

LSU Law

Monthly Highlights – February 2024

Important Dates and Deadlines

- February 2: [Pugh Symposium: Gun Violence and Gun Control](#)
- February 6: [CCLS Tucker Lecture](#)
- February 9: [SAL New Year Celebration](#)
- February 12: Mardi Gras Holiday – students only; Law Center open
- February 13: Mardi Gras Holiday – Law Center closed
- February 21: Faculty Meeting (12:40 pm)

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

General Announcements

Recently, two AED (automated external defibrillator) devices were installed in the Law Center (near lobby elevator and near CLE offices). In December, faculty and staff were offered an opportunity to take CPR training which included AED information. More opportunities will be available this spring.

Information about other emergency procedures can be found [here](#).

Alumni Relations

The annual Scholarship Reception will be held Tuesday, February 6th from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Faculty Club. This event is meant to honor our student recipients as well as the donors and stewards of our scholarships. If any faculty or staff would like to attend, please email Hayley Westphal at hwestp2@lsu.edu.

Faculty Highlights

Professor Keith Hall spoke on the topic “Lithium: Powering Progress, Crafting the Future,” at the LSU Journal of Energy Law & Resources’ symposium entitled “Hydrogen & Lithium: Key Elements in the Energy Transition,” on January 26, 2024. He chaired the fourth meeting of the

Task Force on Local Impacts of Carbon Capture and Storage on January 18, 2024, at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Professor Emeritus Alain Levasseur will again teach a course on ‘comparative legal traditions’ for the Foundation for Continental Law, this July at the University of Paris II.

Professor Bill Corbett will speak on recent developments in labor and employment law for two meetings of Fellows of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers on March 2, 2024. The meetings will be in Atlanta and Birmingham, and Professor Corbett will speak remotely. Professor Corbett is a Fellow of the College.

Professor Tracy Norton is an invited participant in the *Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Law Libraries* roundtable discussion taking place on Friday, February 9, 2024, in Dallas, Texas, hosted by the University of Oklahoma College of Law at the Southern Methodist University Dedman School.

During the week of January 23, Professor Nick Bryner was in Manila, Philippines at the Asian Development Bank attending and presenting at a series of meetings on the Model Forest Act Initiative, including a stakeholder consultation on forest law in the Philippines.

Professor Caprice Roberts’s article, *Judicial Fidelity*, is now published at 51 Pepperdine L. Rev. 1 (2024), available on [digital commons](#) and [SSRN](#). This Article defines and promotes novel conceptions of judicial fidelity. Judicial fidelity requires aiming towards judicial ideals such as judicial humility, a balance of heart and mind, transparent reasoning, respect for coordinate branches, fairness towards litigants, and good-faith decision-making. This work offers positive and negative examples in recent Supreme Court cases from high-visibility constitutional cases to low-visibility remedial and procedural cases. With a renewed fidelity to judicial ideals by all actors, the federal judiciary can do its part to protect the rule of law and serve democratic values.

Professor Roberts joined Supreme Court [amicus brief](#) filed January 19, 2024, in [Harrow v. Department of Defense](#), arguing that the Federal Circuit has mistakenly treated a 60-day deadline for filing certain petitions as jurisdictional rather than a non-jurisdictional claim-processing rule.

Professor Olivier Moréteau published: *Cueto-Rúa’s Judicial Methods of Interpretation of the Law: A Guide for the Future*, 15 J. CIV. L. STUD. 431-444 (2023); *Contemporary Period (1900-Present)*, in A COMPANION TO WESTERN LEGAL TRADITIONS FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY 451-536 (with Agustín Parise and Jacques Vanderlinden†) (Aniceto Masferrer, Cornelis H. van Rhee, Seán P. Donlan and Cornelis Heesters, eds., Brill, 2024).

CCLS & International Programs

Professor François du Toit (University of Cape Town, South Africa) visited January 8-19, to teach a short course on Public Policy in the Law of Gifts and Trusts. Professor Ádám Fuglinszky (Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary) is visiting January 16 to February 7, to teach a short course on Harmonization of the Law in Europe. Both distinguished visiting professors presented at the Faculty Speakers Series.

The 43rd John H. Tucker, Jr. Lecture in Civil Law will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 12:30 p.m., McKernan Auditorium: Professor Frédérique Ferrand (Université Jean Moulin, Lyon 3, France) will present on “Evolutions in European Family Law: Towards a Common Core?”.

LSU Law Career Services Office

The CSO has been very busy since the semester kicked off a few weeks ago! The counselors are seeing 1Ls daily, preparing them for summer opportunities.

1L Legal Career Summit

The annual 1L Legal Career Summit was a huge success for both our eager and excited 1Ls and the employers that participated. More than 150 students sacrificed their Friday before the start of school to jump start their career search. Representatives from Forman Watkins, Kean Miller, Adams & Reese, and Mansfield, Cranmer, & Dick graciously supported the event this year by providing breakfast, lunch, and sharing their knowledge with the students. Topics ranged from practice areas, professionalism, networking, and interviewing skills. To close the program, students had the opportunity to receive a motivational message, “*Winning isn’t a Result. It’s a Lifestyle*”, from James “JR” Reid, (LSU Law 2013), International Performance, Mental Game, & Life Strategist.

Lunch-n-Learn:

The CSO hosted two excellent Lunch-n-Learns in January sponsored by Jones Walker and Vinson & Elkins. Both firms provided lunch and alumni attorneys to share information about law firm practice, interview tips, and professional advice to our 1Ls as they begin their career exploration. The CSO is extremely thankful for the support received from our alumni attorneys in assisting to prepare our students.

Federal Bar Association Mock Interviews:

Several 1Ls had the opportunity to conduct mock interviews with members of the Law School Committee of the Young Lawyers Division of the New Orleans Federal Bar Association Board of Directors. This program is offered yearly to Tulane, Loyola and virtually to LSU Law. It was an amazing opportunity for these students to prepare for upcoming interviews and network with attorneys in the New Orleans legal market.

Indiana Attorney General’s Office Meet & Greet:

The Indiana Attorney General’s Office reached out to the CSO requesting an in person visit to establish a partnership. They desire to encourage students to consider litigation and their office as a career option. Students had the opportunity to hear from Mr. Mike Chopp, Director of Human Resources of the Indiana Attorney General on Thursday, January 25th. Although limited in number, we are happy that one student desiring to go to Indiana received an interview and the Attorney General has expressed his desire to personally return.

OCI

If that was not enough, the Spring OCI session welcomes nearly eighty employers who have requested resumes from LSU Law students. The firms hope to hire for both summer clerkships and full-time Attorney positions. Interviews in the CSO Suite will kick off during the week of February 19th. Over 1200 bids have been placed – a record number this year! In addition to

counseling, the CSO team has reviewed hundreds of student documents to ensure accuracy and professionalism within the last few weeks.

Spring is an extremely busy and exciting time in the CSO! We appreciate the support of the Administration, faculty, and staff in all our endeavors this semester.

The CSO Team: Gwen, Melanie, Kinzie & Tonya

Coming in March

- March 1: [Louisiana Law Review Symposium](#)
- March 4/5: U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit Visit (details forthcoming)
- March 6: Faculty Meeting (12:40 pm)
- March 7/8: Midterm Exams – NO STUDENT EVENTS
- March 20: Faculty Meeting (12:40 pm)
- March 28: Reading Day, no classes (Law Center open)
- March 29: Reading Day, Law Center closed

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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