



## Monthly Highlights – September 2023

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### Important Dates and Deadlines

- Sept. 4: Labor Day Holiday, Law Center closed
- Sept. 8: [Pugh Institute Presents: Victim/Suspect Film](#)
- Sept. 22: [Constitution Day Lecture](#)
- Sept. 27: September Birthday Gathering (3 pm in Tucker Room)
- Sept. 30: Deadline to complete [Mandatory Training](#): Power-Based Violence Prevention and Response Training (required annually)

### Of Note

Special acknowledgement is given to the Public Interest Law Society (PILS) and their faculty advisor Professor John Devlin for coordination of the annual Fall Day of Service. More than one hundred student volunteers engaged in community service at sites throughout the Baton Rouge area, including the USS KIDD Veterans Museum which was featured in [The Reveille](#). Special thanks to Professor Krousel and any other faculty and staff who participated.

### Faculty Highlights

Dean Alena Allen will speak at the Baton Rouge Bar Association's September Bar Luncheon on Thursday, September 7. In her talk "The Impact of *SFFA v. UNC* and *SFFA v. Harvard College* on Legal Education," she will discuss the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision to end race-conscious higher education admission policies. She will also appear on the Talk Louisiana with Jim Engster radio show on Wednesday, September 6 at 9 am. Her interview can be heard on 89.3 WRKF-FM or online at this [link](#).

Professor Keith Hall spoke on "Natural Gas Gathering Agreements 101" at the Dallas Bar Association's 38th Annual Review of Energy Law conference on August 17, 2023.

Professor Tracy Norton will be presenting on September 16, 2023, at the Southeast Land Title Association's Annual Convention in Point Clear, Alabama, on Ethical & Practical Consideration for Using Generative AI. She will also be presenting *How to Embrace Generative AI: For Skeptics, Power Users, and All Those In Between* at the virtual conference *Legal Education's Next Generation: Embracing Online, ChatGPT, and Technology in Pedagogy and*

Practice hosted by St. Mary's University School of Law on September 15 (with LSU Law's Will Monroe and Susan Tanner of University of Louisville School of Law).

Professor Caprice Roberts contributed to amici briefs in [Mountain Valley Pipeline v. The Wilderness Society](#): [Brief for Federal Courts Scholars William D. Araiza, Erwin Chemerinsky, Caprice Roberts, and Howard Wasserman as Amici Curiae in Support of Respondents](#) (U.S. Supreme Court) & [Brief of Federal Courts Scholars as Amici Curiae in Support of Petitioner's Opposition to Federal Respondents' Motion to Dismiss and Intervenor's Motion to Dismiss or, in the alternative, for Summary Denial](#) (United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit). She was also quoted in [HeLa Cases Prompt More Thinking on Ethics](#), Cancer Discovery Journal, Am. Ass'n for Cancer Research, Aug. 24, 2023. Also, quoted in [How the 'groundbreaking' Henrietta Lacks settlement could change research](#), Aug. 3, 2023, Nature.

Upcoming, Professor Roberts will present as at a Keynote Lunch Panel with civil rights attorney Ben Crump at the [Shades of Mass Conference](#): *The Historic Unjust Enrichment Case of Henrietta Lacks and Her Immortal Cells*, Sept. 22, 2023, Miami, Florida. The Shades of Mass organization aims to increase racial diversity in multi-district litigation leadership.

Professor Roberts also wrote several blogs in connection with the annual conference hosted by the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS), for which she serves as Deputy Executive Director.

- [Session Summary–Remedies Law Workshop: Unjust Enrichment Law, Immortal Cell Line, and the Henrietta Lacks Case.](#)
- [Session Summary–Remedies Discussion Forum: Concrete Remedies.](#)
- [Session Summary–Associate Deans of Research Workshop.](#)

Professor Lisa Avalos presented her work in progress "'Rape Law Reform and the Waning Influence of the American Law Institute,'" at a workshop titled "Reforms, Restoration, and Resistance: Criminal Justice and Injustice," at the Southeastern Association of Law School's Annual Conference (July 2023, Boca Raton, FL). At the same conference, Professor Avalos participated as a discussant in a session titled "Professional Identity as a Search for Spiritual Well-Being—Helping Students Care for their Souls".

On Friday, September 8, the Pugh Institute for Social Justice will be sponsoring a film screening of Victim/Suspect, a film which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year. Following the film will be a panel discussion including Prosecutor Wendy Patrick, Detective Carlton Hershman, Investigative Reporter Rachel de Leon, and Professor Avalos.

Professor Tom Galligan's article, *The Medical/Legal/Human Disconnect in Cure Cases: A Proposal for Reform*, will be published in Volume 48 of the Tulane Maritime Law Journal. In addition, Professor Galligan made several presentations on ABA Site Visits and the related topics at the ABA Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar Workshop for Site Team Chairs and its Site Evaluation Workshop for Law School Representatives and New Site Evaluators in Chicago, Illinois.

Professors Galligan, Corbett, and Church, along with Thomas Flanagan, have published *Maraist, Church, Corbett, Galligan, and Flanagan, Tort Law—The American and Louisiana Perspectives* (4<sup>th</sup> ed. 2023).

Professor Bill Corbett spoke at the Louisiana State Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Seminar in New Orleans on August 11. He spoke on recent developments in labor and employment law.

JAMA, an international peer-reviewed general medical journal, recently published Professor Michael Malinowski's comment responsive to their Viewpoint (editorial) on personal genome testing, Sherkow JS, Park JK, Lu CY. *Regulating Direct-to-Consumer Polygenic Risk Scores*. JAMA. 2023;330(8):691–692. doi:10.1001/jama.2023.12262. The comment raises awareness about PERSONAL GENOME MEDICINE and can be found at this [link](#).

### **Experiential Learning**

Professors Jack Harrison and Lakita Leonard of the Juvenile Defense Clinic participated in the first of an anticipated series of "Youth Justice Town Hall" meetings on Saturday, August 26. Dean Allen was also in attendance. This meeting brought together a number of agencies and entities who represent and advocate for young people in the juvenile justice system. The LSU Law Center's Juvenile Defense Clinic was joined by the SULC Juvenile Defense Clinic, the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, the Louisiana Public Defender Board, and several community organizations in a community discussion hosted by Metro Council District 10 member Carolyn Coleman, at the Dr. Leo S. Butler Center. These town hall meetings are designed to engage directly with community members and to foster a more accurate and more nuanced narrative about youth crime in Baton Rouge.

### **Alumni and External Relations**

The Alumni and External Relations team have announced the annual **Law Reunion Weekend**, scheduled for October 20 and 21, in conjunction with the LSU vs. Army football game. Faculty and staff are invited to the All-Alumni Tailgate on Saturday, October 21. It will start four hours prior to kickoff, which has yet to be announced. The celebration will include the Hats 'n Canes salute to the 3L class.

The Board of Regents selected all three scholarships submitted by the Law Center for Superior Graduate Scholarship matching funds. The program provides a \$40,000 match for each \$60,000 contributed by the donor. Two of our scholarships were single increments (\$60,000 gifts) and now have an endowment of \$100,000. One of them was three increments (\$180,000) and now has an endowment of \$300,000. We received a total of \$200,000 or 20 percent of the award pool available to all LSU campuses. Congratulations to **Jeff Rayborn '98**, **Kay Kirkpatrick '77**, and the **Class of 1978**, whose scholarships were matched!

The Superior Graduate Scholarship Program requires submission of a competitive match proposal. Our scholarship submissions have added \$900,000 in match funding to the scholarship endowment pool since the program's inception in 2015.

**Social Media Calendar:** In an effort to make our social media presence more consistent and intentional, External Relations has developed a *social media calendar*. It will include all Law Center events listed on the main calendar as well as occasions, observations, holidays, and such that are of significance to students, alumni, or the greater community and prompt the creation of

“commemorative posts.” We ask for your help in constructing an inclusive calendar. If there is an **upcoming** occasion that you think warrants recognition in our social media posts, please notify Jennifer Tran ([jctran@lsu.edu](mailto:jctran@lsu.edu)). If you have any thoughts about what the content of that post could be, be sure to share that as well, especially if it relates to something you, a student group, or an alum is doing.

### **Career Services Office**

Each semester, the LSU Law Career Services Office highlights different practice areas through programming entitled, “Practice Area Highlight Series”. The following practice area highlights are scheduled for the month of September. Mark your calendars and join us to help welcome our guests to the Law Center.

- **The Baton Rouge Bar Association Young Lawyers Panel - September 11, 12:40pm, Room 108**

The panelist will share tips & tricks for practicing law in the Baton Rouge legal community, sharing what a “day in the life” for each is like in their respective roles.

Panelists include:

*Quinn Brown*, Associate, LaFleur & Laborde, LLC and LSBA’s Young Lawyer Division 2024 – 25 Secretary

*Brad Cranmer*, Partner, Mansfield, Melancon, Cranmer & Dick, LLC

*Cornelius “Troy” Hall*, Staff Attorney, 19th JDC

*Kennedy Rose*, Associate, Irwin Fritchie, Moore & Daniels, LLC

- **Chevron Land Internship Information Session – September 13, 12:40pm, Room 216**

For several years, Chevron Oil & Gas has actively recruited law students for the position of Land Representative Intern with most receiving offers of full-time employment following. *Vadal Bolds* (LSU Law Class of 2014) and *Ryan Schneider* (LSU 2007 & 2010) will share information regarding the requirements of this position and the benefits of working with the company. The Internship is a 10-week, paid summer opportunity with locations nationwide. This is an excellent opportunity for students interested in a Non-Traditional, JD-Preferred Career in the Oil & Gas industry that value and apply their legal knowledge and skills.

- **Opportunities with the JAG (Judge Advocate General Corp.) Information Sessions:**

**Navy & Marines JAG      September 18 – 3pm in Room 106**

**Army & Air Force JAG      September 21 – 3pm in Room 106**

Representatives from each branch will provide detailed information about a career with the JAG and answer questions. There are multiple opportunities available ranging from full-time direct commission, paid and unpaid summer internships. We will again welcome one of our own, *CPT Kiahhn’ Jackson Cooper* (LSU Law Class of 2014), U.S. Army JAG Field Screening Officer, assigned to the Law Center. CPT Cooper will conduct interviews for direct commission and summer internships during her visit.

## **General Announcements**

Mark your calendars now for completing the University's mandatory training modules. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Coming in October**

- Oct. 5/6: Midterm Exams, no student events scheduled
- Oct. 12/13: Reading Days, Law Center Open
- Oct. 20/21: Law Reunion Weekend
- Oct. 24: October Birthday Gathering (3:30 pm in Tucker Room)
- Oct. 27: Pugh Institute: [Access to Justice Symposium](#)

### **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](#)

The official University Holiday Schedule (PM-5): [LINK](#)

LSU Law News -- [LINK](#)

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