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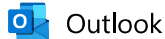
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This Week's Gavel Gazette

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Events

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.

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.

Should We Believe Our Own Eyes? A Hitchhiker's Guide through Digital Deception and Elections

Tuesday, October 1, 12:30-1:30pm in the Martin G. McGuinn '67 Ceremonial Courtroom (Room 201)

The Girard-diCarlo Center welcomes Marijana Grbesa, a professor at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb and a Fulbright visiting scholar at George Mason University. This lecture will explore the contemporary communication landscape, which has been decisively shaped by digitalization, the radical transformation of traditional media and the rise of disinformation. It will address the challenges posed by distorted digital realities driven by manipulative narratives, altered visuals and the impact of AI-generated hallucinations. Professor Itay Ravid will offer commentary. Lunch will be provided following the lecture. Quantities limited. No registration necessary.

Villanova Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee Suicide Prevention Speaker Series

Wednesday, October 2, 4-5:30pm with Vigil to follow, in the Dougherty Hall East Lounge

Bringing Suicide Out of the Darkness with Anthony Rostain, MD

Mr. Rostain is Chief and Chair of Dept. of Psychiatry at Cooper University Health Care, and co-author of *The Stressed Years of Their Lives: Helping Your Kid Survive and Thrive During Their College Years*.

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.

Energy Law Panel

Monday, October 7, 12:30-1:30pm in the Blank Rome LLP Classroom (Room 102)

Join the Villanova Environmental & Energy Law Society for an energy law career panel of seasoned practitioners who will share insight into a variety of practice areas and settings within the energy law field. They will also address expectations, hiring timelines, and job search strategies for energy law careers. The event has been posted on Suitable for potential PD credit.

We will feature Diana Silva, an environmental and energy law Partner at Manko Gold focused on litigation; Matthew Jokajtys, Managing Counsel at the Public Service Enterprise Group Co. (PSEG), a publicly traded energy utility that serves New York and New Jersey; and Steve Shparber, an energy and sustainability Member at Mintz's D.C. office focused on regulatory and transactional energy practice (Steve also has significant experience at PJM and FERC).

American Covenant: How the Constitution Unified Our Nation – and Could Again

Wednesday, October 9, 4pm in the Laurence E. Hirsch '71 Classroom (Room 101)

The Eleanor H. McCullen Center for Law Religion and Public Policy welcomes Yuval Levin, director of social, cultural and constitutional studies at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where he also holds the Beth and Ravenel Curry Chair in Public Policy, for a conversation about his most recent book, "American Covenant: How the Constitution Unified Our Nation – and Could Again" (Basic Books, 2024). The event is free and open to the public. For more information, [click here](#).

What We Gain and Lose from Seeing the World Through an Algorithmic Lens

Wednesday, October 16, 12:30-1:30pm in the Laurence E. Hirsch '71 Classroom (Room 101)

As society increasingly relies on algorithms for decision-making, this conversation will explore the potential benefits and risks. The Girard-diCarlo Center will welcome Suresh Venkatasubramanian from Brown University to delve into how algorithms can enhance fairness and efficiency while examining the dangers of perpetuating biases and promoting fair and equitable decision-making. Lunch will be provided following the lecture. Quantities limited. No registration necessary.

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Kudos

Congratulations to the Newly-Elected SBA and Honor Board Representatives

SBA Representatives:

Section 1: **Michael Agrama** and **Alex Godiner**

Section 2: **Grace Jang** and **Isaac Johansen**

Section 3: **Giuliana Black** and **Lauren Lauletta**

Honor Board Representatives:

Isabella Astolfi

Beyza Basar

Caroline Blank

Claire Borland

Francesca Capozzi

Emily DeMartino

Annie Fitzgerald

Skylar Glass

Quinn Kelley

Lauren McLaughlin

Isabel O'Hara

Jacquelyn Plouffe

Peightyn Schwartz

Leah Tabor

Phoebe Tuite

Thank you to all who participated! Kudos to Honor Board, Elizabeth Ellick and Emmy Bebee for all of their efforts with the election.

Forum on Entrepreneurship & Law has posted its first blog posts of the school year:

Alysse Danyi, Associate Editor, wrote a case study on *Athleta*, its structure as a certified B-Corp, and its impact. See: <https://www.vlsentrepreneurship.com/post/a-force-for-good-athleta-s-impact-as-a-certified-b-corp>

Carlos Juarez, Editor-in-Chief, wrote a post on the *SEC's new resources for small businesses*, as well as the recent impact small businesses have on the economy. See: <https://www.vlsentrepreneurship.com/post/stacking-the-building-blocks-new-resources-for-small-businesses-from-the-sec>

We do not hold competitions for the Forum—we are focused on equity in academic writing. If students are interested in writing for the Forum, please reach out to any of our editors!

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Announcements

Clinical Program Registration Information

The Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services (CARES), the Clinic for Law and Entrepreneurship (CFLE) and the Intellectual Property Clinic (IP) have applications that will open on September 30, 2024, and close on THURSDAY October 10, 2024. The applications must be submitted by October 10th. The applications are available on the [Clinic Registration](#) site.

Registration for all clinics, including CARES, CFLE, and IP takes place October 7th through October 10th, 2024. All students (even those who submitted applications) must register online so the Registrar has your information. Clinic registration will close at midnight on THURSDAY October 10th. CARES, CFLE and IP will select students based on their applications. All other clinic enrollment is done by lottery. You will be notified of your clinic enrollment status on October 17, 2024, before you register for your other courses.

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 – New Link

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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