrego1@lsu.edu) if you have any questions.

### **Important Dates and Deadlines**

July 4: Fourth of July Holiday (Law Center Offices closed and no classes)  
July 15: Last day of class  
July 18-22: Final Exams

### **Training Notice**

Power-based Violence Prevention and Response: Due September 30, 2022

The mandatory training on power-based violence prevention and response is now available. All employees including faculty, staff, and graduate assistants are required to take this online training annually through Moodle. This year's hour-long course was developed by the Board of Regents and the Office of Civil Rights & Title IX, in partnership with the Office of Human Resource Management. You can access the 2022 Power-Based Violence Prevention & Response Training through your Moodle account, or you can visit the [mandatory employee training page](#) to view all mandatory trainings.

Louisiana state law now requires all public institutions of higher education to report the number of employees who have completed the training to the Board of Regents and the Louisiana legislature. Since the report is due in early October, to meet this compliance demand, please complete the training by midnight on Sept. 30, 2022.

For further information or training on power-based violence and sexual misconduct, please contact the Title IX office at [titleix@lsu.edu](mailto:titleix@lsu.edu) or 225-578-9000. For technical questions regarding accessing and completing the modules, please contact [hrmtraining@lsu.edu](mailto:hrmtraining@lsu.edu).

## **LSU Faculty & Staff Service Recognition**

On May 25, LSU recognized faculty and staff with Service Awards for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 55 years of service. Congratulations to the following Law Center faculty and staff who were honored for their years of service:

### **45 Years**

Joseph T. Bockrath  
Rita M. Parham

### **35 Years**

John M. Devlin  
Natalie M. Palermo

### **30 Years**

John M. Church  
William R. Corbett

### **25 Years**

Madeline C. Babin  
Christina A. Corcos  
Michael Sparks  
Randy Trahan

## **Faculty Highlights**

Professor Tom Galligan spoke at the Judge Alvin B. Rubin Maritime Personal Injury Seminar on the continued existence of *Sieracki* seamen.

Professor Keith Hall participated in the latest quarterly meeting of the Institute for Energy Law's Executive Committee on May 18, 2022, and during the meeting he reported on the organization's "Oil & Gas E-Report" publication. The day before, he participated in a meeting to plan the Institute for Energy Law's next annual energy law conference.

Prof. Ray Diamond's work, coauthored with Robert J. Cottrol, has been published in Volume 54 of the [Connecticut Law Review Online](#). "Helpless by Law: Enduring Lessons from a Century-Old Tragedy" examines questions of violence and self-defense in African American history, contrasting the historical patterns of racist anti-Black violence prevalent in the nineteenth and early twentieth century, as exemplified by the destruction of the Greenwood community in Tulsa Oklahoma in 1921, with the current phenomenon of violence in modern inner-city communities.

On May 28, Professor Bryner spoke (virtually, via Zoom) at the 17<sup>th</sup> *Congresso Internacional de Direito Ambiental* in Brazil, organized by the Law for a Green Planet Institute, on the topic of Climate Justice.

From May 31 – June 3, Prof. Bryner will be in Stockholm, Sweden, participating in the United Nations' [Stockholm+50 Conference](#): "A healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity." He is a co-organizer for a [side event](#) within the Stockholm+50 meeting, and will be speaking at a [symposium on Judges & the Environment](#) that is taking place immediately prior to the official UN event.

Professor Keith Hall participated in the 43rd Annual Energy & Mineral Law Institute in Amelia Island, Florida from June 12-14, 2022. Three LSU Law School students— James Anderson, Chancellor Cranford, and Amanda Johnson—also attended, with each of the students receiving either a scholarship or a travel stipend from the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation. The week before, Professor Keith Hall participated in the Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law’s quarterly Program Committee Meeting in Denver, Colorado on June 9, 2022, and the organization’s quarterly Board of Directors Meeting in Denver on June 10.

Professor Jeff Brooks recently presented on the “Intersection of Advocacy Programs, Advocacy Courses, and the Bar Exam” at the Educating Advocacy Teachers (EATS) Conference, hosted by Stetson University College of Law. Prof. Brooks also presented on the basics of oral argument for the Louisiana Bar Association’s annual “Suit Up for the Future” Legal Institute and Internship Program.

Professor Christine Corcos published “[Cyborgs, Replicants, and Other Human/Artificial “Hybrids” in Science Fiction and Law](#)” at The Digital Constitutionalist.

Professor Emeritus Alain Levasseur has written an article in French for a 2019 conference held in Bucharest (Romania) by GERCA (a Francophone association of jurists working on Insurance and Damages). The article will be published in a book by Les Editions Larcier, Belgium, very soon. The article is entitled “L’incidence en droit américain du caractère collectif de l’évènement sur le préjudice réparable et son évaluation; class actions, actions de groupe, MDL, litige multidistricts, dommages intérêts.” (The delay between 2019 and 2022 was caused by the pandemic.) He also translated into French an article writing by Professor Maggie Thomas and just published an article entitled “The Louisiana Civil Code: A *Vademecum*” in the *Louisiana Law Review* (Volume 82, number 4, Summer 2022).

Professor Bill Corbett completed and submitted to the publisher the annual update to his coauthored book Douglas E. Ray, William R. Corbett & Christopher David Ruiz Cameron, *Labor-Management Relations: Strikes, Lockouts and Boycotts* (2d ed. Thomson-West 2004) (with annual supplements).

Professor Lisa Avalos presented her work-in-progress, *Innocence Beyond a Reasonable Doubt: Supreme Court Nominees and Sexual Misconduct*, at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutie A. Lytle Conference, held June 22-25 at Boston University School of Law. She also has given interviews to Reuters, available [here](#) and [here](#); [NBC](#) and [WWL TV New Orleans](#) on the implications of the recent Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Professor Christina Sautter’s co-authored (with Sergio Alberto Gramitto Ricci) book chapter [Harnessing the Collective Power of Retail Investors](#) has been posted on SSRN. The chapter is forthcoming in *A Research Agenda for Corporate Law* (Christopher M. Bruner & Marc Moore, eds.) (Edward Elgar Publishing). She presented her co-authored work-in-progress paper, *The Corporate Forum*, at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Business Law Scholars Conference which was held at the University of Oklahoma on June 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>. She also served as a commentator for Professor Christopher M. Bruner’s (UGA Law) book, *The Corporation as Technology: Re-Calibrating Corporate Governance for a Sustainable Future* (Oxford University Press 2022),

during an Author-Meets-Readers plenary session and moderated the Mergers and Acquisitions panel.

Professor Sautter also has been appointed to the LSU Press and *The Southern Review* Advisory Group. The LSU Press has a long history of publishing excellence, including four Pulitzer Prizes, the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Frederick Douglass Award in Slavery Studies, and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize. The Advisory Group assists the Executive Director in fundraising and provides guidance on engagement and other initiatives.

Professor Darlene Goring was quoted in an [article](#) in the Acadiana Advocate that discusses immigration law and asylum claims in Louisiana.

### **Staff Highlights**

Congratulations to Joelle Aucoin for completing her Master's degree in Higher Education Administration.

### **Admissions**

Jake Henry, Daphne James, and Andrew Whall will attend the LSAC Annual Meeting and Conference in Aurora, CO. This year's Annual Meeting will deliver new perspectives, fresh ideas, and great info on topics such as: marketing and recruiting; using data-driven insights to future-proof admissions; DEI timely topics; the LSAT, now and in the future; financial aid; work/life, career, and parenting topics.

### **Alumni Affairs**

Two Superior Graduate Scholarships received Board of Regents match in this year's competition. The Chris and Nancy Rials Scholarship, which provides support to a 1L, and the Judge France Watts Scholarship, which provides support to a student from the 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC, each received a \$40,000 match. We submitted five applications for a total of nine increments. All scored in the "eligible for funding" range, 96-99.

### **Career Services Office**

Congratulations to Gwendolyn L. Ferrell, who has been elected to serve as the 2022 – 2024 Vice President of Member Services and Education for the National Association for Law Placement (NALP). NALP is an association of over 2,500 legal career professionals from both schools and firms who advise law students, lawyers, law offices and law schools in North American and beyond. The Vice-President for Member Services and Education presides at business meetings of the Board of Directors, the regions, and/or the general membership in the absence of the President. The Vice-President for Member Services and Education assists the President in conducting the affairs of the association, assumes the responsibility to attend all meetings of the

Board of Directors and serves as Chair of the Regional Leadership Council. This selection reflects Gwen's years of dedicated service to the association by serving in various leadership roles, most recently the Board of Directors.

Class of 2021 Employment Statistics: Employment statistics for the Class of 2021 have been finalized. We are pleased to have accomplished an 89% employment rate 10 months post-graduation, with 98% reporting. Of this percentage, 94% were bar admission required/full time. The following is the breakdown per area of employment: 64% in private law firm practice, 16% Judicial Clerkships, 5% Business/Industry, 11% Government, including local, state, and federal, and 4% Public Interest. The top three preferred locations for the Class of 2021 remained the same as the previous two classes, Louisiana, Texas, and Florida.

The CSO is also pleased to report that 59% of the Class of 2022 was gainfully employed as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The class size number includes both December 2021 and May 2022 graduates, totaling 198, with 171 reporting. To date, we have 101 employed in full-time positions, 2 enrolled in full-time degree programs, 68 still seeking and 27 unknowns. The final 10-month post-graduation ABA report will include the August 2022 graduates and will not be finalized until March 2023. This is by far one of the highest at-graduation employment rates we have accomplished in many years. We credit this to the return of our employers' hiring practices and increased demand within the legal market post-COVID, and we hope this trend will continue.

CSO wrapped up another successful OCI/Resume Collect season this spring. Over 60 employers collected resumes from our students and over 200 interviews took place in the CSO Suite. Many 1Ls got a taste of what is to come for the major Fall OCI season. We are currently gearing up to host our most supportive and loyal legal employers from around the state for our annual Fall OCI. Fingers crossed we get to host in-person interviews as planned in the amazing Olinde Career Center in the Student Union for the first time in 3 years. While virtual interviewing works, our employers and students agree that nothing is better than in-person meetings. Join us the week of August 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> in the Olinde Career Center to say hello and welcome our loyal legal employers back to campus!

## **Experiential Learning**

### **Clinics**

The Juvenile Defense Clinic concluded its semester with the trial of one of our clients. After diligent work by student-attorney Isabella Olivias, and ongoing consultation by her clinical colleagues, our client was found not guilty of all charges.

### **Field Placement Program**

Ninety-nine students are participating in the 2022 Summer Field Placement Program. Our students are "learning from practice" as volunteer legal interns with government agencies, judges' chambers, and not-for-profit legal services providers across Louisiana and across the United States. Professors Jeff Brooks, Grace Barry, Marlene Krousel, and Kathy Simino are working with students this summer to assist them in their professional development and guide

them through their first lawyering experiences. Some of our many summer placement hosts include:

- Fourteen students placed with the Louisiana Department of Justice (our largest placement host partner)
- The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- Federal district courts in Florida, Indiana, and multiple cities in Louisiana
- City Attorney's Offices in Little Rock AR, Tampa FL, and Houston TX
- Public defenders' offices in Baton Rouge and Lafayette
- District Attorneys in Dallas TX, Houston TX, Gloucester County NJ, and East Baton Rouge Parish

### **Coming in August**

Aug. 1-5: Legal Methods Program  
Aug. 1-12: LL.M. Orientation  
Aug. 8-10: Trial Advocacy Program  
Aug. 8-12: Career Services On-Campus Interviews  
Aug. 11-12: Entering Class Orientation  
Aug. 15: Class Begin!  
Aug. 27: PILS Fall Day of Service

### **Helpful Resources**

LSU Law Monthly Highlights on the web: [LINK](#)

Law Center Building and Library Hours: [LINK](#)

Law Center Academic Calendar: [LINK](#)

Course Schedules and Classroom Assignments: [LINK](#)

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