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## This Week's Gavel Gazette

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## Week of 15 October 2024

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### Events

#### 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](mailto:aldo.potencio@villanova.edu).

#### 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.

#### Defending Democracy

Wednesday, October 23, at 4pm

Villanova Law has been chosen to host a distinguished Order of the Coif visiting scholar, Guy-Uriel Charles, from Harvard Law School. Join us for his conversation on "Defending Democracy" with Mark C. Alexander, the Arthur J. Kania Dean, Lauren Cristella, president and CEO of Committee of Seventy, and moderator Doris DeTosto Brogan '81, professor of law & Heller McGuinness Leadership Chair. Please visit the [event page](#) for more information.

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## Announcements

### Summer 2025 International Program

Villanova Law is pleased to announce its summer 2025 international program to be hosted in Croatia and Bosnia in southeastern Europe. This intensive 3-week program, which will be hosted in Dubrovnik and Split, Croatia, and Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, will allow enrolled students to earn 3.5 credits while taking short courses in European Union law, international criminal justice in the Balkans, and comparative federalism. Faculty from Villanova Law and European law schools will jointly teach these courses. The tentative program dates are July 20 to August 8, 2025, late enough in the summer to permit participants to complete an 8-week externship beforehand. A student information session on the program will be held on Wednesday, November 6, from 12:20-1:20 pm in room 103. The session will be recorded. The 2025 summer program is hosted and made possible by the David F. and Constance B. Girard-diCarlo Center for Ethics, Integrity, and Compliance.

### 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](mailto:gavelgazette@law.villanova.edu) by 3pm on Friday.

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## Resources

### The Counseling Center has a new YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@Villanovacounseling>

These contain 'self-serve' advice and guidance with titles such as: • Resilience Skills for transition to college • Coping with Academic Disappointment • Progressive Relaxation and Body Scan • Mindfulness Playlists: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/health-services/counseling-center.html>

### 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](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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