

LSU Law

Monthly Highlights – January 2017

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- Apprenticeship Week: Jan. 8-12
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Jan. 15 – Law Center Closed
 - Classes Begin: Jan. 16
 - January 26: LA Law Review Symposium- The Fourteenth Amendment: 150 Years Later -- [LINK](#)
 - The LSU Law PUB will be open from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. beginning January 11, 2018 through January 22, 2018. The PUB is closed on weekends and holidays. The PUB is located in Room 302.

Apprenticeship Week kicks off today -- Monday, January 8, 2018. We have approximately 170 2L's and 3L's signed up to participate in 13 different short courses. These courses are taught by various attorneys who give of their time freely to this program. Click on the link to view the courses being taught this year. (<https://www.law.lsu.edu/apprenticeship/courses/>)

Alumni Affairs

The annual *Distinguished Alumnus Celebration* will be held on Friday, March 2, 2018 at the Loews Hotel, Louisiana Ballroom, in New Orleans -- 6:00 p.m. VIP Champagne Reception, followed by Awards Ceremony & Dinner at 7 pm.

This year's honorees include:

Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna

Honorable Bernette J. Johnson

Honorable John W. deGravelles

Distinguished Achievement Honorees

Jane Politz Brandt

James A. Brown

Thomas M. Hayes, III

Harry J. "Skip" Philips, Jr.

The LSU Law Center will host its annual *Student Scholarship Reception* on March 27, 2018 at The Club at Union Square (formerly the Faculty Club) on Highland Road and Raphael Semmes Road from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The reception allows student scholarship holders and donors and/or representatives to meet in person. Students should take this wonderful opportunity to thank their donor(s) or representative(s) for their generosity to the Law Center and to network with others.

Faculty Highlights

- Professor Bill Corbett will speak at the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers' 5th and 11th Circuit Regional Meeting on Feb. 17 in New Orleans. Professor Corbett's presentation is entitled *Joint Employers, Medical Joins, and the Mark of the Beast: A Revelatory Year in Labor and Employment Law*.
- Professor Baier addressed the Annual Judge John M. Shaw "Country Gentleman" Civility and Ethics Seminar, sponsored by the Lafayette-Acadian Chapter Federal Bar Association, on December 7th. His topic was "Holmes's Speeches and More." His book *SPEECHES 2017* was published by the Louisiana Bar Foundation. His Wolters-Kluwer custom casebook, *SEPARATION OF POWERS AND THE RULE OF LAW* was published in January 2018. So too, his *BOOK OF DIGESTS*, a supplement and study guide to his Wolters-Kluwer casebook (Claitor's 2018).
- Professor Keith Hall gave a presentation entitled "Upstream Oil & Gas Regulation in the U.S." to a delegation of Brazilian oil and gas regulators that was visiting the U.S. on a trip sponsored by the U.S. State Department in December 2017.
- Prof. Phil Hackney is featured in the Forbes "Top-100 must follow tax twitter Accounts for 2018". The full article can be found [HERE](#).
- On December 15, 2017, Marlene Krousel and Heidi Thompson presented at a three-hour writing workshop on appellate advocacy for the Louisiana Attorney General's Office-Civil Division."
- Prof. Levasseur directed and wrote several chapters in "le droit de la Louisiane" book published in French by Extenso.
- Professor Olivier Moréteau presented the Louisiana Civil Code Translation project and publication of the bilingual English-French edition at the Académie des sciences d'Outre-Mer (Paris, November 29) on the occasion of an international conference on the tercentennial of New Orleans. He also promoted the project and publication in Aix-en-Provence (public lecture, December 4) and at Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3 (short course on Louisiana Law in a North-American and Global Context, Nov 28-Dec 8, 2017).

Advocacy Programs – A Busy January!

The Advocacy Programs have a busy month ahead! The program is sponsoring three internal competitions this spring, all of which kick off in January. We are also hosting regional rounds of the National Trial Competition starting January 31st. Check out our crazy month below:

National Trial Competition - Region 10 Rounds

Sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Division and the American College of Trial Lawyers, the National Trial Competition (NTC) is the nation's largest law school mock trial competition. 14 regionals are held each year across the U.S., and the top 2 teams from each region advance to championships held in Austin, TX. LSU Law is filling in as the Region 10 host (law schools in Louisiana & Texas) at the last minute, because of the effects of Hurricane Harvey on courthouses in Houston. We are holding the regional Jan. 31-Feb. 3 at the 19th Judicial District Courthouse, and we expect 26 teams to compete! (We welcome any assistance you can provide on helping us recruit judges, and if you would like to come down and play a witness for one of the teams, let us know!)

Transactional Competition

For the first time, LSU Law is hosting a Transactional Competition – this internal (LSU Law students only) competition gives students the chance to write a commercial contract and negotiate a deal of sale. This year's case file was released in mid-December; it involves the sale of a family-owned business to a large corporation. Students are currently writing their proposed deal agreements, which are due at the end of January!

Spring Flory Trials

We have another "edition" of the Flory Trial Competition this spring – the first rounds kick off on January 22nd! This spring's trial problem is a medical negligence case in which "Smiley Cyrus" is suing her deceased husband's talent managers for hiring a doctor who gave the husband (a known drug addict) prescriptions for Propofol. (OK, it might be "ripped from the headlines!")

Dean's Cup Competition

This year's Dean's Cup Competition also begins in January, with the first preliminary round being held on January 29th. The Dean's Cup is an internal moot court competition in which students compete individually throughout the semester. Students must argue a series of three real and currently-pending U.S. Supreme Court cases. The first case is *New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc. v. National Collegiate Athletic Association*, which asks whether state prohibitions on sport betting are preempted by federal law. For the first time, the Dean's Cup is open to both 2Ls and 3Ls, so we expect a lot of participation.

External Teams

Many of our traveling moot court teams have their competition briefs due in January, and many of our mock trial, transactional, alternative dispute resolution, and moot court teams will be practicing throughout the month. Three of our teams (the Stutes-Kalina Tax Team, the ABA

Client Counseling Team, and the TYLA National Trial Competition team) will be heading off to their competitions on January 31.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LSULawAdvocacyPrograms>, for updates and photos of our students in action!

LL.M. and International Programs

On the occasion of a teaching visit to France, Professor Moréteau promoted the LL.M. Program at student meetings at Aix-Marseille University (December 4, 2017; 100 students attending) and Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3 (December 7, 2017; 40 students attending).

The two LSU Law students attending the fall 2017 semester in Lyon (Semester Abroad) attended Prof. Moréteau's Comparative Tort Law class taught at Jean Moulin University the week of November 20.

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