This Week At USF

August 13, 2018

Announcements

**Student Tutors Needed ASAP:**

The Re-examinee Peer Tutor Program is seeking student tutors for the Fall semester. Eligible tutors are able to receive 1 unit of credit for tutoring. Tutors are needed for the following subjects:

- Civil Procedure 1
- Contracts 1
- Property 1
- Torts 1

Please contact Simone Christen (simone.k.christen@gmail.com), for more information about the program, including eligibility requirements.

**Academic Bar and Exam Success Program**

ABES is very excited to announce the launch of the ABES Peer Mentor Program! We are currently seeking 2Ls, 3Ls, and 4Ls who are interested in becoming ABES Peer Mentors. For questions about becoming a Peer Mentor please email Professor Abedian at aabedian@usfca.edu or click on the link below to fill out an application to become a mentor. We look forward to working with you!

https://myusf.usfca.edu/law/academic-and-bar-exam-success-program

**Online Group Study Room Reservations Now Available at Zief**

With the start of the new school year, the law library is launching a new online booking service for group study rooms. Students can book directly from the library’s home page using the "Book a Study Room" button. Our new online booking system furnishes e-mail confirmation of reservations. Students are limited to booking one 3-hour block per calendar day. However, students can now book group study rooms up to 3 days into the future. Detailed booking instructions are available here: https://tinyurl.com/y7ftlbr
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 for Civil/Criminal Externship and 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](mailto:probono@usfca.edu) 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

Find more Information here.

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.

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

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
**Description of work:** Law students are needed to participate in the clinics which help 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](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

**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.

**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.

*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
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.

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

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

Financial Aid Office Hours Fall 2018 Semester

August 13-19
Monday – Thursday
8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Friday
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

August 20-31
Monday – Thursday
8:30 am – 6:00 pm
Friday
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Beginning September 4
Monday & Wednesday
8:30 am – 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Fall 2018 Excess Aid Refund Process

If your total financial aid exceeds your tuition bill, the University Student Accounts Office will begin a refund process on August 14, the day AFTER disbursement. Any excess aid after tuition is paid will be refunded to you. Your refund should be used to cover your cost of living expenses (food, rent, etc.) for the semester. The refund process begins on August 14.

Refunds are sent electronically to your bank account as long as you have signed up for the direct deposit refund process. If you have not signed up for direct deposit refund process, a paper check refund will be made available to you.

IMPORTANT: August 14 is NOT the date you receive your refund in your bank account. Direct deposit refunds are typically received in your bank account 3-5 business days AFTER August 14, depending on your
Fall 2018 Tuition Payment Deadline
Fall tuition and fees were due by August 1, 2018 for all USF students registered for fall classes. 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. Information on the University sponsored health insurance including the online waiver form is available at: https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/insurance
If you applied for a waiver last year for 2017-18 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 were not reconciled by the August 1 deadline, the USF Students Accounts Office sent you a registration cancellation warning email, providing you with a one-time only extended payment deadline of August 10. If your fall class registration remained unreconciled by that date, your fall registration would have been cancelled by the USF One Stop Student Accounts Office. 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 banking institution.

A paper check refund is typically made available 10-15 business days AFTER August 14. 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 designated 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.

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.
payment, a combination of the two, or enrollment in the four month payment plan and payment of the first installment.

**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 Spring 2019 semester will **Tuesday, January 2, 2019**.

You can access the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). 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](http://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**

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**Scholarships**

**Writing Competitions**
Upcoming Private Scholarship Programs

1. 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/

2. 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/

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

4. Law Office of Yuriy Moshes, P.C. Scholarship, Application Deadline 8/31/18
   Award Amount up to $1,000, https://mosheslaw.com/scholarship-law-office-of-yuriy-moshes/
   Sonoma County Women in Law, Application Deadline 9/1/18
   Award Amount up to $5,000 - $7,000, http://www.sonomacountywomeninlaw.com/scholarship.html

5. The Anheuser-Busch NAPABA Law Foundation Presidential Scholarships/The NAPABA Law Foundation, Application Deadline 9/1/18

6. NAPABA Law Foundation, Application Deadline 9/3/18
   Award Amount up to $2,000 - $7,500, http://www.napaba.org/?page=foundschHTA

7. The Women's section of the Contra Costa County Bar Association/The Honorable Patricia Herron and The Honorable Ellen James Scholarship, Application Deadline 9/14/18
   Award Amount up to $1,000 - $10,000, contact Crystal L Van Der Putten, Livingston Law Firm (925) 952-9880 or cvanderputten@livingstonlawyers.com

8. Pound Civil Justice Scholarship, Application Deadline 9/17/18
   Award Amount up to $10,000, http://poundinstitute.org/cjsa

9. Skadden Foundation Fellowship, Application Deadline 9/17/18
   Award Amount up to $10,000, http://www.skaddenfellowships.org/application

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.
Orientation Week
August 13 - August 17
Kendrick Hall & Zief Law Library
Welcome to our new 1L students!