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This week in the Law School

Welcome back. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday break and are ready to lock in to the spring semester. Lots of news developed over your time off, including awards for Prof. Yvette Butler and Aviva Orenstein. Catch up on what you might have missed.

***ILA* would be remiss if we didn't note the loss of our own Frank Burleigh, who passed away January 3 following a brief battle with metastatic melanoma. While you may not have known Frank, Frank most certainly knew you. As our database analyst for nearly 30 years, he had a leading role in compiling and organizing the Law School's data (an absolutely massive task), assisting with high-level website issues, helping us improve our digital accessibility efforts, and, for multiple years, assembling *ILA*. And he did all of this while legally blind. Frank was an extraordinary asset to our school and is already missed.**

Monday

New York Information Session

Noon in Room 213

Are you interested in spending your summer in New York? CSO is hosting an info session for you to learn about IU Maurer's alumni-run program. For those interested in exploring careers in New York and in the public sector, Adjunct Professor Terrance Stroud '03 has developed relationships with a number of public sector employers, including the New York City Bar, the New York Department of Education, and Brooklyn College's General Counsel's Office, and assists students with these opportunities or other public sector opportunities. Professor Stroud also organizes weekly networking events where participants can connect with and learn from alumni and other practitioners working in a variety of settings in New York City, including the judiciary, the United Nations, federal agencies, politics, academia, non-profits, and a DA's Office. These positions are unpaid, but public interest positions will qualify the participant to apply for PILF and other summer public interest funding through Maurer. Students who obtain positions in New York through other means are also welcome to join the program for its networking and educational benefits. Learn more about the New York Program and Professor Stroud.

Tuesday

Professional Pathways Series: Defense

Noon in Room 121

Join the Criminal Law Society and PILF for a Professional Pathways panel exploring careers in public defense, private defense, and innocence project work. Attorneys and advocates will discuss their day-to-day practice, career paths, ethical challenges, and how law students can prepare for and enter this critical area of criminal defense

and post-conviction advocacy. A current student will attend to share their experience interning with a public defender agency. Alumni panelists scheduled to participate include Molly Crow '16 and Norman Hezlep '23.

Protective Order Project return volunteer training

Noon in the DeLaney Moot Court Room

Every returning member of POP is required to attend this refresher training. Bring your own lunch.

Wednesday

No events scheduled

Thursday

Lumina Foundation Information Session

Noon in Room 213

1L and 2L students are invited to join an information session with Lumina Foundation's Thomas Major, Jr., associate general counsel, to learn about 1L summer clerk opportunities as well as year-round clerk positions. Meet in Room 213 to join the Teams meeting on the screen. **Register to attend on Zoom**.

Friday

No events scheduled

Announcements

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

Sarah Jane Hughes finalized her next articles in a series lasting more than 20 years on laws affecting Electronic Payments and Financial Services for the American Bar Association. Professor Hughes curated and edited the overall Survey of the Law of Cyberspace, a grouping of eight surveys of developments in artificial intelligence, privacy, market manipulation devices, and – of course, payments and financial services. Additionally, she and two long-time co-authors contributed a

survey entitled "'Spinning Wheel Got to Go Round': Developments in the Law Affecting Electronic Payments and Financial Services." Professor Hughes expects to have e-copies of the Survey and her contributions shortly and, eventually, will have reprints of her co-authored survey. Professor Hughes also has accepted invitations to speak at two law school conferences on topics affecting, guess what? Cryptocurrencies. And Stablecoins. If you plan to be in Dallas in late February or in the DC area on March 19, Professor Hughes will give you directions to both conferences.

About ILA

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