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## This Week's Gavel Gazette

VLS Gavel Gazette <gavelgazette@law.villanova.edu>

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### Events

#### 3L Composite Headshots

LOCATION: VLS Student Lounge ATTIRE: Professional

Tuesday, September 10 (9-3p)

Wednesday, September 11 (9-3p)

Thursday, September 12 (8-2p)

Friday, September 13 (8-2p)

HOW TO SIGN UP:

[Preregistration Link](#) \*be sure that you are preregistering using the first link for Tuesday, September 10, 2024 to Friday, September 13, 2024

[Sign Up Link](#)

Additionally, there will be limited make-up dates that are scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2025 and Thursday, January 23, 2025 if you are unable to attend this week's sessions. More information will come out in December.

Please reach out to [Emmy Bebee](#) with any questions.

#### Implicit Bias Series: Impact on Building and Inclusive Environment

Wednesday, September 11 at 3-4pm in Room 301A

Implicit Bias is one of the most challenging areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion. It occurs when conscious or unaware statements are made that offend members of marginalized groups. Identifying and reducing or eliminating implicit biases are essential to building a strong community. In addition, helping victims of implicit bias recover is helpful. This series will explore all factors related to implicit biases.

This is the first session of a workshop series led by Kristina M. Marshall, a nationally recognized lawyer and the Director of DEI at Oakland University. In addition to her live sessions, Ms. Marshall has prepared supplementary materials that will further enrich your learning experience. Sponsored by the CWSL Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

#### DEI Coffee Break

Thursday, September 12 at 12:15-1:30pm in Room 138

### **"Developing Admission Procedures to Build Student Diversity"**

Presented by Assistant Dean for Admissions, Melissa Lee

Vouchers for beverages and snacks will be available from 12:15-12:30.

### **Clinical Program Information Fair**

Wednesday, September 18, 12:30-1:15pm in the Blank Rome LLP Dining Room or outside the dining room if the weather cooperates.

Join the Clinical Program for an Information Fair for those interested in learning about the program's eight Clinics. Clinic faculty and staff will be available to answer questions. Snacks will be available.

### **Mike Pence on the Constitution, Faith and Public Life**

Wednesday, September 18, 4-5pm in the Arthur M. Goldberg '66 Commons

The Eleanor H. McCullen Center for Law, Religion and Public Policy will host "A Conversation on the Constitution, Faith and Public Life" with Mike Pence, the 48th vice president of the United States. Space is limited to Villanova faculty, staff and students, and [registration](#) is required.

### **Worship Opportunities on Campus**

Wednesdays at 12:30pm Chapel of Our Lady, Mirror of Justice, dedicated in memory of Helen A. O'Connor

Mass will be held at the Law School when classes are in session. Further details and other opportunities for worship can be found on the [Campus Ministry website](#). For other information, you may contact Fr. Aldo Potencio, OSA at [aldo.potencio@villanova.edu](mailto:aldo.potencio@villanova.edu).

### **Red Mass**

Friday, October 4, at 6pm in St. Thomas of Villanova Church

Mark your calendar to join the Villanova Law community for the annual Red Mass. Reception to follow at John F. Scarpa Hall.

A Villanova tradition for over 60 years, Red Mass provides an opportunity for faculty, alumni, students, families and guests to celebrate the beginning of the Law School's academic year. The first Red Mass was offered in 1310 during the reign of King Edward I in Westminster Abbey to mark the opening of the judicial year. In the United States, the tradition began in 1928 at St. Andrew's Church in New York City. Since then, Red Mass has been celebrated to invoke the guidance of the Holy Spirit for all those who seek justice. The ceremony's traditional name is derived from the color of vestments worn by the celebrant and concelebrants, the scarlet robes of judges in attendance, and the scarlet gowns of the members of the law faculty. Villanova has held Red Mass since 1957.

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## **Announcements**

### **Villanova Mock Trial Wildcat Classic Invitational Judge Outreach**

Villanova's undergraduate mock trial team is hosting their first-ever invitational tournament this year, set for November 9th-10<sup>th</sup> on Villanova's main campus, and is seeking Villanova Law professors and students interested in judging this event. Please contact [Clare Vogt](#) to volunteer or if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Fall Bird Migration is Underway!**

Please close blinds and turn off office lights at the end of each day. Small efforts on our part make a big difference to traveling birds by helping them to avoid window collisions and reducing other hazards such as the disorientation caused by reflective light. For those interested in reading more about this problem, please visit:

<https://www.birdsafephilly.org/lights-out>

If you find an injured or dead bird, email [birds@law.villanova.edu](mailto:birds@law.villanova.edu).

If you see a bird hit a window or door at the Law School during the weekend or after 5pm during the weekday, and it does not fly away within a few minutes, it may be dazed, injured, or deceased. If the bird is alive, it is important to protect it from predators. Place the bird in a ventilated box with a lid and place the box in a warm, quiet place away from humans or predatory animals. Boxes are available at the lobby desk. After 30 minutes, release the bird back into the wild, unless it still remains dazed or appears injured, then you may contact the Philadelphia Metro Wildlife Center in King of Prussia at [267-416-9453](tel:267-416-9453) or the Tri-State Bird Rescue at (302) 737-9543. If you find a deceased bird, please email [birds@law.villanova.edu](mailto:birds@law.villanova.edu) so that the bird can be transferred to the Biology department for documentation. Thank you for your help.

### **Let's Vote Nova**

The General Election is November 5, 2024, and any student who is a US citizen is encouraged to register to vote. [Let's Vote Nova](#) provides information to promote voter registration and voter mobilization on campus. Please check the [website](#) for PA Voter registration information, information for Delaware county voting centers and drop off boxes for mail in ballots. Note: The Pennsylvania deadline for registering to vote is **October 21st** for the November 5th election. For students who wish to register in other states, and vote via absentee ballot, additional information on all states and territories can be found by visiting [vote.gov](#). Please contact SBA or Student Affairs with any questions.

### **Parking Enforcement has Begun**

All vehicles parking on campus must be registered with the Parking Office. Further information and registration is available at the University's Parking & Transportation office [website](#). The University uses a license plate recognition system, so your license plate must be visible to the drive lane when you park.

Overnight parking in the S-4 garage (i.e., the Law School garage) is not permitted, and vehicles found in the garage between 2AM and 6AM will be ticketed. If you are studying late at night in the Law School library, please park in the surface lot next to the Law School. If you have any questions concerning the parking policy, please feel free to contact the Parking Office directly at (610) 519-6989.

### **Gazette Submissions**

Please send items for next week's *Gavel Gazette* to [gavelgazette@law.villanova.edu](mailto:gavelgazette@law.villanova.edu) by 3pm on Friday.

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## **Resources**

### **Embedded Counselor at the Law School Resumes 9/9**

Beginning September 9th, Dr Allison Kosloff, counselor from University Counseling Center, will be at the Law School in Room 138 from 12:30-4:30pm on Mondays through fall semester for appointments with Law Students. Students should schedule an appointment in advance (in-person or telehealth). To make an appointment or for more information about groups and other counseling information, see the form on the Counseling Center's [website](#) or call 610 519-4050.

### **DEI LibGuide**

The [DEI LibGuide](#) includes information about the law school and university Offices of DEI, the DEI Committee list, processing DEI environmental complaints, student organizations, and affinity groups, a glossary of DEI terms, and details about the Veritas, Unitas, and Caritas Community Award. Refer any questions, suggestions, and recommendations about the LibGuide content to the [Office of DEI](#).

### **Wellness Resources for Students**

Villanova University School of Law faculty and staff care about you. We remind all law students to prioritize your physical, emotional, and mental health. It is important to reach out if you are going through a challenge, feeling overwhelmed, need to talk or want to find ways to maintain balance in your life.

**Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers:** LCL is fully operational during this time of uncertainty. They have one staff rotating in the office each day to ensure every helpline call will be thoroughly handled. Their volunteer base of 295 law students, attorneys, and judges are ready, willing, and able to assist any student, staff or faculty member that may be struggling LCL's 24/7 helpline is 888-999-1941 and their website is also a wealth of information [www.lclpa.org](http://www.lclpa.org)

**University Counseling Center:** Please see the Counseling Center's [website](#) regarding their message for continuity of care, on-line appointment request form, local referrals or prescription refill if you have been seeing the University psychiatrist. Law Students have full access to the University Counseling center M-F, 9-5 610 519- 4050 and [UWill 24/7 Telehealth Counseling](#)

**Villanova's Health and Well-Being website**

**Nancy Whalen, Director of Student Affairs and Wellbeing** can help you if you need to connect to resources, want a wellness check-in or need to discuss a specific concern. Email her at [whalen@law.villanova.edu](mailto:whalen@law.villanova.edu) or schedule a time to meet with Nancy.

**In an emergency**, call Villanova Public Safety at 610-519-4444.

**The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** is a United States-based suicide prevention network of over 160 crisis centers that provides 24/7 service via a toll-free hotline with the number 9-8-8. It is available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.

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