Maurer School of Law

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This week in the Law School

Congratulations to Kate Caldwell, senior director of our Career Services Office, and Steve Withem, our assistant director of administration (and resident BBQ pitmaster), who have been named recipients of Indiana University Staff Merit Awards. These awards are presented to staff members who have dedicated themselves to the Indiana University community through their aptitude and knowledge over their careers. The Law School is the only unit on campus to have multiple winners, a testament to the quality of our staff. Congratulations to Kate and Steve, and to Rita Eads and Paul Leopold on their nominations for the award.

All of our international students (both JD and Graduate Legal are invited to lunch Friday, but we ask that you RSVP by Wednesday if you plan to attend. See details below.

Monday

Middle Eastern Law Students Association spring general body meeting

Noon in Room 120

Join MELSA for our first general body meeting of the spring semester! We will be catching up and planning events for the remainder of the semester.

Accepting Feedback and Bouncing Back

Noon in the DeLaney Moot Court Room

Join Professor Brennan Murphy for a session designed to help you process your previous-semester experience and set you up for success in law school and beyond. You will leave with tips and strategies to react to roadblocks, negative feedback, and criticisms—in bar prep or legal work—so that you reengage and improve! Bring your lunch.

Mock Hospital Ethics Committee

5 to 7 p.m. in the DeLaney Moot Court Room

Students and faculty alike are invited to attend a Mock Hospital Ethics Committee event, an interprofessional education experience on healthcare ethics. Events enable collaboration among faculty and students in the IU Schools of Nursing, Medicine, Law, Social Work, and Speech/Language/Hearing—and practicing professionals from IU Health and other local organizations such as HealthNet. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the proceedings.

Tuesday

Electronic Evidence in Criminal Investigations

Noon in Room 122

Join the Criminal Law Society in hosting former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana Zachary Myers and former Task Force Officer Darin Odier (along with his Electronic Scent Detection K-9, Hunter). Myers will discuss the legal nuances of electronic evidence, and Odier and Hunter will discuss and demonstrate their role in the detection and seizure of electronic evidence in criminal investigations.

Post-Grad Clerkships (Session 2)

Noon in Room 213

In this second of two clerkship workshops, the Faculty Clerkship Committee and CSO will show you how to make use of OSCAR, the system for applying for federal clerkships, as well as the Maurer systems used for seeking letters of recommendation and applying for state and other non-OSCAR clerkships. We will provide tips to maximize your chances of obtaining one of these opportunities. Talk with your CSO advisor and get help with application materials.

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CLS Bible Study

7 p.m. in Room 214

Join us for Bible Study! Come as we read through the book of Corinthians together. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday

Antitrust career panel

Noon in Room 120

Join former Antitrust Division attorneys Dean Anne McFadden and Professor Shana Wallace and recent Maurer graduates for a discussion of career paths in antitrust. Our panelists include:

Justin Lorber ’22, attorney at the Federal Trade Commission; Jonathan Sussler ’21, associate at Hogan Lovells and formerly at DOJ Antitrust; Rita Xia ’21 is an associate in the Litigation Department of Morrison Foerster’s Washington, D.C. office and a member of the firm’s Global Antitrust Law Practice Group.

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Thursday

Maurer Trial Team callout meeting

Noon in Room 120

Come learn about opportunities to gain practical trial-level experience through the Maurer Trial Team at our first callout meeting! We are dedicated to providing law students with coaching from experienced litigators, friendly competition, and opportunities to show other schools what Maurer Law students are made of!

Center for Constitutional Democracy Seminar Series
Professor Rafael Macía: The Implicit Problem with Implicit Unamendability

Noon at Henderson House

This presentation will develop a critique of the doctrine of implicit unamendability (or “basic structure” doctrine) based on the doctrine’s reliance on the theory of constituent power. Through this doctrine, courts around the world have invalidated facially valid constitutional amendments that they deem contrary to the core content of the constitution (as identified by the courts themselves). Despite its seeming countermajoritarianism, the doctrine of implicit unamendability is usually justified as an effort to protect (against usurpation by governmental authorities) the people’s “constituent power”—that is, their exclusive prerogative to themselves decide, in their capacity as the legally unmediated sovereign, whether the

constitution should remain in force or be set aside. As the presentation will argue, however, the judiciary's reliance on the theory of constituent power as a lens through which to interpret the constitution risks undermining the integrity of the very framework that courts are seeking to defend. The reason is the implicit subversion of a fundamental premise of constitutional democracy: namely, that the constitution should serve as the final norm for adjudicating contestable considerations about who "the people" are and how their "will" is to be constructed. By reading the constitution as itself recognizing the possibility of a popular will that operates beyond constitutional mediation, courts are opening the door to populist claims to represent a "constituent" demos whose mode of will-expression the constitution cannot then claim to control. And, once that door is opened, courts will be poorly positioned to compete with populist leaders when it comes to identifying whether (and in what sense) the constituent "people" have spoken—as the presentation will show through a study of constitutional revolution in Venezuela.

Cybernegotiation workshop

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. in Room 125

In this fast, hands-on workshop you will negotiate a short cloud service deal between Indiana Co. and RheinCloud. You will focus on five levers that move risk and money in real life deals: uptime and downtime with credits, how fast security incidents are reported, who owns and can use customer data, whether the vendor can use data to train AI, and who pays if there is an IP or security claim. No IP or cybersecurity background required! Open to tech-curious folks who want to practice their negotiation skills.

RSVP by noon on January 28th to attend.

SELS x WLC at IU Women's Basketball

7 p.m. at Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall

Join the Sports and Entertainment Law Society and Women's Law

Caucus at Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall to watch your Hoosiers topple a top-ranked opponent!
Tickets are free with your IU student ID. All are welcome!

Transportation: SELS and WLC members will provide rides from Maurer to Assembly Hall before the game.

Parking: Enter Gate 4 from 17th Street for free parking in the Orange Lot.

Friday

Lunch with new and returning international students and scholars

Noon in Room 310

All international JD students, graduate students, and visiting scholars are invited to lunch!

Please RSVP by 5 p.m. on January 28.

Announcements

Call for Authors: American Inns of Court Warren E. Burger Prize

The American Inns of Court invites judges, lawyers, professors, students, scholars, and other authors to participate in its 2026 Warren E. Burger Prize for Writing. Authors should submit an original, unpublished, 10,000–20,000 word essay on a topic that addresses the issues of excellence in legal skills, civility, ethics, and professionalism. The winning author will receive a cash prize. The submission deadline for the 2026 Warren E. Burger Prize is July 1, 2026. More information is available on the American Inns of Court website.

Basic Mediation and Restorative Justice Training

Via Zoom on February 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, March 5 and 7

The Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM) offers a 40-hour training program for those interested in learning about conflict resolution, mediation, and restorative justice. Participants will enhance their interpersonal skills in communication and listening, problem solving, and negotiation, and they will increase their understanding of restorative justice philosophy and methods, sources of conflict, and processes leading to constructive conflict resolution. The training should benefit anyone concerned with managing conflict and its resolution. The training also provides the background and skills necessary to work as a community mediator and restorative justice practitioner and qualifies participants to volunteer in CJAM's programs. The training will be led by senior mediators and restorative justice practitioners.

This winter, the training will take place via Zoom over five weeks beginning February 5 and continuing through March 7, Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuition is $300 ($275 if received by January 15, 2026). Learn more about the training and register. Limited scholarships are available For questions, or more information, please e-mail training@cjamcenter.org.

Faculty news

Congratulations to Professor Andrew Hammond, who has been appointed to a three-year term on the Advisory Committee on Circuit Rules for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Sarah Jane Hughes will serve as a panelist from 10:30 to 11:30 Central Standard Time (11:30 EST and 8:30 PST) on Friday, January 30 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. She's participating virtually on another panel at USC that same day.

About ILA

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