Announcements

Law Library's Extended Hours During Final Exam Period

Zief Law Library
From April 26 to May 15, the law library will extend its hours as follows:
Monday to Friday: 8:00 am – 12:00 midnight
Saturday: 9:00 am – 12:00 midnight
Sunday: 10:00 am – 12:00 midnight

Café Hours for Exam Weeks – May 2018

Monday, April 30 – Thursday, May 3
8:30am – 6:30pm
Friday, May 4
8:30am – 2:00pm
Monday, May 7 – Thursday, May 10
8:30 am – 6:30pm
Friday, May 11
8:30am – 2:00pm

Summer Bar Prep Support

We will be offering several additional support options for bar studiers this summer. These include: timed practice exams with feedback, individualized planning appointments and subject-specific Q&A with professors who teach them. More details here. Questions? Email Richard Sakai at sakair@usfca.edu.

GOOD LUCK WITH FINALS! YOU GOT THIS!
Therapy Dogs Are Coming!

Zief Law Library
Monday, April 30, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
(This was Casper) TBD
Wednesday, May 2, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Brody/Prancer - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Thursday, May 3, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Brixton - Golden Retriever
Tuesday, May 8, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Quincy - Old English Sheepdog
Thursday, May 10, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Tessa Rose - Shih Tzu/Bichon/Poodle Mix

Location: Commons Area, Zief Law Library
We will host therapy dog visits to provide students with some stress relief. Volunteers from SFSPCA are kindly donating time with their friendly pups.

Debunking Immigration Myths & Misconceptions

Immigration Law Society & International Law Society
Were you unable to Join the Conversation last Wednesday, April 11? Check out the helpful handouts provided during the discussion:
Asylum Overview
Immigration Misconceptions
What Part of Immigration Don’t You Understand
Questions? Email uslaw.ils@gmail.com and usfinternationallawsociety@gmail.com

Fall 2017 CALI Awards

Fall 2017 CALI awards have been placed in students’ mail folders in the Student Boulevard.

Reminder – Summer 2018 online registration continues. The summer course schedule can be found here - https://myusf.usfca.edu/law/registration/course-resources.

Campus Climate Survey Results Presentations

All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend one of two presentations to hear the results of the Campus Climate Survey, which was administered in fall 2017. Representatives from Rankin and Associates, which administered the survey, will lead the sessions and university leadership will also be on hand to engage in community discussion.

Monday, April 30 | 5–6:30 p.m. | UC Fourth Floor Lounge
Tuesday, May 1 | 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m. | McLaren 252

The executive summary of Campus Climate Survey findings will be shared with the community one week prior to these open presentations. Updates on this initiative continue to be posted on the Campus Climate myUSF site.
Academics

JD/LLM in Tax Dual Degree Application

Advance your tax career with USF’s Graduate Tax Program. The Graduate Tax Program is now accepting applications for the JD/LLM in Tax Dual Degree.

Have questions? Please feel free to contact Natascha Fastabend (nrfastabend@usfca.edu) or Ellen Strauss (esstrauss@usfca.edu).

Pro Bono

Please be sure to complete your Pro Bono Timesheets and submit them to probono@usfca.edu.

If you have any ideas or questions about our Pro Bono Program, don’t hesitate to contact Katherine Abalos, Pro Bono Coordinator at probono@usfca.edu.

Pro Bono Student of the Month: Angelica Preciado

Angelica has dedicated over 85 hours of pro bono services during her 1L year including providing legal information to clients on their legal rights in the workplace and how to enforce those rights.

"I believe service is an essential component of my education because it challenges me to apply what I am learning in the classroom to real-world situations. It also reminds me of why I want to be an attorney and that is so that I can give back to the predominantly Latinx/migrant community that I grew up in. To me, pro bono work is an essential component of a true Jesuit education and my own personal act of self-sustainability. Through pro bono work, I practice the skills needed to truly engage in social justice lawyering and I am reminded of why I came to law school.”

Open Door Legal
Open Door Legal is in need of Mandarin speakers to work pro bono on translations for their clients. Open Door Legal is a legal services organization started by two USF alums over 5 years ago. The organization is pioneering the country’s first system of universal access to civil representation and showing that when everyone has access to the law, poverty can be dramatically reduced. No prior translation experience is needed. The work can all be done electronically so there is flexibility in the time commitment. Contact probono@usfca.edu if you are interested in getting involved.

General Assistance Advocacy Project (GAAP)

GAAP are always looking for enthusiastic and dedicated individuals to help us serve clients at our drop-in clinic. GAAP Volunteers gain rich and valuable knowledge and experience working directly with clients and handle challenging cases with support, supervision, and careful attention.

Volunteers are encouraged to commit to three hours per week at the clinic, open every day, except Wednesdays, from 9am-12pm, and 1:30pm-4:30 pm. GAAP provides training and support to volunteers who assist and counsel clients. As a result, GAAP’s clients are served by over 50 committed volunteers, including law students from the University of California- Hastings College of the Law and other Bay Area law schools, Bonner/AmeriCorps Leaders from St. Mary’s College of California, undergraduates, community volunteers, and high school students. For more information, contact Kendra Amick at kamick@gaap.org or call (415) 928-8191.

CROC- Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic

Description of work: Law students are needed to participate in the clinics which helps domestic violence survivors get restraining orders against their abusers.
Skill Level: All
Time Commitment: Clinics take place once a week on alternating Saturdays and Thursday evenings. Students are expected to commit to at least two clinics a month for at least a six month period.
Contact: Emberly C. Cross emberly@roclinic.org 415-864-1790
More information: https://www.probono.net/sf/volunteer/item.cooperative_restraining_order_clinic_croc

LiveChat hosted by The Legal Aid Association of California through LawHelpCA.org

Description of work: This is the official statewide resource for self-help referrals and information and LiveChat volunteers help people navigate the website by providing direct, person-to-person help for someone who might be in a stressful and alienating legal situation who just needs a kind, human response. It is possible to work remotely from a personal computer, though the first few training/practice sessions take place in LAAC’s Oakland office until you are comfortable navigating the website.
Skill Level: All
Time Commitment: 20 hours over the course of a semester
Contact: David Latt at dlatt@laaconline.org or (510) 893-3000 ext 102

California Lawyers for the Arts

Description of work: Work to establish a bridge between the arts and the legal communities. Check out the current volunteer opportunities for law students here.
FLY: Fresh Lifelines for Youth

FLY is currently accepting Spring 2018 volunteer applications for those interested in teaching at-risk high school students about the law and their rights. **No prior teaching experience is required!** This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in law, youth development, education, or simply anyone enthusiastic about giving back to young people. In addition, this opportunity is great for students who are interested in working closely with a predominately African American and/or Latino population.

FLY requires all volunteers commit to teach for a semester (12 weeks), typically 2 hours, once a week, at one of our Alameda County sites. Our sites range from during the school day to after school, and we always place students at sites that align with their schedule. Students will also complete 36 hours of training, which can be counted as a part of pro bono hours. The commitment totals around 90 hours per semester, and is perfect for all law students.

To apply to volunteer check out their [website](https://www.calawyersforthearts.org/internvolunteerlaw-fellow-application-form.html) for more information.

**APILO/AABA East Bay- Legal Clinic**

Volunteer at the Asian American Bar Association clinic on Wednesday, April 18. Please come and provide your legal expertise to low-income community members!

As usual, the clinic will start at 5:45 p.m. **Please note that this month’s clinic will be held at APILO’s new office located at 310 8th Street, Suite 308, Oakland 94607**, a 9-minute walk from the 12th Street Oakland City Center BART station. AABA will provide food and drinks. If you are interested in volunteering at this session, please complete the sign-up sheet at this [link](https://www.calawyersforthearts.org/internvolunteerlaw-fellow-application-form.html). Please select "Oakland" as your location. Volunteers are generally selected on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up early to secure a spot. Thank you for your interest in volunteering, and we hope you can join us at the clinic this month.

**APILO/AABA San Francisco-Tenderloin Legal Clinic**

Volunteer at the API Legal Outreach/Asian American Bar Association clinic on Wednesday, April 25. Please come and provide your legal expertise to low-income community members!

As usual, the clinic will start at 5:45 p.m. and is held at the UC Hastings Civil Justice Clinic office (100 McAllister Street, 3rd Floor). AABA will provide food and drinks. If you are interested in helping out with this session, please complete the sign-up sheet at this [link](https://www.calawyersforthearts.org/internvolunteerlaw-fellow-application-form.html).

**Legal Advice and Referral Clinic**
Volunteer at the Legal Advice and Referral Clinic ("LARC") on May 26th.

If you are signing up for pro bono work, please contact probono@usfca.edu or stop by the Deans’ Office.

**Tenants Together**

**Description of work:** Tenants Together aims to build an anti-racist, feminist, multiracial, anti-oppressive tenant movement. Hotline counselors educate members of the community about their rights and provide other information to support renters.

**Skill Level:** Bilingual Spanish/English speakers

**Time Commitment:** Weekly commitment of 3-4 hours. The Hotline operates Monday through Friday, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and Thursdays 6:00-8:00 pm (we can also consider alternative time slots during the week, please contact Sara to discuss).

**Contact:** Sara Linck-Frenz at sara@tenantstogether.org.

**Oasis**

**Description of work:** Oasis is seeking law students who are passionate about immigrants' rights and LGBTQIA+ rights. Volunteers with work with LGBTQIA+ asylum applicants under attorney supervision to help fill out immigration forms, work on drafting client declarations, research relevant law and country conditions, as well as shadow attorneys at administrative hearings.

**Skill Level:** All. Knowledge of Spanish or any other language in addition to English is a plus.

**Time Commitment:** 8 hours per week for one semester.

**Contact:** Please send resume and cover letter explaining why this position interests you to Rachel Kafele at rachel.kafele@oasislegalservices.org.

**CLASP (Community Legal Assistance Saturday Program)**

**Description of work:** This once a month walk in clinic is held at the Alameda County Law Library, close to the Lake Merrit Bart Station. CLASP is a tremendous opportunity to interact directly with clients, improve your interviewing skills, and work with lawyers across a broad spectrum of practice areas. Student volunteers help with client management, including check-in and escorting to legal consults, conduct intake interviews, and second and third year students may be able assist with document production (demand letters, answers, administrative complaints, etc.) under the direction of the attorneys. Training is provided the day of the event.

**Skill Level:** All, interpreters especially needed for Spanish, Cantonese and Mandarin.

**Time Commitment:** One off opportunity but the clinic runs the first Saturday of every month.

**Recruitment Process:** Please contact Christina Wiellette at christina@acbanet.org. Law students must enroll as a Volunteer Legal Services Corporation volunteer prior to signing up. Volunteer recruitment begins immediately after the clinic in the preceding month. Volunteer slots are usually filled 10 days prior to the clinic date.
Funding for Student Conferences

Thinking about going to a conference? Check out our Student Conference Funding Application. To request funding for conference registration and travel costs, you must submit your application at least two weeks before conference. Applications must be submitted to the Dean's Office, KN 328, or emailed to lawstudentaffairs@usfca.edu.

Let's Talk: Wellness Opportunities

Thursdays, 12pm-1pm in KN 212

CAPS offers "Let's Talk" every Thursday this fall. The purpose of Let's Talk is to provide a space for drop-in consultation and support for USF students. Lets_Talk, Lets_Talk_FAQ

On May 3, Let's Talk will be held in a different location. Counseling and Psychological Services (415) 422-6352.

School Health Insurance - What are the benefits?

Here's a powerpoint that provides some basic information about how to access your health care, the benefits that you get, the location of the clinic, and lots more! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kamal Harb, the Director of Health Promotion Services, at harb@usfca.edu.

Mental Health & Wellness Resources

Article of the Week

Don't think you have time to stretch after a run? Find out 5 Quick Stretches When You're Crunched for Time. Increase your health and stretch out your body!

Video/Podcast of the Week

Education is an important aspect of Health & Wellness. Check out this video from Good Life that explains how this is true.
Admissions & Financial Aid

Summer 2018 Financial Aid
If you are interested in receiving financial aid for any USF School of Law Summer 2018 program (Intensive Advocacy Program-IAP, Regular Summer Session, Summer Externships for unit credit including local and International Summer Externships Abroad), you must have complete the following:

- Complete a current 2017-18 FAFSA
- Submit a Summer 2018 Intent to Enroll (ITE) form to the Law Financial Aid Office indicating your interest in receiving summer financial aid.
- Register in a minimum of 3 Summer units
- You must be in Good Academic Standing

Information on Summer 2018 financial aid as well as the Summer 2018 ITE form is available online at the following web site: https://www.usfca.edu/law/admissions/tuition-aid/jd/types-of-aid/summer

In addition to submitting the Summer ITE Form, once you are registered for summer classes, you will need to complete a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS application for Summer 2018 online at www.studentloans.gov.

Summer 2018 registration information is available online at the Law Registrar’s web site: https://myusf.usfca.edu/law/registration/register-for-summer-classes.

The priority deadline to submit the Summer 2018 ITE form was April 1, 2018. We will continue to accept the Summer 2018 ITE Form and process them after this date. Please be aware that any delay in submitting the ITE Form may result in your summer financial aid not showing at “Authorized Financial Aid” by the May 1 summer tuition payment deadline, which may require you to pay your summer tuition bill with personal funds.

IMPORTANT: Please note that any summer session registration completed AFTER May 1 will result in an immediate summer tuition bill, which must be reconciled immediately. You can still apply for summer financial aid at this time, but you may be required to pay your bill with personal funds or enroll in the summer payment plan and make the first installment payment to retain your summer registration. Students with

Bar Loan Information
December 2017 or Spring 2018 graduating students can apply for private bar loans to help with living expenses during the February 2018 or the July 2018 bar preparation period. These loans are private lender loans subject to credit approval. Information is available at the Law Financial Aid Office or online at: https://www.usfca.edu/law/admissions/tuition-aid/jd/types-of-aid/loan-programs.

Applying for Financial Aid for the Fall 2018/Spring 2019
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA, for the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 academic year is now available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

All students who wish to receive financial aid for the 2018-19 academic year are required to complete the new 2018-19 FAFSA.

The FAFSA should be completed as soon as possible but no later than March 1, 2018 in order to receive the maximum financial aid consideration for 2018-19 (this date is especially important for those continuing students who wish to be considered for the Federal Work Study award). You can access the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Our Title IV code is 001325 and must be included in your FAFSA application.

IMPORTANT: The 2018-19 FAFSA can be completed after March 1, and you will still be able to receive federal educational loan aid for this upcoming year. However, delaying completing your FAFSA will affect when you receive your award notice as well as your eligibility for Federal Work Study.

Financial aid awards for the 2018-19 academic year will be made be made available to continuing law students by early April 2018 as long as the 2018-19 FAFSA is completed and USF receives your FAFSA information by mid-March 2018. You will be sent an email notification at that time by the University One Stop Financial Aid Office indicating that you can review your financial aid award online via your myUSF online student portal.

The University Financial Aid Office will begin downloading 2018-19 FAFSA information for continuing USF students in mid-March. If you recently completed a 2018-19 FAFSA, we will not be able to verify receipt of your 2018-19 FAFSA until that time.

In addition to completing a new FAFSA, those students who wish to be considered for the Graduate PLUS loan program for the Fall 2018 & Spring 2019 academic year, must also complete a new PLUS loan application for each academic year. Graduate PLUS loan applications for the 2018-19 academic year are available online.
outstanding summer tuition bills after the May 1 payment deadline will be subject to class registration cancellation by the USF One Stop Student Accounts Office.

at www.studentloans.gov. Students can begin applying for a 2018-19 PLUS Loan only AFTER you have completed a 2018-19 FAFSA and have been offered the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan for 2018-19 and have “accepted” the Unsubsidized Loan online via your myUSF student portal.

Scholarships

JD Scholarships Administered by Dean’s Office - Deadline Today!

The Dean’s Office administers the following scholarships that students can apply for through April 30, 2018:

- **Arthur C. Zief Jr. Scholarship Program**: Multiple awards, up to 50 (fifty) of $10,000 each will be granted to students with financial need selected for the significant contribution(s) to the School of Law for non-curricular activities.
- **Bretzlaff Scholarship**: One or two $10,000 awards will be granted to a full-time student from Nevada or Hawaii who have financial need.
- **John Flynn Memorial Scholarship**: $1,800 for a continuing student with a demonstrated interest in maritime law.

Additional criteria and details for the scholarships administered by the Deans’ Office are included on the application form, available online at [https://www.usfca.edu/law/admissions/tuition-aid/jd/types-of-aid/scholarships/usf](https://www.usfca.edu/law/admissions/tuition-aid/jd/types-of-aid/scholarships/usf). Questions about the above scholarships may be directed to Dean Benhardt at benhardt@usfca.edu or 415-422-6304.

Alumni Funded Scholarships

The Development & Alumni Relations Office administers the following scholarships that students can apply for through April 30, 2018:

- **Daniel Levine Cook ’92 Scholarship**: $12,000 for a continuing law student with financial need and who shows academic promise, but does not need to be at the top of his or her class. Preference for Jewish students.
- **Daniel J. Curtin, Jr. ’57 Scholarship**: $8,700 for a continuing student(s) in an unpaid or low paid position at a law firm, government agency, or non-public agency working in land use or municipal law.
- **Agnes O’Brien Smith ’41 Scholarship**: $18,900 for a continuing student. Applications judged on academic performance, leadership, and community service, and originality and clarity of essay.
- **Doug Raskin ’87 Memorial Scholarship**: $2,900 for a continuing student(s) whose life adheres to the principles that were important to Doug: travel experiences and adventure, interest in helping others, participation in athletics and recreational activities, importance of family and friends, and scholastic achievement.
- **John Scully Scholarship**: $3,400 for a continuing student(s) who enjoys outdoor activities.
- **Paul W. Vapnek ’64 Ethics Scholarship**: $10,000 awarded in memory of an extraordinarily well respected expert in legal ethics for a student with a demonstrated commitment to community service and a record of academic success in law school.

Additional criteria and details for scholarships administered by the Development & Alumni Relations Office are included on the [Alumni Scholarship Application Form](https://www.usfca.edu/law/admissions/tuition-aid/jd/types-of-aid/scholarships/usf). For further information about the Development/Alumni administered scholarships, please contact Senior Associate Director of Alumni Relations, Keya Koul, at kkoul@usfca.edu or 415-422-4450.
Writing Competitions

Be sure to stay up to date on Legal Writing Competitions.


2. **35th Annual Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition**: Amount = $2,000; Application Deadline = 5/15/2018 [Smith_Babcock_Williams2018Application](http://Smith_Babcock_Williams2018Application)


Upcoming Private Scholarship Programs

1. **Torgenson Law Renee Torgenson Memorial Scholarship**: Amount = $1,000; Application Deadline = 04/30/18; [http://www.torgensonlaw.com/scholarship](http://www.torgensonlaw.com/scholarship)

2. **Price Benowitz Social Justice Scholarship**: Amount = $1,500; Application Deadline = 04/30/18; [https://pricebenowitz.com/2017-price-benowitz-social-justice-scholarship/](https://pricebenowitz.com/2017-price-benowitz-social-justice-scholarship/)

3. **The Tang Scholarship**: Amount = Varies; Application Deadline = 04/30/18; [https://www.siliconvalleycf.org/scholarships/tang](https://www.siliconvalleycf.org/scholarships/tang)


5. **Freeman & Freeman 2018 Law Scholarship**: Amount = Varies; Application Deadline = 05/01/18; [http://www.freemanfreeman.com/law-school-scholarship-application](http://www.freemanfreeman.com/law-school-scholarship-application)

6. **HNBA Scholarship**: Amount = Varies; Application Deadline = 05/15/2018; Applications available in the Law Financial Aid Office – for students focused on Public Interest Law that impacts the Latinx LGBT community.

7. **M. Katherine Baird Darmer Equality Scholarship**: Amount = Varies; Application Deadline = 05/15/18; [https://darmerequalityscholarship.org/application/](https://darmerequalityscholarship.org/application/)

8. **GJEL Law Student Scholarship**: Amount = $2,000; Application Deadline = 05/15/18; [https://www.gjel.com/law-student-scholarship](https://www.gjel.com/law-student-scholarship)

9. **Zeiger Law Firm Scholarship**: Amount = Varies; Application Deadline = 05/25/18; [https://brianzeiger.com/scholarship/](https://brianzeiger.com/scholarship/)


11. **American Indian College Fund Scholarships**: Amount = Varies; Application Deadline = 05/31/2018; [http://www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)
12. **Michigan Auto Law Diversity Scholarship**; Amount = $2,000; Application Deadline = 06/01/2018; [https://www.michiganautolaw.com/scholarships/diversity/](https://www.michiganautolaw.com/scholarships/diversity/)


14. **ZIP Recruiter Scholarship**; Amount = $3,000; Application Deadline = 06/30/2018; [https://www.ziprecruiter.com/scholarship](https://www.ziprecruiter.com/scholarship)


16. **Women Lawyers Association of San Luis Obispo County Scholarship**; Amount = Varies; Application Deadline = 07/01/2018; [http://www.wlaslo.org/scholarships](http://www.wlaslo.org/scholarships)


If you have any questions regarding information in this announcement or financial aid in general, please contact the Law Financial Aid Office at 415.422.6210 or email lawfinaid@usfca.edu.
Alumni Graduates Dinner

Date: Wednesday, May 16  
Time: 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. seated dinner and award ceremony  
Location: Julia Morgan Ballroom, 15th Floor, 465 California Street, San Francisco  
Sponsorship opportunities available. Please email Senior Associate Director of Alumni Relations Keya Koul with questions.  
Register Here by April 13th for an early bird discount!

Public Interest Law Celebration

Date: Thursday, May 17  
Time: 5:30-7:30pm  
Location: 2nd Floor, Kendrick Rotunda  
RSVP here! Check out the flyer! Please join us to celebrate the Class of 2018 Public Interest Law Certificate Recipients, the KETA Taylor Colby Death Penalty Project Participants, and the PILF Grant Recipients. A reception will follow immediately after the program.

MENALSA Graduation Celebration

Middle Eastern North African Law Student Association  
Date: Friday, May 18, 2018  
Location: Terrace Room; Reception at Club 59  
Time: 6:30-9:30pm  
If you are a 3L and want to participate in MENALSA's Grad Celebration, please fill out this Google Form.

Community Events

International Chamber of Commerce: Young Arbitrator's Forum Panel

Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2018  
Time: 8:30-10:00am  
Location: Arnold & Porter, Three Embarcadero Center, 10th Floor, San Francisco  
Register today! This panel is aimed at young arbitration practitioners of approximately 40 years or under: counsel, arbitrators, corporate counsel or academics. The ICC YAF Conference is an ideal forum for young practitioners to exchange thoughts on international arbitration and to enrich their network in the region.  
The panel will discuss issues including step-clauses, choosing mediators, differences between mediation and arbitration, and the advantages and disadvantages of mediation compared to arbitration. This programme will be an ideal forum for young practitioners to exchange thoughts on international arbitration and international dispute settlement, and to enrich their network in the region.