

LSU Law

Monthly Highlights – April 2025

Important Dates and Deadlines

View the complete April online calendar [here](#).

- April 8: 2025 Rubin Lecture Series (5:30pm)
- April 9: Faculty Meeting (12:30pm)
- April 17-18: Reading Days
- April 21-25: Staff Appreciation Week
- April 23: Faculty Meeting (12:30pm)
- April 25: Classes End
- April 29: Exams Begin

Faculty Highlights

Professor Tracy Norton presented a prompt architecture workshop on February 1 at the Women + AI Summit at Vanderbilt Law School. She also presented a 90-minute workshop on March 12 for the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Center for Local Government Excellence annual meeting on the topic of Generative AI Literacy & Prompt Architecture. She will speak to the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge on Effective Use of Generative AI on April 16.

From **Professor Jack Harrison**: Juvenile Defense Clinic Student-Attorney Taylor Guice received a favorable hearing in East Baton Rouge Juvenile Court on March 25. Due to Taylor's preparation, diligence and skillful handling of the hearing, all evidence against his client was suppressed, and all charges were dismissed.

Professor Tom Galligan's article, *Revisiting "Sanchez:" Turning Short Round*, 24 Loyola Maritime Law Journal 1 (2025) was recently published. And, on March 20, 2025, he spoke to the Judge John M. Duhe Inn of Court in Lafayette, Louisiana on Understanding Important Recent Developments in Torts—Evans v. Abubaker.

On March 21, **Professor Nick Bryner** moderated a panel during a webinar, "Forests & Law: A Dialogue among Policymakers, Judges and Experts in Celebration of the International Day of Forests," organized by the National High Court of Brazil.

On March 28, Professor Bryner is speaking at the 3rd Annual Political Economy and Access to Justice Judicial Education Seminar, held at Tulane University, on the topic of access to justice in environmental law cases.

Professor Bill Corbett will speak at the Louisiana Judicial College's 2025 Spring Judges Conference on April 3 in Lake Charles. Prof. Corbett will join the Honorable Lori Jupiter, Judge on the Orleans Parish Civil District Court, to discuss Recent Developments in Louisiana Civil Procedure.

Professor Keith Hall co-presented on the topic "*Fifty Years of the Mineral Code, 1975-2025*" at the 72nd Annual Mineral Law Institute on March 20, 2025, at LSU Law School. His co-presenters were Patrick H. Martin and Patrick S. Ottinger.

Professor Hall spoke on the subject "*Legal and Policy Issues Raised by Carbon Capture and Storage*" on March 6, 2025, at the North Dakota Law Review's Energy Law Symposium in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Professor Hall gave a guest lecture on "*Energy and Law*" for the undergraduates in LSU's Energy & Environment course (ENVS 4261) on March 13, 2025.

LSU Law School hosted the 72nd Annual Mineral Law Institute on March 20 and 21, 2025. More than 130 people attended.

LSU was one of seven law schools across the nation that hosted a workshop entitled "The Evolving Role of Traditional Exploration, Production, and Extraction Companies in the Energy Sector" on March 27, 2025, in cooperation with the Young Professionals Committee of the Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law.

Professor Lovett recently accepted a publication offer from the *Denver Law Review* for his new article, *Forever Free: Public Recreational Access to Inland Water*. The article will appear in Volume 103 of the *Denver Law Review* in Spring 2026.

Professor Lovett presented a paper, *The Louisiana Civil Code of 1825 and the Rise of Absolute Dominion*, at the 1825 Louisiana Civil Code Bicentennial Conference held at the LSU Law Center on March 20-21, 2025.

In February and March 2025, Professor Lovett testified before various house and senate committees of the Virginia House of Delegates and Nevada State Legislature in support of the Uniform Easement Relocation Act.

On March 24, Professor Lovett was a co-presenter at the Law Center's Faculty Colloquium on Carbon Capture and Storage.

Professor Lovett's co-authored article, *Adverse Possession by the State*, 69 Loy. L. Rev. 1 (2022) (with Bjorn Hoops) was republished by the American Law Institute in the March 2025 issue of ALI CLE's *The Practical Real Estate Lawyer*.

The George Washington Journal of Law & Technology will publish **Professor Michael Malinowski's** Commentary/Essay, entitled *DNA Research Findings and Participants: Whether*

to Share. Professor Malinowski addresses the National Institutes of Health (NIH) decision to share research findings with participants in its All of Us Research Program in the context of a global return-of-results (“RoR”) debate. This scholarship originated as a “lightening round” contribution during the LSU Provost’s Distinguished Lecture held Oct. 1, 2024, which featured Dr. Janina Jeff, a population genetics scientist and the creator and host of the award-winning podcast *In those Genes*.

Associate Dean Caprice Roberts served as a guest speaker at the Catholic Law Review Symposium on Judicial Power & Doctrinal Development on March 28. Her speech topic (slated for 9:15-10:15) and a link to the program page are below:

Plenary Address: Rethinking Judicial Power and Remedial Restraint

[Professor Caprice Roberts](#), *Associate Dean of Faculty Development & Research and J.Y. Sanders Professor of Law, Louisiana State University Law Center*

[2025 Catholic University Law Review Symposium law.edu](#)

Staff Highlights

We are excited to welcome **Kalyn Dempsey**, new Academic Coordinator, on the 3rd floor. Kalyn received her degrees, both undergrad and graduate from Southern University. She has a master’s in business administration. Stop by and say hello, if you have not met her yet.

Steve Sanoski has been selected to participate in Lead LSU. Lead LSU is leadership training for high performing and emerging leaders at the university. The program focuses on building and enhancing leadership skills which support the University’s strategic objectives. Using self-awareness as a catalyst for professional development, the program incorporates a combination of individual and group experiential exercises and class projects designed to teach participants how to be a credible leader who can inspire, influence, and achieve results.

The program is open to high performing faculty, unclassified and classified staff members with demonstrated leadership potential. Participants must be nominated by their supervisor and are selected based on the nomination narrative and the candidate’s responses to a series of essay questions. Steve will participate in five all-day sessions between March 28 and June 6. The process is highly competitive, and we congratulate him on his selection! You can learn more about the Lead LSU here https://lsu.edu/hrm/training_org_development/lsu_lead.php.

Other Highlights

April 7, 2025 – 5:30 PM Join Louisiana Law Review, Journal of Energy Law & Resources, Journal for Social Justice & Policy, and Journal of Civil Law Studies for an evening in the student lounge to hear from LSU Law Professors and Students about the legal skills and career benefits offered by journal membership. Dinner will be provided.

Run, Hide, Fight

"Run, Hide, Fight" is a survival strategy recommended for active shooter situations or similar violent threats. It involves three steps:

1. **Run:** If you can do so safely, escape the area and get to a secure location. Warn others as you flee.
2. **Hide:** If escape isn't possible, find a safe place to hide, lock doors, turn off lights, and silence phones.
3. **Fight:** As a last resort, if you're confronted by the attacker, fight back using anything available to defend yourself.

This strategy aims to maximize survival chances in high-risk scenarios. [Here](#) is a link to the Run Hide Fight training video produced on behalf of the Board of Regents. Please watch.

Coming in May

- May 7: Faculty Meeting (tentative)
- May 10: Final Exams End
- May 12: Deferred Exam Day
- May 16: Commencement (8:00 am)
- May 30: Admitted Students Open House (3:00 pm)

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](#)
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