

This Week At USF

December 11, 2017



Good luck on your last week of final exams!

Announcements

Zief Law Library Hours

Monday, 12/18 - Wednesday, 12/20: USF Law students, faculty, and staff may "swipe in" to access the library from 9 am to 5 pm. Staffing will be limited, and we will not be offering any research support services on these days.

Thursday, 12/21 - Monday, 01/01: Law Library closed for Holiday Break and reopen **Tuesday, January 2;** please [check our hours page](#) for details on Zief's hours during this week.

Group Study Room Policy Reminder

During the law school's exam period, we want to remind students about the law library's group study room policy rules:

- 1) Students must provide at least two law student names in order to reserve a group study room.
- 2) Group study rooms will be held for up to 15 minutes after the beginning of the reservation time. If the parties who reserved the room are more than 15 minutes late for their reservation time, library staff may allow another group to use the room.

Student Representative Application - DEADLINE EXTENDED

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Apply now! Become a liaison between the student body and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee who support, facilitate, and address issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion at the School of Law.

[Applications](#) due by **5:00pm on Monday, January 29, 2018** via email to lawstudentaffairs@usfca.edu or in hard copy to Kendrick 328.

Bike Cage is Available!

USF School of Law

The secured bike cage can be found in the Kendrick Hall Parking Lot on P1 behind the elevator. To use the bike cage, please complete the [Secured Bike Cage Key Rental Agreement](#) and submit to the Dean's Office.

Questions? Email lawdeansadmin@usfca.edu



Law Café Hours: Exam Weeks

Monday, 12/11– Thursday, 12/14

11:00am – 6:30pm

Friday, 12/15

11:00am – 2:00pm

The café will then be closed until **Monday, January 8th**, then reopen with regular hours.

Holiday Toy Drive!

VALS, PALS, APALSA, BLSA, USF Parent and Advocates Law Student Association

November 22 - Dec 15, 2017

Donation Boxes located outside of Registrar's Office, Inside Zief Law Library, and Kendrick Atrium (outside of Student Lounge)

Check out the [flyer!](#) Donate new/unopened toys to children ages 3 to 15 years old through [Mo'Magic](#).

Mo'Magic was started by a USF Public Policy Masters alumni, Sheryl Davis, who is now the Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. This local non-profit organization is committed to helping the children of the Western Addition in their holiday gift give away. Please email usfvals@gmail.com with any questions.

Law Journal Opportunities

Staff Editor Applications

Intellectual Property and Technology Law Journal

The IPTLJ is also accepting applications for the spring term for Staff Editors. No previous journal experience is necessary. If interested, please send an email to mjdesmidt@usfca.edu along with your resume and a brief statement of interest. You will then be sent a very brief technical assessment to complete.

Call for Comments and Articles!

Law Review

Check out the [flyer!](#) Get your writing published! Law Review is looking for student comments to include in an upcoming issue! Submit your Upper Level Writing Requirement, or equivalent, anytime up until January 16, 2018. Email submissions or questions to eakoger@usfca.edu.

Intellectual Property and Technology Law Journal

The Intellectual Property and Technology Law Journal is now accepting submissions for our Spring Issue. If you have an IP or Tech related piece you would like published, please send an email to the IPTLJ Editor-in-Chief, Mike De Smidt, at mjdesmidt@usfca.edu.

Academics

International Summer Externships

Spend this summer in China, Europe, Mexico or Vietnam! Externships are available with prestigious IP firms, organizations defending human rights and strengthening the rule of law, and at major U.S. based firms, which have wide networks, impressive client lists, and instant name recognition for building your resume.

Applications due **Thursday, January 25, 2017**.

The next **Information Session on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 12:00-1:15pm**. For applications and more information go to the [website](#), visit Kendrick 342, and or email lawsummerabroad@usfca.edu.

LLM Tax Program

[Advance your Tax Career with USF's Graduate Tax Program](#)

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

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 laws 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](#) for more information.

Pro Bono Relief for the Victims of the Northern California

The California State Bar, a number of local bar associations, and other nonprofits and law firms are setting up a legal advice hotline that will be based in downtown SF and will offer brief legal advice on issues ranging from landlord-tenant, insurance issues, and FEMA benefits to employment and immigration. The hotline will be staffed with volunteer attorneys from 4-8 pm Monday-Thursday.

All law students are welcomed, but language skills are especially useful!

In addition, volunteers will be needed to staff Disaster Recovery Centers in Sonoma and Napa, and possibly Solano – these DRC's are centralized locations that will offer one-stop resources for survivors of the fire, set up by local, state or federal authorities.

Attorneys working in these centers will offer brief advice and help complete forms (largely FEMA benefits applications or insurance forms).

Please sign up to help with the hotline and indicate your other volunteer interests by using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JVZPFQG>

AABA East Bay- Legal Clinic

Volunteer at the [Asian American Bar Association clinic](#) in Oakland on the third Wednesday of every month from 5:45-9:00pm. Due to the current political climate, there has been an unprecedented number of clients seeking to apply for citizenship to protect themselves and gain the right to vote. This month we will be holding a naturalization clinic in lieu of a regular legal clinic.

AABA San Francisco-Tenderloin Legal Clinic

Volunteer at the API Legal Outreach/[Asian American Bar Association clinic](#). The next clinic will occur on Thursday, January 18th, 2018.

Legal Advice and Referral Clinic

Volunteer at the Legal Advice and Referral Clinic ("LARC") January 27 (no clinics in November or December)
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: [Tenant's 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 Merritt 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.

Student Affairs

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 two weeks before conference. Applications must be submitted two weeks before the conference to the Dean's Office, KN 328, or emailed to lawstudentaffairs@usfca.edu

Mental Health & Wellness: Podcast of the Week

Learn more about why your wellness is so important! Check out this video explaining the [Mental Health Wellness Continuum](#)

Mental Health & Wellness: Article of the Week

It's important to participate in physical wellness like going on a run! Check out the [5 Quick Stretches When You're Crunched for Time](#)



PILF: Public Interest Law Foundation

Thinking about doing public interest or public service work next summer? Review the [2018 Summer PILF Grant Application](#) and [PILF Community Service Opportunities!](#) If you have questions, please contact pilf@usfca.edu

"Time Out" Session

Join us for Mindfulness Meditation, Compassion Practice, and Supportive Discussion

Please join us for mindfulness meditation practice this and every Thursday from 5:30-6:15pm, in Zief 017. No experience necessary, and "drop-ins" by all students, staff and faculty are encouraged; however, please arrive a few minutes early to enable the session to begin and end on time. Sessions are led by Professor Tim Iglesias, Professor Rhonda Magee, and Father Donal Godfrey; contact Professor Magee at rvmagee@usfca.edu, ext. 5055 with any questions.

Admissions & Financial Aid

Applying for Financial Aid for the Fall 2017/Spring 2018

If you have not yet applied for financial aid you can still apply at any time through April 1, 2018. If you have already made a

personal payment to your USF student account to pay for your fall or your spring bill, you can use federal loan aid to reimburse you for your personal payment.

In order to apply for financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA, for the Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 academic year. It is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You must list USF's Title IV code in your FAFSA application, which is 001325.

FAFSA processing can take up to 5-7 business days. Once USF receives your completed FAFSA and completes your financial aid award process, 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.

Important Financial Aid information, documents and dates for the upcoming Fall 2017/Spring 2018 academic year can be found online at:

<https://www.usfca.edu/law/admissions/tuition-aid/jd/deadlines-documents>

Spring 2018 Tuition Billing Notice

Spring 2018 tuition payment is due on January 2, 2018. If you are registered for spring classes, the USF One Stop Student Accounts Office will post your Spring 2018 tuition bill on your USF student account by December 5 and send you an email notice. You can view your bill online via your myUSF student account via the View and Pay section. Payment must be made by personal funds, Authorized Financial Aid, a combination of personal funds and Authorized Financial Aid, or you must be signed up for the payment plan by January 2, 2018: <https://myusf.usfca.edu/onestop/billing-tuition/payment-plan>

If you are utilizing financial aid to cover your spring tuition bill, your financial aid will be noted as **Authorized Financial Aid** on your billing statement and will be credited towards your spring bill. If your Authorized Financial Aid is sufficient to cover your spring bill, there is no additional payment that you need to make at this time.

IMPORTANT- Failure to make your tuition payment by the above payment methods will result in the cancellation of your spring class registration by the USF One Stop Student Accounts Office and a hold will be placed on your student record. You will not be allowed to re-register until you have reconciled your spring tuition payment. Once that is done, the hold will be lifted and you will be allowed to re-register during the add-drop/late registration period (which begins on January 4, 2018).

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>

Spring 2018 Registration & Financial Aid

All law students must be in good academic standing AND registered for Spring 2018 classes before any Spring 2018 financial aid can be disbursed (unless there is a hold on your student record for an unpaid fall balance or any other administrative or academic matter). No aid for Spring 2018 will be disbursed unless you are registered for the minimum number of units required by the US Department of Education for Financial Aid Disbursement, which is 6 units minimum for full time students and 3 units minimum for part time students.*

According to the Law Registrar's Office, Spring 2018 online registration began on November 1, 2017, beginning with fourth year Part-Time Evening students and LLM and MLST Tax students. The full Spring 2018 registration schedule for all other continuing law students is available online at: <https://myusf.usfca.edu/law/registration/registration-dates-and-procedures>

*Please note: that USF School of Law School requires that all full time **JD students** register for a minimum of 12 units per semester and all part time **JD students** register for a minimum of 8 units per semester.

If you do not register for Spring 2018 classes during the fall online registration period, your financial aid will NOT disburse until AFTER you register for classes during the late registration period which begins on **January 4, 2018**. Funds typically disburse to the University twice a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays. Once you are registered for the appropriate number of units, funds will disburse on the next Monday or Wednesday, depending on when you complete late registration.

Spring 2018 Financial Aid Disbursement

The earliest disbursement date for Spring 2018 financial aid is Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

To be eligible to receive financial aid, students must be in good academic standing and have accepted the financial aid offered to them and completed all other requirements for disbursement including being registered for spring classes. **Please be aware that waitlisted units do NOT count towards the minimum unit requirement for financial aid disbursement.**

Scholarships

Writing Competitions

Be sure to stay up to date on [Legal Writing Competitions](#).

1. **Constitutional Environmental Law Writing Competition:** Deadline Monday, April 9, 2018. Students may develop their own constitutional law topic or submit a piece exploring one of the topics provided on this [document](https://www.eli.org/constitution-courts-and-legislation/diamond-constitutional-environmental-law-writing-competition). Amount = \$2,000 <https://www.eli.org/constitution-courts-and-legislation/diamond-constitutional-environmental-law-writing-competition>
2. **Trandafir Writing Competition:** Deadline February 1st, 2018. Topic: Any contemporary international business or economic concern. Amount: \$1,800 <https://tlcp.law.uiowa.edu/trandafir-writing-competition>
3. **Affordable Housing & Community Development Law Writing Competitions:** Deadline March 3, 2018. The goal is to attract students to the affordable housing, community development, or pro bono practice fields. Amount: \$1,000 www.americanbar.org/groups/affordable_housing.html Document with more [info](#).

Upcoming Private Scholarship Programs

1. **MALDEF Law School Scholarship;** Amount = \$5,000; **Application Deadline 12/18/2017;**<http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html>

2. **The Expert Institute's Annual Legal Writing Scholarship**; Amount = \$2,000; **Application Deadline: 12/31/2017**; www.theexpertinstitute.com/writing-contest
3. **Entertainment Law Initiative 20th Annual Entertainment Law Writing Competition**; Amount = varies; Application Deadline: 01/02/2018; <https://www.grammy.com/entertainment-law-initiative>
4. **Cooley Diversity Fellowship**; Amount = 1L Summer Associate position and \$30,000 (in installments); **Application Deadline: 1/5/2018**; <https://www.cooley.com/careers/summer-associates/diversity-fellowship>
5. **Japanese American Bar Association Educational Foundation Scholarship**; Amount = varies; **Application Deadline: 01/06/2018**; <http://www.jabaonline.org/scholarships>
6. **Fish & Richardson 1L Diversity Fellowship Program**; Amount = \$10,000 & 1L Summer Clerkship; **Application Deadline: 01/12/2018**; <http://www.fr.com>
7. **College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers Writing Competition**; Amount = \$2,000; **Application Deadline: 1/15/2017**; <https://www.cwclawyers.org>
8. **Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment & Labor Law**; Amount = \$3,000; **Application Deadline: 01/17/2018**; https://chicagokent.formstack.com/forms/louis_jackson_entry
9. **Willis W. and Ethel M. Clark Foundation – Investment in Community Graduate Fellowship**; Amount = up to \$10,000; **Application Deadline: 1/31/2018**; <http://www.theclarkfoundation.org/application.html>
10. **ABA Section of Antitrust Law Student Writing Competition**; Amount = \$2,500; Application Deadline: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/antitrust_law/awards_fellowships/
11. **P.J.C. Lindfors Legal Studies Fund (for Finnish and American Law Students)**; Amount= \$1,000-\$3,000; **Application Deadline: 02/01/18**; <https://finlandiafoundation.org/programs/scholarships/p-j-c-lindfors-legal-scholarship>
12. **California P.E.O. Scholarships**; Amount = Varies; **Application Deadline: 2/1/2018**; <https://www.peocalifornia.org>
13. **Willis W. and Ethel M. Clark Foundation –**
14. **Marshall M. Schulman Criminal Law Writing Competition**; Amount = \$1,500; **Application Deadline: 3/2/2018**; <http://criminallaw.calbar.ca.gov>

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](tel:415.422.6210) or email lawfinaid@usfca.edu.



School of Law Events

50th Annual Convention for the Western Region of National Black Law Students Association

Black Law Student Association

Date: January 3-7, 2018

Location: Kendrick Hall, USF

[Registration](#) has officially opened to attend! Check out the [flyer](#)! We invite you to join us for a week of oral advocacy competitions, informative panels, networking, community service and more. We look forward to seeing our WRBLSA Family in January!

Law Review Symposium, The Epidemic of Data Insecurity

USF Law Review

Date: Friday January 26, 2018

Location: USF Fromm Hall - FR Complex, [660 Parker Avenue](#)

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm, a reception will follow the program

[RSVP](#) today! No one can ignore the growing risk of data breach as businesses in all sectors continue to move into a completely electronic business model. With data breaches becoming more frequent, larger in scale, and covered by the media, businesses and consumers must remain informed about the laws intended to safeguard personal information.

Please join the University of San Francisco Law Review at its Symposium focused on legal and non-legal facets of data breach. Panel topics to include discussions on the epidemic of data insecurity, preventative measures against attacks, legal recourse for breach victims, and the ethical issues related to retaining such information. A networking reception to be held after the panels.

20th Annual Trina Grillo Public Interest and Social Justice Retreat

University of San Francisco School of Law

Date: March 16-17, 2018

Location: Kendrick Hall

Check out the [flyer](#) to find out which universities will be joining us! This Retreat will feature panels that include law professors, practitioners, grass roots organizers, and law students on the topics of Civil Justice, Criminal Justice, Environmental Justice, and Immigration Justice. We will also celebrate the life and legacy of Trina Grillo. If you require disabilities-related accommodation or have questions, please contact us at lawstudentaffairs@usfca.edu.

Community Events

Danza Dreams 2017

School of Education

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2017

Location: Presentation Theater, USF School of Education

Time: 2pm & 7pm shows

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$5 for children under 3 years, students, and seniors. A showcase of music, song, and dance in support of the USF School of Education. Check out the [flyer](#) or [Facebook event](#) to see who will be performing!

Vigil for Victims of Gun Violence

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2017

Location: St. Dominic's Church, [2390 Bush Street, San Francisco, CA 94115](#)

Time: 2:00pm

[RSVP](#) today! Check out the [flyer](#)! An interfaith, inclusive, healing gathering remembering the over half-million Americans who have lost their lives to gun violence since the Sandy Hook tragedy. Remember those we have lost, give witness to the stories of gun violence survivors, and hear words of hope from our elected officials.

Win that Job

CCCDA Diversity Outreach Committee, Asian American Prosecutors Association, and Bay Area Black Prosecutors Association

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018

Location: UC Hastings, [198 McAllister Street, San Francisco](#)

Time: 9:00am – 2:00pm (Lunch Provided)

RSVP & more information at www.cocoda.rsvpify.com

Check out the [flyer](#)! Contra Costa DA's Office invites you to a diversity workshop for 1L & 2L aspiring public sector lawyers to polish interview skills, refine resumes, and win that job. Workshop is followed by a meet-and-greet luncheon with newly appointed Contra Costa County District Attorney, Diana Becton.