

LSU Law

Monthly Highlights – January 2024

Important Dates and Deadlines

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](#)
See the complete January online calendar [here](#).

General Announcements

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 mescobl@lsu.edu or 8-8279.

Advocacy Programs

The Advocacy Programs have had a full and exciting fall semester and are looking forward to a jam-packed spring!

- In late November, we [hosted a delegation of senior attorneys from the Office of the Attorney-General of Bangladesh for an intensive appellate advocacy training workshop](#). This program was held in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) and the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh. We are in talks with OPDAT to offer similar training workshops to other countries in the future – we hope to welcome a delegation from Malaysia in Summer 2024.
- In January 2024, we will welcome the American Moot Court Association back to LSU Law as we host the Preliminary Rounds of AMCA's National Tournament. AMCA is the undergraduate-level moot court organization; we previously hosted a larger version of their national championships last January – this time we will “only” have about 30 teams!

Special thanks to Dr. Kinzie Hall in our Career Services Office, who serves on the AMCA board and is our partner in making this event possible.

- Along with our traditional slate of spring internal advocacy competitions (the Spring Flory Trials, the Dean's Cup Moot Court Competition, and the Transactional Negotiation Competition), we will be holding a new Plea Negotiation Competition for LSU Law students in February 2024. This internal competition will require students to handle a plea bargain in a hypothetical criminal case. We are developing this competition with assistance from the East Baton Rouge District Attorney's Office and the East Baton Rouge Office of the Public Defender. Board of Advocates member Zachary Smith has been instrumental in proposing and designing this new internal competition.
- In early March 2024, we will welcome mock trial teams from 6 law schools in Louisiana, Mississippi, and southern Texas to Baton Rouge for the 2nd Bayou Challenge Mock Trial Tournament. This tournament will be held at the 19th Judicial District Court. Teams of law students will present a full criminal trial to panels of judges. The competition focuses heavily on student feedback – the competing teams' coaches are required judge in all the rounds, along with some of our most experienced LSU Law trial team coaches, and we reserve extra time at the end of each competition round for feedback and critique. We deliberately keep the number of competing schools very low to ensure ample time for feedback from our judges.
- On March 15-16, 2024, we will host the national championships of the [American Bar Association's Client Counseling Competition](#) at LSU Law! The competition simulates a law office consultation in which law students, acting as attorneys, are presented with a client matter – the case file is one sentence long! The students conduct an interview with a person playing the role of the client. (We are working on a partnership with the LSU School of Theatre to source our clients!) The interviewers must elicit facts, advise the client about the relevant law, provide options for proceeding, and assist the client to make an informed choice. Following the interview, the student attorneys consult each other regarding how the interview proceeded and their intended plan of action.

Faculty Highlights

Professor Keith Hall chaired a meeting of the Task Force on Local Impacts of Carbon Capture and Sequestration on December 18, 2023, at the Louisiana State Capitol. In addition, he spoke on Mineral Law at the Baton Rouge Bar Association's CLE by the Hour program on December 29, 2023.

Professor Tom Galligan spoke to the Louisiana Association of Justice on Recent developments in Louisiana Tort Law in New Orleans on December 7; on December 8, he presented on the same topic to the Louisiana Association of Defense Council and the Louisiana Judicial College as part of a panel with Justice Piper Griffin, H. Alston Johnson, III, and Thomas Flanagan.

Professor Tracy Norton will lead a Discussion Group at the AALS Annual Meeting on the topic "Leveling the Playing Fields in Legal Education & Legal Services Through Generative AI." The session will be on January 5 from 10:00-11:40 a.m. at the Marriott Marquis Washington in the Chinatown Room, Level M3. All are welcome!

Professors Tracy Norton & Marlene Krousel will present a half-day workshop for the Louisiana Legislative Auditor Annual Training titled "Welcome to the Future: Using Generative AI for Greater Personal & Professional Efficiency" on January 30, 2024.

Professor Nick Davrados published the following: Restating the Civil Law of Quasi-Contract: Negotiorum Gestio and Unjust Enrichment, 15 Journal of Civil Law Studies 1 (2023); and Louisiana Law of Obligations. A Methodological & Comparative Perspective. Cases, Texts and Materials (with Alain A. Levasseur, J. Randall Trahan, and Sandi Varnado) (Carolina Academic Press, 2023). He also reported that Volume 15 of the Journal of Civil Law Studies was published in December 2023.

At the AALS 2024 Annual Meeting, Professor Caprice Roberts will serve as a Commentator on two selected works-in-progress articles on the AALS Remedies Works-in-Progress panel. She will also speak on AALS Remedies Panel—Teaching Remedies in Contentious Times.

The Professional Responsibility Section of AALS selected Professor Summer Chandler's article, *Liking, Linking, and Tweeting: Mental Health, Mentoring, and Professional Responsibility in the Age of Social Media*, for inclusion in Professional Responsibility—New Voices panel.

Coming in February

February 2: [Pugh Symposium: Gun Violence and Gun Control](#)

February 6: [CCLS Tucker Lecture](#)

Feb. 12-13: Mardi Gras Holiday (Feb. 12 for students only/Law Center open this day)

See the complete February online calendar [here](#).

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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