



Monthly Highlights – October 2023

Important Dates and Deadlines

- 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](#)
The Pugh Institute for Social Justice will sponsor a symposium titled “Access to Justice: How Lawyers Can Aid Vulnerable Victims.” Speakers include Lisa Linsky, a partner in the New York office of McDermott Will & Emery who has been extensively involved in pro bono efforts, and Elizabeth Cronin, Director of the New York State Office of Victim Services. Linsky and Cronin are veteran lawyers who will share their law practice experience and will also offer career advice.

General Announcements

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

Faculty Highlights

On September 23, Professor Nick Bryner presented a work in progress on statutory interpretation in environmental law at the Vermont Law & Graduate School’s Annual Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship. He will also be presenting it at an upcoming workshop at the University of Florida Levin College of Law on October 23 as part of the SEC Junior Scholarly Exchange.

On September 19, Professor Bryner visited the office of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Commission on Environmental Cooperation (CEC) in Montreal, Canada and met with the CEC’s Department of Legal Affairs about the Commission’s process for submissions and investigations on environmental enforcement matters.

Professor Caprice Roberts presented 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, on September 22, 2023, Miami, Florida. Shades of Mass organization aims to increase racial diversity in multi-district litigation leadership.

On October 2, 2023, Professor Roberts will present a draft article, *Algorithmic Disgorgement in the Shadow of Statutes*, in a faculty workshop series at St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas.

Professor Keith Hall co-moderated and served as a panelist for the webinar "Pore Space Acquisition for Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage," organized by the Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law, on September 25, 2023.

Professor Tracy Norton is presenting "Sing Me a Song of ChatGPT" at the 2023 Appellate Advocacy Conference of the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, October 2-3 in New Orleans.

Professor Tom Galligan spoke on Recent Developments in Admiralty with Judge Jay Zainey and Cris Zainey at the LSBA's 30th Annual Admiralty Symposium in New Orleans.

Professor Lisa Avalos was quoted in the Bloomberg news article by Justin Wise, [*Leon Black Mounts Attack on New York Lawyer Known for #MeToo*](#), which was published on Sept. 21, 2023. She was also quoted several times in Rachel de Leon's article [*'If the Police Don't Believe You, They Might Prosecute You': How Officers Turn Victims of Sexual Assault Into Suspects*](#), published by Reveal News on Sept. 25, 2023. This in-depth article accompanies the Victim/Suspect film in which de Leon and Avalos both appear.

On October 20, Will Monroe and Aimee Pittman will present "Empowering Public Defense with Generative AI: A Primer and Practical Guide" to a statewide gathering of public defenders.

On October 27, Aimee Pittman and Melissa Strickland will present "The Researcher's Toolbox: Updating and Refining Your Legal Research Skills" at the 2023 Louisiana Public Defender Board's Juvenile Defender Training.

Prof. Bill Corbett accepted an offer of publication for his article *Reasonably Accommodating Employment Discrimination Law* in the Penn State Law Review.

Experiential Learning

At the start of the semester, Professor Lancaster represented three prisoners seeking early release on parole and one prisoner seeking a commutation from the Governor. All three who were seeking parole were granted, and Governor John Bel Edwards signed the clemency recommendation for the fourth on September 27, 2023, commuting her sentence from Life to a term of 36 years.

The students in the Parole Clinic will start their client hearings in October. The Clinic has 16 hearings scheduled between now and mid-November.

Alumni and External Relations

The Alumni and External Relations send a reminder of 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.

Staff Bios on Website: We will be posting a biography on the web for each staff member. The biography will link from your directory page. Please draft your biography and submit to Steve Sanoski. Steve will edit for flow and style, but you should decide what is important for people to know about your education and work experience. Do not send Steve your resume.

Here is a [link](#) to Daphne James' bio page, if you would like an example. You can say more or less, but don't be shy. Your participation is voluntary, but strongly encouraged. We have a talented and experienced staff who provide above-and-beyond service as a matter of course. We'd like people to know!

Coming in November

Nov. 14: Liskow & Lewis Visiting Professor Lecture

Nov. 22: Classes End

Nov. 23/24: Thanksgiving Holidays, University Closed

Nov. 29: Exams Begin

Helpful Resources

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

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