



Monthly Highlights – December 2023

Important Dates and Deadlines

December 9:	Exams end
December 11:	Law Center Holiday Party, 3 pm, Faculty Club
December 15:	Annual Evaluations Due
Dec. 22 – Jan. 1:	Winter Holiday, University Closed

General Announcements

Annual Evaluations: The schedule for annual evaluations has changed this year. The new evaluation period for Unclassified and Other Academic employees will occur from November 1 through December 15, 2023. Annual evaluations should be completed by December 15. The standard Planning Session period will occur in January 2024 for Unclassified and Other Academic employees. This does not apply to academic employees who are reviewed under the Faculty Annual Review process.

Mandatory Training: Be sure to complete the University's mandatory training modules by December 31. More information can be found [here](#).

Spring Course Materials: The LSU Law PUB will be open from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Thursday, Jan. 4, through Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024. The PUB is located in Room 302 and is closed on weekends and holidays. For questions or additional information, please contact Myriam Escobar Aarabi at mescob1@lsu.edu or 8-8279.

Experiential Learning

The Parole Clinic continued its record-breaking success in November. Students assisted six clients before the Committee on Parole, and all six were granted relief. The Clinic's Fall 2023 grant rate is 100%.

Faculty Highlights

Dean Alena Allen has been appointed to the ABA 2024 New Deans and Deans Workshops Planning Committee for the annual workshops to be held in July at Seattle University School of Law. The Committee will plan the programming for new deans.

Professor Bill Corbett's article *Professionalism in an Age of Incivility and Polarization: The Role of a Lawyer in Lessening Division and Polarization in Society* will be published in the December 2023/January 2024 issue of the Louisiana Bar Journal.

Interim Library Director Natalie Palermo was presented with the Career Achievement Award at the 2023 LOUIS Users Conference on October 19, 2023. LOUIS is a consortium of public and private college and university libraries in the state of Louisiana. The Career Achievement award recognizes distinguished librarians or staff members who are late in their career or retiring and have demonstrated continuous commitment and dedication to the library profession through accomplishments and service to the profession.

The American Book Fest awarded Professor Michael Malinowski's *Personal Genome Medicine: The Legal and Regulatory Transformation of US Medicine* the 2023 Best Book in Law, <https://www.americanbookfest.com/nonfictionbooks/law.html>. Professor Malinowski joins the ranks of the American Book Fests' many renowned laureates representing a range of genres, <https://www.americanbookfest.com/aboutuscontactus/laureates.html>.

Professor Keith Hall was elected Chair of a Task Force on Local Impacts of Carbon Capture and Sequestration at the first meeting of the Task Force on November 6, 2023. The Task Force was created by Louisiana Senate Resolution No. 179 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which was authored by Senator Heather Cloud. The Resolution directs the Task Force to gather input from various stakeholders, including landowners and other citizens, industry, academia, and state and local governments, and to submit a report on the local impacts of CCS. The Task Force plans to meet multiple times in the next few weeks and to produce a report by February 2024.

Professor Hall served as one of three panelists who discussed property law issues relating to carbon capture and storage during the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation's one-day virtual conference on carbon capture and storage on November 16, 2023. Professor Hall spoke about potential disputes between CCS projects and mineral development, while his co-panelists addressed other property law issues. Professor Hall spoke on the subject "Drafting and Negotiating Instruments to Acquire Pore Space Rights for CCS" at the Eugene Kuntz Conference on Natural Resources & Policy in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on November 10, 2023. Professor Hall also spoke on "Recent Developments in Energy Law" at the Institute for Energy Law's annual Energy Litigation Conference in Houston, Texas on November 2, 2023.

Professor Tracy Norton will present *Look What You Made Me Do: In My Generative AI Era*, LWI One-Day Workshop--Innovative Frontiers in Legal Education: Embracing Change and Cultivating Responsibility at the University of Louisville on December 2 and

Welcome to the Future: Ethical Integration of Personal Robots for Everyday Efficiency, at the Louisiana Land Title Association Annual Convention in New Orleans on December 6.

Professor Heidi Howat Thompson will present *What Does a [Cite] Say?: Citation as a Language* on December 1, 2023, at the Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal Judges Association CLE program. On December 7, Professor Thompson will present *Get Your Students in the Game—World Cup Case Analysis Training Activity* as part of the LWI One-Day Workshop hosted by the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Last month, Professor Thompson presented *Handling Questions During Appellate Oral Argument* to the Deputy and Assistant Attorneys-General of Bangladesh. The presentation was part of an appellate oral advocacy training program organized and hosted by the LSU Law Center in conjunction with the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance.

From December 7-11, Professor Nick Bryner will be attending the annual Conference of the Parties (COP) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Dubai, UAE, as a member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law. While there, he will speak at a Judicial Workshop on the Latest Scientific and Legal Developments on Climate Change, organized by the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment and New York University's Center for Human Rights and Global Justice. He is also helping coordinate a side event panel within the UNFCCC COP on judicial perspectives on climate litigation.

Professor Caprice Roberts participated as an Adviser to the American Law Institute meeting discussing the working draft of the Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Remedies. Additionally, she joined an amicus brief on jurisdiction-stripping and separation of powers in *Bohon v. FERC*, No. 20-5203, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (filed Nov. 13, 2023). It is available on SSRN: [Amicus Brief of Caprice Roberts and Doug Rendleman in Support of the Henrietta Lacks Estate](#) in support of restitution in an unjust enrichment lawsuit against Ultragenyx for its wrongful profits from use of Henrietta Lacks's immortal cell line.

Professor Olivier Moréteau presented remotely at a conference honoring the late Italian comparatist Rodolfo Sacco, discussing his Influence Abroad (Turin, November 16, 2023). He published with Mariano Vitetta a chapter titled *Translating the Civil Code of Louisiana into French and Spanish: A Jurilinguistic Exercise*. The text is published in the Research Handbook on Jurilinguistics (Anne Wagner and Aleksandra Matulewska eds., Edward Elgar, 2023).

Coming in January

January 2: University Reopens
Jan. 2-6: Apprenticeship Week
January 8: Classes Begin
January 15: Martin Luther King Day (University Closed)
January 26: [JELR Symposium](#)

Helpful Resources

- LSU Law Monthly Highlights on the web: [LINK](#)
- Law Center Building and Library Hours: [LINK](#)
- Law Center Academic Calendar: [LINK](#)
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- The official University Holiday Schedule (PM-5): [LINK](#)
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