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## Monthly Highlights – September 2018

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### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Staff Breakfast: September 27

Faculty Meetings: September 5 and September 19

### **Faculty Highlights**

Dean Galligan and Professor Corbett spoke at and moderated the CLE program at the Baton Rouge Bench Bar Conference in Point Clear, Ala. on July 26-28. They co-presented an hour segment on updates in Louisiana tort law.

Prof. Bill Corbett was a panelist at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting in Fort Lauderdale on August 7. The panel topic was *U.S. Supreme Court & Legislative Update: Corporate, Labor, Civil Procedure, Administrative and Regulatory Issues*. The other panelists were Prof. William Funk (Lewis & Clark Law School), Prof. Thomas Metzloff (Duke Law School), Prof. Constance Wagner (Saint Louis University School of Law), and Prof. Hannibal Travis (Florida International University College of Law).

Professor Avalos's article [\*The Chilling Effect: the Politics of Charging Rape Complainants With False Reporting\*](#), was published in June in Vol. 83 of the *Brooklyn Law Review*. In addition, Professor Avalos was quoted in a [Buzzfeed article](#) by journalist Katie Baker which profiled two of the cases that Professor Avalos has written about. She was also quoted in a second [Buzzfeed news investigation](#) by journalist Tyler Kingkade.

On Aug. 2, Professor Bryner co-wrote an op-ed in The Conversation with Meredith Hankins of UCLA on the Trump Administration's proposal regarding fuel economy and vehicle emissions standards, "Trump administration and California on collision course over vehicle emissions rules," <https://theconversation.com/trump-administration-and-california-are-on-collision-course-over-vehicle-emissions-rules-100574>

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Professor Vicente's newest article has been published in the Tulane European and Civil Law Forum. (Lécia Vicente, 33 Tul. Eur. & Civ. L.F. 41 (2018))

Professor Baier is co-chair of the Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society's Gala Committee which is planning a September 29 event celebrating the Tricentennial of the City of New Orleans in connection with the annual judicial conference of state court judges, Orpheum Theater, New Orleans.

Professor Hall recently became Editor-in-Chief of the Institute for Energy Law's Oil & Gas E-Report.

Professor Donelson participated in the "Philosophical Reflections on the Rule of Law" panel at SEALS on August 11th. On August 24th, Prof. Donelson presented his paper "Moral Stability and Pragmatism" at Ohio State University.

Professor Sautter presented her work-in-progress, *The Honeymoon of Transition*, as part of the Corporate Governance Discussion Group at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) conference on Friday, August 10.

Over the summer Robert Lancaster represented 10 individuals seeking early release who were sentenced to life without parole for crimes they committed when they were children. All 10 have been released. He also represented two elderly 40-year lifers who were both released from Angola in August.

### **Office of Alumni Relations & External Communications**

Dr. Karen Soniat was honored by the LSU Foundation at the recent Development Summit for closing not one, but TWO Principal Gifts in the fiscal year that ended June 30. A Principal Gift is one that is valued at \$1,000,000 or more. The deGravelles scholarships in honor of David Robinson and Simeon Simeonides and the Richard J. Dodson Maritime Art Collection are both considered Principal Gifts. In addition, Dr. Soniat was responsible for preparation of the Board of Regents match application for the Dodson and Hooks Chair. That application scored the highest of all submitted to the Board of Regents for consideration this year. The Dodson and

Hooks contribution plus the Board of Regents match created a \$1,000,000 endowment – for a third Principal Gift! Congratulations to Karen Soniat for a record year!

**Upcoming Events:**

**2018 Class Reunions – Classes of 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, and 2008**

- **Friday, October 19, 2018**  
1:00 – 3:30 p.m. **FREE** CLE on Ethics and Professionalism, Room 110  
7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Reunion Reception Buffet Dinner; Capitol Park Museum
- **Saturday, October 20, 2018**  
**FREE All-Alumni Tailgate & 3L Hats ‘n Canes Toast**  
Front Steps, Old Law Building Facing Highland Road  
Time: TBA pending game time  
Food sponsored by NeunerPate

**Distinguished Alumnus Awards Celebration**

Friday, March 22, 2019

Hotel Intercontinental, New Orleans

Time: Sponsors’ Reception 6:15 p.m., Awards Dinner 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

***The next LSU Law Monthly Highlights will be distributed on October 1.  
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