This Week At USF

July 30, 2018

Announcements

School of Law Kendrick exterior doors and elevators are locked this summer. If you have a scheduled appointment or are visiting please call the department on the following list:

Admissions and Financial Aid: 415.422.6586
Career Planning: 415.422.6757
Communication: 415.422.4409
Deans’ Office: 415.422.6304
Development & Alumni Relations: 415.422.5457
Externship Programs: 415.422.4467
Faculty Services: 415.422.6842
Immigration and Deportation Defense Clinic: 415.422.6171
Clínica de Inmigración y Defensa de Deportación: 415.422.6171
International and LL.M. Programs: 415.422.6946
International Exchange Program: 415.422.6280
Law Clinics: 415.422.6752
Registrar: 415.422.6778
Business Hours: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Law Library: Restricted Hours

The law library will be completely closed to all patrons with no staff present on the following dates:

Saturday, August 4
Sunday, August 5

From Monday, August 30 through Friday, August 3, law faculty, staff, and students will have swipe access to Zief from 9 am to 5 pm.

Anyone who needs research help during this time may contact a research librarian directly. Contact information is available at: http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/ZiefResearchHelp.

Student Parking Lottery

The application for the student parking lottery is available now for full time and 3-day permits. The application will close on Tuesday, July 31 at 4:00 p.m. As a reminder, students must live off campus and further than 3 miles away from the campus perimeter to be eligible for the lottery.
2018-2019 Student Parking Lottery

Questions may be directed to Department of Public Safety, parking@usfca.edu, 415.422.4222.

Call for Comments

USF Law Review

Want to get your writing published?

USF Law Review is looking for student comments to include in an upcoming issue. Please contact Law Review Executive Editor Ernie Mejia at edmejai@usfca.edu for more information.

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.
Volunteer Opportunity: LawHelpCA’s Legal Access Corps

Click this [link](#) for more info

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](mailto: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/Americorp 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.

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.cooperativ](https://www.probono.net/sf/volunteer/item.cooperativ)

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](https://www.calawyersforthearts.org/internvolunteerlaw-fellow-application-form.html)

APILO/AABA East Bay- Legal Clinic

Volunteer at the API/AABA East Bay Legal Clinic on their next legal clinic date to be announced in next week’s newsletter. 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

APILO/AABA San Francisco-Tenderloin Legal Clinic

Volunteer at the API Legal Outreach/Asian American Bar Association clinic. 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](#)

Legal Advice and Referral Clinic

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**Oasis**

Description of work: **Oasis** is seeking law students who are passionate about immigrants’ rights and LGBTQIA+ rights. Volunteers 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.

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**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, you must submit your application at

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**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](mailto:harb@usfca.edu).
least two weeks before conference. Applications must be submitted to the Dean's Office, KN 328, or emailed to lawstudentaffairs@usfca.edu.

### Mental Health & Wellness Resources

**Article of the Week:**

*Advice to junior lawyers: 3 things I did that you should not copy* shares unique solutions to impatience, decision making, and planning. "This requires you to put your hand up and acknowledge the need for change. The whole point of being real is that it is authentic to you - it's no one else's business if you share it or not. The important thing is to be honest with yourself."

**Video of the Week:**

Check out *Earth To US* a podcast dedicated to the art of paying attention. Find out how to use the mind to heal the body with Kelly Gores. Listen and learn about ideas to live bigger, more creative, and more compassionate lives.

### Financial Aid

**Fall 2018 Tuition Payment Deadline**

The USF One Stop Student Accounts Office emailed all registered students a Fall 2018 tuition billing notice on July 5. Notices were sent to your USF email account. Your fall bill can be viewed online via your myUSF student portal. **Fall tuition and fees are due by August 1, 2018.** Your bill must be reconciled by **Authorized Financial Aid**, personal payment, a combination of the two, or enrollment in the four month payment plan. Payment options are available when viewing your bill online via your myUSF student portal.

Please be aware that all registered students will be automatically billed for University sponsored health insurance, unless you complete the [online insurance waiver form](https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/insurance). Information on the University sponsored health insurance including the online waiver form is available at [https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/insurance](https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/insurance). If you applied for a waiver last year for 2017-18

**Fall 2018 Excess Aid Refund Process**

If your total financial aid exceeds your tuition bill, you will be refunded any excess aid funds once your aid disburses and after your tuition bill is paid. Your excess aid funds should be used to cover your [cost of living](https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/insurance) expenses (food, rent, etc.) for the semester. The refund process typically begins the next day AFTER funds are disbursed.

Refunds are sent electronically to your bank account as long as you have signed up for the [direct deposit refund process](https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/insurance). If you have not signed up for direct deposit refund process, a paper check refund will be made available to you.

**IMPORTANT:** The disbursement date is NOT the date you receive the excess funds in your bank account. Direct deposit refunds are typically received in your bank account 3-5 business days AFTER the aid funds have been disbursed to the University, depending on your banking institution.

A paper check refund is typically made available 10-15 business days AFTER the aid funds have...
academic year, it is no longer valid for the upcoming 2018-19 academic year. You must apply for a waiver every year. Once you apply for and are approved for a waiver, please allow 5-7 business days before the insurance charge on your student account is reversed. The deadline to apply for a waiver is September 1, 2018.

IMPORTANT: If your Fall 2018 semester charges are not reconciled by the tuition payment deadline, your fall class registration will be cancelled by the USF One Stop Student Accounts Office and you will not be allowed to re-register until you have made the appropriate payment to your student account, with either sufficient Authorized Financial Aid, personal payment, a combination of the two, or enrollment in the four month payment plan and payment of the first installment.

Fall 2018 Semester Loan Deferment Information
All USF students who borrow funds from the federal government are eligible to receive loan repayment deferments while enrolled in law school at least half-time. The University Registrar will send class registration confirmation to the National Student Loan Clearinghouse in mid-September AFTER our law school census date (late date to withdraw with full tuition refund less withdrawal fee). This Clearinghouse is used by all lenders to confirm your registration for the academic year. No additional forms are needed for you to complete to receive loan repayment deferments for the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and Graduate PLUS Loan.

Fall 2018 Financial Aid Disbursement Date
The Disbursement date is the earliest possible date that funds from both federal and private sources can be sent to the University each semester. Funds are sent electronically by each provider in two equal installments, once each semester. Federal regulations require that aid be disbursed no earlier than approximately one week before the start of each term. Scholarship funds are also disbursed at the same time federal and private loan funds are disbursed.

The earliest scheduled disbursement date for both federal and private sources for the Fall 2018 is Monday, August 13, 2018.

Once funds disburse, your fall semester bill is paid off and any remaining funds left over after your bill is paid, is refunded to you. Aid will continue to be disbursed throughout each semester as individual student financial aid files become complete later in the term and/or additional federal or private loan applications are processed and approved.

As an FYI, the earliest disbursement date for the disbursed to the University. Refunds as a result of an overpayment from a personal check may take up to 15 business days to process.

If you are already enrolled in direct deposit, you do NOT need to re-enroll. Please be sure however, that your assigned bank account on file is still active by viewing the information online via your myUSF student portal.

If you are relying on a refund for living expenses including the purchase of your books, food, etc., please plan accordingly. The USF One Stop Office will make every effort to insure that you receive your refund in a timely manner, but there can be unanticipated delays due to excessive refund processing as the University processes aid refunds for all USF students around the same time. Please note that the earliest that a student can expect to receive a direct deposit aid refund in their bank account may not be until the week of August 20. Be sure to plan your finances accordingly for the beginning of the semester as aid refunds may not be available until the first week of classes.

The direct deposit refund process is the quickest way to receive excess aid funds for living expenses. It is highly recommended that you sign up for this refund process. If you are not enrolled in direct deposit refund processing, the enrollment information is noted below. Online Instructions.

- Log on to myUSF.
- Click on the link for “Student Self Service”
- Click on the “Student Account” link and then "Direct Deposit Authorization” to enter the requested information.

You may update or change your direct deposit information at any time. Once you enroll, please allow 5 business days for your bank account to be verified and the direct deposit process to be activated. Any excess aid funds after tuition is paid will be processed as a paper check refund if direct deposit is not activated.

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 2018-19 FAFSA.

It not too late to apply for federal loan aid for the upcoming 2018-19 academic year.

You can access the FAFSA online
Spring 2019 semester will begin Tuesday, January 2, 2019.

Our Title IV code is 001325 and must be included in your FAFSA application. 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 at www.studentloans.gov. Students can begin applying for a 2018-19 PLUS Loan beginning in early June but 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.


Upcoming Private Scholarship Programs

1. San Diego Debt Relief Legal Clinic Scholarship = $1,000, Deadline 7/31/18
   https://www.bankruptcyattorneys.org/bankruptcy-law-center-scholarship-contest/
2. Bankruptcy Law Center Scholarship, Fall Application Deadline 7/31/18
   Award amount $500, http://www.wlaslo.org/scholarships
3. John Lewis King Memorial Scholarship fund/San Bernardino County Bar Association,
   Application Deadline 7/31/18
   Award amount up to $5,000 https://www.law.ucla.edu/~media/Assets/Financial%20Aid/Documents/JLK%20Scholarship%20application%202018.ashx
4. Latina Lawyers Bar Association Scholarship, Application Deadline 8/1/18
   Award amount varies, http://www.lilbalaw.org/content/scholarship
5. Nadrich & Cohen Emergency Scholarship, Application Deadline 8/1/18
   Award amount $1,000, http://www.personalinjurylawcal.com/emergency-scholarship-fund.php
6. Siutliff & Stout Law School Scholarship, Application Deadline 8/1/18
   Award amount $2,000, https://mytexasinjurylawyers.com/about-us/community/law-school-scholarship/
7. **Infinity Law Group Asian Heritage Law School Scholarship**, Application Deadline 8/1 annually  
   Award amount $1,000, [https://www.infinlaw.com/scholarship/](https://www.infinlaw.com/scholarship/)

8. **AAUW Educational Foundation Professions Fellowships** (available to International students),  
   Application Deadline 8/1 annually  
   Award amount $5,000 to $18,000, [https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/selected-professions-fellowships/](https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/selected-professions-fellowships/)


10. **The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation**, Application Deadline 8/18/18  
    Award amount $1,000 to $10,000, [https://usascholarships.com/judge-john-r-brown-award/](https://usascholarships.com/judge-john-r-brown-award/)

11. **Marin County Bar Association Legal Education Scholarship & Michael F. O’Donnel Memorial Scholarship**, Application Deadline 8/31/18  
    Award Amount up to $5,000, [http://www.10000degrees.org/law-school-scholarship/](http://www.10000degrees.org/law-school-scholarship/)

12. **The McCormack & Erlich Employment Law Firm Scholarship**, Application Deadline 8/31/18  
    Award Amount up to $1,000, [https://mcelawfirm.com/scholarship/](https://mcelawfirm.com/scholarship/)

    Award Amount up to $1,000, [https://mosheslaw.com/scholarship-law-office-of-yuriy-moshes/](https://mosheslaw.com/scholarship-law-office-of-yuriy-moshes/)

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.

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**School of Law Events**

There are no events for the Week of July 30

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