Announcements

ABES: BAR PaS (Prepare and Succeed) Support for Bar Study – Summer 2018

The USF School of Law has designed programming (see below) to assist our summer bar studiers. If you plan to participate in any of these offerings, please REGISTER HERE.

Daily Office Hours with BAR PaS Professors
Meet with one of our faculty members for an individualized consultation. Drop-in office hours will be held Tuesday – Friday, from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm beginning May 29th. The schedule will be released shortly.

Five Simulated Timed Exams
Practice tests to provide exam setting experience and individual written feedback on essays. Students will be able to participate on campus as well as remotely. The schedule is as follows:

Bar PaS Simulation Schedule
Thursday, May 31st 1:30 pm-5:00 pm KN 100
Thursday, June 7th 1:30 pm-5:00 pm KN 100
Thursday, June 21st 1:30 pm-5:00 pm KN 100
Thursday, July 5th 1:30 pm-5:00 pm KN 100

Bar PaS MBE Simulation Schedule
Barbri: Friday, June 29th 9:00 am-4:00 pm KN 100
Kaplan: Tuesday, July 10th 8:00 am-5:00 pm KN 101
Themis: Friday, July 6th 8:00 am-5:00 pm KN 101

Experts in Residence
Teaching faculty will be available to answer questions about their substantive areas of expertise from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm in the Library lobby as follows (currently scheduled, additional sessions may be added):

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Start now by making an appointment with a member of the BarPaS/ABES team. Here is what they can help you do:

- make recommendations on an effective study schedule, tailored to your commercial bar course;
- advise you on how your learning style should inform your study strategy

Contact information found at: https://myusf.usfca.edu/law/academic-and-bar-exam-success-program
Questions? Email Richard Sakai at sakair@usfca.edu

Again, if you plan to participate in any of these offerings, please REGISTER HERE.

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

Summer Housing at St. Anne’s

Do you need a place to live this summer? St. Anne’s is open and available! Scroll down to the bottom of this webpage to see information and pricing about law student summer housing.

Register to Vote: California Primary Deadline May 21

The California primaries are coming up on June 5. That means it’s time for you to update your voter registrations! The deadline is May 21 to register or update your voter registration. If you prefer to fill out a paper form, you can do so in person at the McCarthy Center at 281 Masonic Ave.

This June you have the opportunity to vote for candidates at the federal, state, and local level. Offices including the governorship, U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, and the superior courts are all at stake. Ballot measures that affect public education, housing, the environment, and many more are all on the table for the June 5 primary. Learn more about ballots »
The SF Department of Elections is opening the City Hall Voting Center for anyone who wants to cast a SF ballot early. The McCarthy Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays through Election Day, and will also be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the two weekends before election: May 26-27 and June 2-3.

Academics

Summer 2018 Externship Applications

The Summer 2018 Externship Applications period is closed. We will not be accepting any more applications for the summer program.

Fall 2018 Externship Applications are due August 9, 2018. No late applications will be accepted. Before applying for an externship, please review the relevant Externship Application Packet, available in KN 235 or here for Civil/Criminal Externship and here for Judicial Externships. The mandatory judicial externship class typically meets the Friday before the semester begins. The mandatory civil and criminal classes meet 3-4 times per semester. Please see Course Schedule for all class dates.

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.

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.
Skill Level: All
Time Commitment: Various
Contact: Bob Pimm, bob.pimm@calawyersforthearts.org
https://www.calawyersforthearts.org/internvolunteerlaw-fellow-application-form.html

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 for more information.
APILO/AABA East Bay - Legal Clinic

This is a notice that the next API Legal Outreach/Asian American Bar Association pro bono legal clinic in Oakland is on Wednesday, May 16th.

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. Starting at 6 p.m. we will have a volunteer training and meal, and then at 6:30 p.m. we will start seeing clients. Please come and provide your legal expertise to low-income community members!

Please note that this month's clinic will be held at a new location, the ground floor conference room (Room 101) of the Asian Resource Center, located at 310 8th Street, 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://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHFFSWxIWXhLOUF6TzE1Vzh4UG53RGc6MQ.

Please select "Oakland" as your location.
To help us plan accordingly, please respond by May 14th (Monday). 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: [link]

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: 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.

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**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.

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**Student Affairs**

**Funding for Student Conferences**

Thinking about going to a conference? Check out our [Student Conference Funding Application](mailto:). 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.

**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**

Stressing about the bar exam? Don't fret, check out these [22 Awesome Bar Exam Tips](#) to calm your nerves and improve your wellness during this study period.

**Video/Podcast of the Week**

Need to more motivating music to back up your studying? [Be Inspired for Final Exam Study](#) is a youtube video with tunes that will increase your mental health with more focus.
Financial Aid

Staffing Update for Law Financial Aid Office
It’s with great sadness that we announce to you that Matthew Cox, our Assistant Director for Law Financial, will be leaving the Law School to pursue another professional opportunity. Matthew’s last day will be Friday, May 11, 2018. A replacement for Matthew has been secured and the new Asst. Director will begin on May 8. The Law Financial Aid Office will continue to also be staffed by our Law Financial Aid Assistant, Audrey Jones. For the next two weeks until our new Asst. Director becomes more familiar with USF, all law school financial aid matters should be directed to Alan Guerrero, the Senior Director of Law Admissions and Financial Aid at guerredo@usfca.edu or his direct line at 415.422.2975.

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/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 award being delayed.

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/loan/program.

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 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.
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 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

Writing Competitions

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

1. 35th Annual Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition; Amount = $2,000 ; Application Deadline = 5/15/2018 Smith_Babcock_Williams2018Application

2. Higbee & Associates and the Foundation for Continuing Justice Writing Competition; Amount = First place: $2,000/Second Place: $1,000/Third Place: $300/Honorable Mention: $200; Application Deadline: June 30, 2018; http://www.recordgone.com/law-student-expungement-competition-2nd.htm

3. New York State Bar Association Committee on Animals and the Law Student Writing Competition; Amount = First Place: $1,000/Second Place:$500/ 3rd Place: Certificate of recognition; Application Deadline: 7/12/2018; Animals and the Law Writing Competition Rules; Animals and the Law Writing Competition Announcement

Upcoming Private Scholarship Programs

1. 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.

2. M. Katherine Baird Darmer Equality Scholarship; Amount = Varies; Application Deadline = 05/15/18; https://darmerequalityscholarship.org/application/
3. **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)

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


6. **American Indian College Fund Scholarships**: Amount = Varies; Application Deadline = 05/31/2018; [http://www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)

7. **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/)

8. **Goodwin & Scieszka Innovation Scholarship**: Amount = $1,000; Application Deadline = 06/01/2018; [http://www.1888goodwin.com/innovation-scholarship/](http://www.1888goodwin.com/innovation-scholarship/)

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


11. **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.
School of Law Events

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!

Commencement Mass

Date: Thursday, May 17  
Time: 3:00pm (no tickets required)  
Location: St. Ignatius Church

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.