Maurer School of Law

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This week in the Law School

Any 2Ls interested in participating in the Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition need to register by 11:59 p.m. tonight. See details in "Announcements" below.

The winter edition of *ergo*, our alumni newsletter, went out last week. We invite you to give it a read.

Tomorrow is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Though classes are not in session, there are a number of opportunities to honor his life and legacy on campus and in Bloomington.

Monday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Classes do not meet

Tuesday

Operating While Intoxicated Series: Investigations

Noon in the DeLaney Moot Court Room

Please join the Criminal Law Society in hosting drug recognition experts and standardized field sobriety instructors with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and Indiana University Police Department. Speakers will demonstrate and discuss operating while intoxicated investigations and standardized field sobriety testing. Operating while intoxicated charges are some of the most difficult and frequently litigated charges in the criminal justice system.

Post-Grad Clerkships (Session 1)

Noon in Room 213

The annual process for students seeking post-graduation federal and state judicial clerkships to begin in fall 2027 begins this month. The Law School's judicial clerkships program will offer a series of presentations during the spring semester about the benefits of clerking and the range of clerkship opportunities available.

All 2Ls and 3Ls who are thinking about even the possibility of pursuing a clerkship are strongly advised to attend this year's kick-off information session. Dean Anne McFadden and Professor Steve Sanders will provide an overview about judicial clerkships and the application process, including materials you need to prepare and resources for researching clerkships that may be right for you.

RSVP on CareerNet

Maurer IP Virtual Networking Event

6 p.m. on Zoom

Don’t miss out on this chance to meet Maurer IP alumni, talk about IP (careers, new trends, etc.), and practice your networking skills--all in an informal, online setting. Join us for the second annual Maurer IP Virtual Networking Event organized to bring Maurer IP alumni and current students together.

Register to attend

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

No events scheduled

Thursday

Indiana Innocence Project call-out

Noon in Room 121

The Indiana Innocence Project is hosting a call-out meeting for law students and graduate students who are interested in volunteering for the Indiana Innocence Project or collectively creating a graduate student branch of the INIP to either raise awareness about wrongful convictions generally or be involved with the work of INIP specifically. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Careers at the Intersection of Science and Law with Barnes & Thornburg

Noon in Room 213

This presentation will focus on discussing the types of legal work that involve the intersection of science and the law, particularly in pharmaceutical, toxic tort, and environmental litigation. It should be of particular interest for those interested in litigation and who either have a science background or have a strong interest in science.

Barnes & Thornburg attorneys Bill Padgett '95 and Kathleen Waak '20 will discuss their backgrounds, their extensive experience with pharmaceutical, toxic tort, and environmental litigation, case scenarios on how science can play out in such litigation, and the myriad of litigation areas involving scientific issues that law students should be aware of.

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Protection Order Project: Trauma and Its Effects on Children

Noon in Room 122

Join POP during lunch for a presentation by Heather Maritano. This event is open to everyone. POP members who attend this event will receive one POP point. Bring your own lunch.

About the speaker: Heather Maritano is a registered play therapist supervisor specializing in play therapy and sandtray therapy. Through this therapy, children learn to express their feelings, modify their behaviors, and develop problem-solving skills. Certified play therapists use specific techniques designed to create a setting where children can act out scenarios involving their worries, fears, or concerns. Therapists may then help children resolve their problematic relationships, disruptive behavior, or negative feelings. Heather is also an adjunct instructor at IU and continues to provide internship opportunities to master's level students enrolled in various clinical training programs.

Friday

No events scheduled

Announcements

2Ls: Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition sign-ups close tonight

Calling all 2Ls! Signups for the 60th annual Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition close tonight (Jan. 18) at 11:59 p.m. Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity to build up your brief-writing and advocacy skills, all while participating in one of the biggest events in Baier Hall. Fill out this link to sign up. You won't regret it! If there are any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to lawmoot@iu.edu at any time.

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 has been appointed to the executive committee of AALS' Financial Regulation Committee, effective immediately. She will serve under incoming president Jeremey Kress (University of Michigan Ross School of Business) and president-elect Jeffery Zhang (University of Michigan Law School).

About ILA

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