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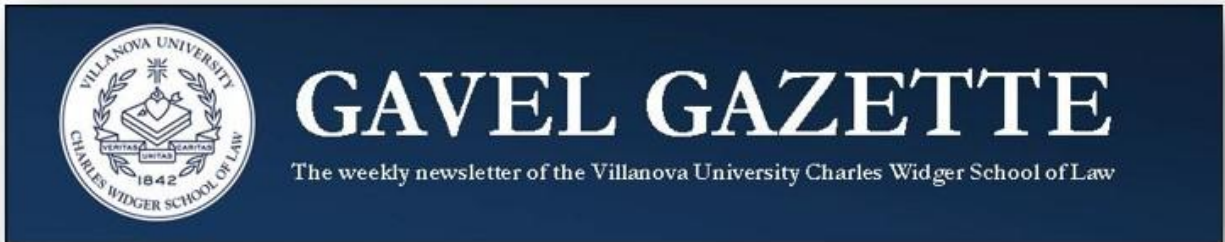
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This Week's Gavel Gazette

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Events

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).

1842 Day - Villanova's Eighth Annual Day of Giving

Tuesday, October 8

We hope you will join us for special events, free food, and giveaways!

Daytime Activities: 9:30am-3pm

1842 Day Table: Stop by the 1842 Day table in the Commons for refreshments and giveaways.

Prize Wheel: Make a gift of any amount to spin the prize wheel and win Villanova gear!

Golden Tickets: There are *five* golden tickets hidden throughout the Law School. If you find one, bring it to the Commons to collect your prize—Villanova Law merch!

Evening Event: 4-5:30pm

Bingo: [Sign up to play Bingo for your favorite area of Villanova Law!](#) The winner of each round will earn donor-sponsored dollars to designate to any CWSL area, including student organizations, scholarships, clinics, and more. Plus, pizza and a beer/wine bar will be available to those who register.

LGBTQIA History Month Presentation

Tuesday, October 8, 12:20-1:20pm in the Minority Alumni Society Classroom (Room 103)

Join OUTLaw for this presentation by former Philadelphia LGBT Bar President, Kevin Levy (Saul Ewing, Associate), who will discuss the history of the legal decisions that have shaped LGBTQ+ rights today. Lunch will be provided. Plus, you are eligible for *DEI credit* for this event.

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.

Pre-Yom Kippur Text Study with Professor Saiman

Wednesday, October 9, 12:20-1:20pm in the Blank Rome LLP Classroom (Room 102)

Yom Kippur is the Jewish day of atonement and forgiveness. In the Jewish tradition, these concepts are not limited to questions of religious law but extend to issues of interpersonal relationships and social harmony. In the days leading up to Yom Kippur one must aim to repair damaged social and business relationships. This session will study the Talmudic tests that grapple with the question of how to take the first step towards bridging an interpersonal divide, how to express contrition at causing social harm, and the degree to which pro-social behavior can be legally, morally and religiously mandated. Lunch will be provided. Sponsored by the Jewish Law Students Association.

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](#).

Global Innovation: An Entrepreneur's Journey Through Opportunities and Obstacles in Leveraging Technology in Sub-Saharan Africa

Thursday, October 10, 12:20-1:20pm in Room 202

Come hear Entrepreneur-in-Residence, Johnny B. Sneh, CEO and Founder of The SNS Company.

Co-sponsored by the Entrepreneurship Law Society, the Immigration Law Society, and the Black Law Students Association. Lunch will be provided.

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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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 which close on THURSDAY October 10, 2024, available on the [Clinic Registration](#) site. **The**

applications must be submitted by October 10th.

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.

Fall Break – No Classes

Friday, October 11 and Monday, October 14

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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