



Monthly Highlights – November 2020

Check out the LSU Law [homepage](#) for a new section titled “Transition to Fall” for continuous updates from Dean Lockridge, as well as important resources for returning to campus safely and working remotely.

Important Dates and Deadlines

November 25: Classes End
November 26, 27: Thanksgiving Holidays; Law Center Closed

Faculty Highlights

Professor Christina Sautter’s article, *Delaware as Deal Arbiter*, was published in the *Washington & Lee Law Review*. The article examines the Delaware courts’ role as a norm setter in Mergers and Acquisitions transactions.

Professor Keith Hall was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation.

Interim President Tom Galligan’s article, *There Are More Things to Punitive Damages in Admiralty Than the 1:1 Ratio Set Forth in Exxon’s Legal Philosophy*, will be published in the *Louisiana Law Review*. In November, Interim President Galligan will present to the Federal Bar Association-Lafayette/Acadiana Chapter as part of the Davis Lecture Series honoring Judge W. Eugene Davis of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. His topic is “[E]ven the [S]lightest:” *Causation in FELA and Jones Act Cases*; the lecture will be published as an article in the *Charleston Law Review*.

The ABA’s Standing Committee on Specialization, which accredits specialty certification programs for lawyers, selected Professor Margaret Thomas to review and comment on the National Board of Trial Advocacy’s Complex Litigation specialization examination. As an examination reviewer, Professor Thomas will review the questions developed for the national Complex Litigation specialization attorney examination for accuracy and clarity.

Experiential Learning

The Law Center, in partnership with the Innocence Project New Orleans (IPNO), has received a nearly \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to review select cases of incarcerated people who have claims of innocence. The two-year grant establishes the Wrongful Conviction Clinic at the Law Center — the first clinic of its kind at a Louisiana law school — in which LSU Law students will review cases to identify those that may benefit from DNA testing. Read more [here](#).

Advocacy Fellow Danny Bosch hosted “moot camp” for the 30+ students who will represent LSU Law at national appellate advocacy competitions this year on Sunday, Oct. 25. Sessions included best practices for virtual competitions, “camera presence 101”, strategies for optimizing virtual oral arguments, and tactics for competitive brief-writing success. Guest speakers at this year’s “moot camp” included Meg Casper Sunstrom, Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Communications for the Louisiana Board of Regents and Assistant Dean & Director for the Library and Information Technology Services Todd Venie.

LSU fielded teams to a number of national trial advocacy competitions, including the National Pretrial Competition, the new All-Star Bracket Challenge Trial Competition, and the In Vino Veritas National Criminal Trial Competition. We are grateful to alumni coaches Dani Borel (LSU Law '14), Doran Drummond (LSU Law '14), Katie Barrios (LSU Law '08), and Andi Neal (LSU Law '16) for their hard work with these teams. Ms. Borel is a partner at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP, Mr. Drummond is an attorney at Schutte, Terhoeve, Richardson, Eversberg, Cronin, Judice & Boudreaux, and Ms. Barrios and Ms. Neal are both Assistant District Attorneys at the East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney’s Office.

Lagniappe

Professor Jeff Brooks was recently featured in the LSU Office of Research and Economic Development’s “Working for Louisiana: LSU Sets the Table” series, which looks at the impact of research and development on solving problems connected to food and health across the state. Professor Brooks shares his recipe for Honey-Pecan Slab Pie with readers, a favorite at his annual Expat Thanksgiving celebration. The full report is found [here](#); a direct link to Professor Brooks’ recipe can be found [here](#).

Coming in December

December 1-11:	Final Exams
December 17:	End of Semester
December 24:	Law Center Closed for Winter Holiday

Helpful Resources

LSU Law Monthly Highlights on the web: [LINK](#)

Law Center Building and Library Hours: [LINK](#)

Law Center Academic Calendar: [LINK](#)

Course Schedules and Classroom Assignments: [LINK](#)

The official University Holiday Schedule (PM-5): [LINK](#)

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