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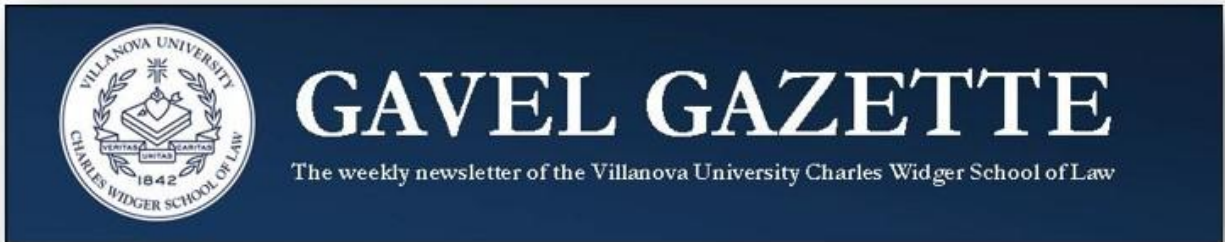
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This Week's Gavel Gazette

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Events

Democracy and the Rule of Law: Our Rights and Responsibilities

Monday, September 23 in the Arthur M. Goldberg '66 Commons

This program is a collaboration between the Villanova Law Women's Network, the Villanova University Anne Welsh McNulty Institute for Women's Leadership and the Villanova Law Building Bridges program.

1:15-2:15 | The Rule of Law

Jeffrey Rosen, President & CEO, National Constitution Center
Christopher Cooper, US District Judge for the District of Columbia
Marjorie O. Rendell, Senior Judge, US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

2:30-3:30 | The Canary in the Coal Mine

Teresa Ravenell, Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development and Professor of Law, CWSL
Emily Martin, Chief Program Officer, National Women's Law Center
Steve Vladeck, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center

4:00-5:00 | A Participatory Democracy

Mark C. Alexander, Arthur J. Kania Dean and Professor of Law, CWSL
Michael Luttig, Judge, US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; Board of Trustees, National Constitution Center
Melissa Murray, Frederick I and Grace Stokes Professor of Law, NYU Law; Faculty Director, Birnbaum Women's Leadership Center

5:00-6:00 | Reception

How to attend: There will be rows of seating at the back of the Commons to accommodate students who can only pop in for a portion of the program. We're mindful that sound travels to the Commons easily. To help assure our speakers are best heard, please make sure to use the student seating so that you can easily come and go without disruption. Additionally, please be mindful to minimize conversation in the stairwell and hallways this day.

Registration is not required. This is an in-person event only, and will not be live streamed or recorded.

A Conversation with Kathleen Sweet '90, President-Elect of the New York State Bar Association

Tuesday, September 24 at 4pm in the Blank Rome LLP Classroom (Room 102)

Alum Kathleen Sweet '90, Partner at Gibson McAskill Crosby and President-Elect of the New York State Bar Association, will be on campus to discuss her path to leadership, attributes and skills of what makes a good leader, and the benefits of membership to the New York State Bar Association. All class years are welcome. Food will be provided.

***Hesburgh* Documentary Screening to Mark 60th Anniversary of Civil Rights Act**

Tuesday, September 24, at 6:30pm in the **Mullen Center for the Performing Arts Topper Theater**

The Office for Mission and Ministry and UNITAS in Athletics are excited to host a screening of the documentary film *Hesburgh* to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Following the film, there will be a panel discussion with Filmmaker Hezekiah Lewis, Associate Professor and Director of the Waterhouse Family Institute for the Study of Communication and Society, and the Rev. Kevin DePrinzio, OSA, Vice President for Mission and Ministry. Email the [Mullen Center Box Office](#) for tickets.

Weekly Mass and 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.

Attorneys, Innovation, and Philanthropy: A Conversation with Mr. Scarpa

Thursday, September 26 at 12:20-1:20pm in the Arthur M. Goldberg '66 Classroom (Room 202)

Presented by the Corporate Law Society, Villanova Italian-American Law Organization, and the Entrepreneurship Law Society.

JD/LLM Alumni Panel

Thursday, September 26 at 12:30pm in the Daniel P. Gibson Classroom (Room 306)

The Graduate Tax Program and the Tax Law Society are hosting a joint lunch and learn featuring a panel of JD/LLM alumni who will discuss their experiences in the program and how earning their dual degree has impacted them in the first few years of their careers.

Panelists include:

- Samantha Letang '21 JD '21 LLM, Vice President at Goldman Sachs
- Christian Jorgensen '21JD '21 LLM, Senior Associate, State and Local Tax Practice, PwC
- Anna Gooch '20 JD, '21 LLM, Attorney, IRS Office of Chief Counsel

Lunch will be provided. Register: <https://explore.villanova.edu/register/jdllmsept2024>

Clinic Registration Information Session

Monday, September 30, 12:30-1:15pm in the Arthur M. Goldberg '66 Classroom (Room 202)

The Clinical Program is hosting an Information Session for those interested in registering for one of the Clinics. Information will be presented to assist you with your decisions, and Clinic faculty, staff and some past clinic students will be present to answer questions. Snacks will be available.

Law Library Book Chat with Professor Mitch Nathanson

Monday, September 30, 12:30-1:30pm in the Scarpa Center for Entrepreneurship and Law (Library Second Floor)

Celebrate the arrival of the post-season with Professor Mitch Nathanson, who will discuss his book, *Under Jackie's Shadow: Voices of Black Minor Leaguers Baseball Left Behind*, which was published this past spring and recounts his interviews with 13 Black baseball players who navigated life in the Minor Leagues in the 1960s and 1970s. Food will be served.

Red Mass

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

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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Kudos

Trial Team Champions

Villanova's Trial Competition Team competed in the First Chair Trial Competition, an elite competition that invites the top advocates from around the country to a breakneck-paced weekend of trial advocacy. 3L students **Kelsey McCafferty** and **Grace Mezzanotte** were selected to represent Villanova. After six preliminary rounds, Kelsey and Grace had competed against Cumberland, Baylor, Drexel, Quinnipiac, University of South Carolina, and St. John's University.

After the preliminary rounds, Villanova was recognized as the runner up for the Professionalism Award, and Grace also received a Best Advocate Award. The team then advanced to the semifinals against Hofstra. After a tightly contested round, Grace and Kelsey won again and advanced to the finals for a rematch against St. John's. Grace and Kelsey won the final round decisively and became champions!

Villanova's team outperformed all metrics and expectations, representing Villanova with distinction. Congratulations to Kelsey and Grace and their coaches, Zach Wynkoop and Steve Patton '15!

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Announcements

Please Update Your Contact Information

Whether this is your first year at VLS or you are a "seasoned" 2L or 3L, you are obligated to keep the Registrar's office up to date on your current contact information. You can do that via the [Address/Emergency Contact form](#). If you previously submitted a form but some of your information has changed, please fill it out again. Be assured, your information is never released to an outside source without your permission.

Continuing Obligation to Disclose Information

Please remember that students have an ongoing obligation (see Handbook: [Candor and Disclosure to the Law School](#)) to promptly notify the school whenever an incident occurs that could be responsive to the character and fitness questions asked on most bar applications (e.g. arrests, job losses, serious moving violations, judicial proceedings of any kind). If you need to notify the school of any potentially relevant event that occurred since you matriculated, [you may do so here](#). Remember that it is always safer to over-disclose than to under-disclose. If you are unsure whether something should be disclosed or if you have any questions, please reach out to [Dean Matt Carluzzo](#).

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](#).

A Let's Vote Villanova information table is set up in the Student Lounge with PA Voter Registration mail-in forms and Let's Vote Nova buttons. Please contact SBA or Student Affairs with any questions.

Gazette Submissions

Please send items for next week's *Gavel Gazette* to gavelgazette@law.villanova.edu by 3pm on Friday.

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Resources

Absence Reporting Form

If you have missed or know you will miss a class session and believe the absence may be excused, please use [this form](#) to record the absence and have it excused where applicable. Please note that individual faculty members DO NOT receive submitted forms, so you must still notify your professors independently of any absences.

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](#).

Embedded Counselor at the Law School

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.

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

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 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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