

LSU Law

Monthly Highlights – May 2023

Important Dates and Deadlines

- May 8: Exams End
- May 12: 2nd Admitted Students Visiting Day
- May 20: Commencement, 12:30 at the Maravich Assembly Center
- May 24: Grade Deadline for all spring courses

LSU Law Online Store is Open

Over the years, many alumni, faculty, and staff have expressed interest in purchasing official LSU Law merchandise. The Law Center has now partnered with Baton Rouge-based Ad Specialties by Ken Waller to produce LSU Law-branded items and apparel. The first sale will open on May 1 and run through May 19, with delivery anticipated before June 30. Click [here](#) or go to www.promoplace.com/lsulaw and use the password **lsulawspring23** to access the online store. You must enter the password lsulawspring23 to view the online store. We're looking forward to seeing you in your LSU Law-branded merchandise in the coming months! If you show off your new LSU Law gear on social media, please be sure to tag the Law Center on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or LinkedIn.

Faculty Highlights

Associate Dean Andrea Carroll was recognized on Friday, April 21 by the Louisiana Bar Foundation as the 2022 Distinguished Professor.

On Friday, April 28, Professor Ray Lamonica was recognized by LSU for 50 years of dedicated service to the university.

Interim Dean Lockridge and her co-authors recently published the 6th edition of their casebook, designed for use in introductory intellectual property courses surveying and integrating multiple areas of IP law. It includes trademark, right of publicity, idea protection, trade secret, patent, and copyright law, as well as related preemption concepts, and Dean Lockridge is responsible for the

trade secret and patent materials. (Mary LaFrance, Gary Myers & Lee Ann Wheelis Lockridge, Intellectual Property: Cases and Materials (6th ed. 2023) (West Academic)).

Professor Lisa Avalos accepted a publication offer for *The Innocence Standard: Supreme Court Nominees and Sexual Misconduct*, as the lead article in volume 56 of the Connecticut Law Review. She was the recipient of the Visionary Award from End Violence Against Women International Annual at their annual conference in Chicago in April 2023. She also delivered a plenary presentation titled "Eliminating the Wheel of Fortune: Ending Practices that Result in the Prosecution of Sexual Assault Survivors." She also co-presented, with Carl Hershman on "Tragic Endings: When Suicide or Homicide Follows a Botched Sexual Assault Investigation."

Professors Bob Lancaster and John Devlin conditionally filed on April 21 an *amicus curiae* brief at the Louisiana Supreme Court in the case of *State v. Wayne*, No. 2022-KK-01827. The brief was filed on behalf of the Louisiana Parole Project. In the brief, they argued why a recently enacted statute – La. C. Crim. P. 930.10, which authorizes district attorneys and long serving prisoners to enter into, and trial court judges to grant, agreements to amend their convictions or reduce their sentences – does not conflict with the governor’s exclusive authority to grant pardons or commute sentences. The Supreme Court granted their motion to file that *amicus* brief, indicating that the Supreme Court will consider it.

Professor Devlin will also be participating in a panel on May 25 organized by Chief Judge Jane Milazzo of the Eastern District of Louisiana. The topic of the panel will be on the legitimacy of courts.

Professor Keith Hall spoke on “Oil & Gas Lease Implied Covenants” at the Fundamentals of Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Conference, which was hosted by the University of Texas Law School on April 13, 2023, in Houston, Texas.

Professor Christina Sautter was quoted in [THE DAILY BEAST article “Investors Got Creamed on Bed Bath & Beyond, but This Billionaire Cashed In”](#) regarding activist investor Ryan Cohen’s relationship with retail investors and Cohen’s 2022 investment in Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

Professor Sautter and her co-author Sergio Alberto Gramitto Ricci spoke with the CEO and Co-Founder of Stakeholder Labs Matt (MJ) Joanou in a [podcast](#) about their research on retail investors. Stakeholder Labs is a start-up that builds enterprise software to help companies measure and increase retail investor engagement.

Professor Marlene Krousel will present *Sitting on the “Doc” of the Bay, Watching the Writing Deadlines Come My Way: How to Effectively and Efficiently Draft Legal Analysis — Are the Grammar Rules that You Heard Through the Grapevine Still Binding? Writing in the Rhythm of Clarity and Grace* to judges on June 5 and to attorneys on June 7 at the 2023 Louisiana State Bar/Louisiana Judicial College Joint Summer School in Sandestin.

Professors Tracy Norton and Susan Tanner presented *The Legal Ethics Implications of ChatGPT*, at the Louisiana Association of Land Title Agents Spring Seminar in Lafayette, LA on April 4, 2023.

Professor Norton will participate in an upcoming panel *Practical Considerations for AI in the Legal Writing Classroom*, for the Arizona State University Summer Webinar. The webinar will be offered via Zoom. A link for free registration can be found [here](#).

She will also present *Bob Dylan, Taylor Swift & Me: Songwriting Inspiration for Compelling Legal Facts*, on June 5 and 7 at the Louisiana State Bar Association & Louisiana Judicial College Joint Summer School Program in Sandestin.

Professor Bill Corbett will serve on a panel covering Recent Developments in Louisiana Civil Procedure at the joint Summer School of the Louisiana Judicial College and the LSBA on June 5, 2023. The other panelists will be Associate Justice Piper Griffin (Louisiana Supreme Court), Judge Tiffany Chase (Louisiana Fourth Circuit), and Judge Guy Holdridge (Louisiana First Circuit).

Professor Caprice Roberts is quoted in an in-depth report by London-based *In Vivo* on the implications of federal litigation based on unjust enrichment from continuing profits from the immortal cell line of Henrietta Lacks. On April 28, Professor Roberts presented remarks, *Overview of the Current Supreme Court: Recent Rulings, Effects, Predictions, and a History of Leaks (Business Litigation)*, 2023 DRI Business and Intellectual Property Litigation Super Conference, New Orleans. Professor Roberts's draft article, *Reimagining First Amendment Remedies*, 109 *Iowa L. Rev.* ___, is now available on [SSRN](#).

Professor Roberts has also accepted an offer of publication for *Judicial Fidelity* as the Lead Article in volume 51 of the *Pepperdine Law Review*. This article explores the unraveling of precedent in controversial constitutional cases, the *Dobbs* leak, failures to recuse, ethical shortfalls, the exercise of discretion, principled judicial reasoning, and more. In a related work that will be published with the *Loyola New Orleans Law Review Forum*, Professor Roberts engages in a fictionalized dialogue on components of judicial fidelity as part of the judicial branch's role in safeguarding democracy.

Professors Caprice Roberts and Tom Galligan were panelists along with Professor Amy Gajda from Tulane Law School at the Defense Research Institute's 2023 Business and IP Super Conference in New Orleans. The panel topic was Overview of the Current Supreme Court: Recent Rulings, Effects, Predictions, and a History of Leaks.

Professor Tom Galligan's article *Continued Conflation Confusion in Louisiana Negligence Cases: Duty and Breach*, 97 *Tul L. Rev.* 339 (2023) was recently published. Before publication, Chief Justice Wiemer cited it in his concurrence in *Farrell v. Circle K Stores*.

Professor Nick Bryner's article, [The Once and Future Clean Air Act: Impacts of the Inflation Reduction act on EPA's Regulatory Authority](#), has been accepted for publication in *Boston College Law Review*. On April 4, he presented an article co-authored with Victor Flatt of the University of Houston at the Columbia Journal of Environmental Law's annual symposium. The article, "Rotting Under the Bridge: How False Data is Polluting Administrative Rulemaking," is has been published in the journal and is available online [here](#).

Professor Bryner is currently attending the Regional Symposium on Forest and Protected Areas Legislation and Jurisprudence: Bridging Law and Science, held in Kathmandu, Nepal. At the symposium, he is facilitating a judicial roundtable dialogue with judges from Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Professor Christine Corcos has completed a second three-year term on the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Selection Committee of the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships. The Canadian government awards these fellowships every year to the seventy best national and international applicants. More information about the Banting Fellowships is available [here](#).

CCLS and International Programs

Lila Tahidousti, LSU LLM 2021, is presently working as the CCLS Research Associate, before beginning a one-year internship in July at the New York office of the Air France Group. The internship is a part of a joint program with LSU, Aix-Marseille University, and the Air France Group.

Volume 14 (2021-2022) of the Journal of Civil Law Studies will be published in the summer 2022.

Experiential Learning

The Juvenile Defense Clinic ended its semester with a successfully argued motion to suppress evidence. Due to student-attorney John Arboleda's pre-hearing preparation, he was able to show the court why any evidence taken was not constitutionally obtained from our client. As a result of this ruling, the case against John's client was dismissed.

Coming in June

June 1: [Research Assistant Training](#)

June 19: Juneteenth Holiday (no classes, Law Center offices open)

June 22: [Admissions: Admitted Student Meet & Greet](#)

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