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## This Week's Gavel Gazette

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### Events

#### Westlaw 1L Legal Research Training Lunch Session

Monday, October 28, 12:15-1pm in the Minority Alumni Society Classroom (Room 103)

Get ready to turn in memos and ace your semester with Westlaw! Please join Villanova's Westlaw Account Representative Abigail Williams for this legal research training session. All students in attendance will receive lunch.

#### 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).

## Summer 2025 International Program Information Session

Wednesday, November 6, 12:20-1:20pm in the Minority Alumni Society Classroom (Room 103)

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. The 2025 summer program is hosted and made possible by the David F. and Constance B. Girard-diCarlo Center for Ethics, Integrity, and Compliance. The student information session will be recorded.

## Attention 1Ls

JD/MBA Informational Session, Wednesday, November 13, 12:15 p.m., (Room 102)

1L's please join us to learn more about how you can earn both a JD and an MBA degree in your three years here at Villanova. This program will afford you flexibility in your career, while educating you to be an ethical lawyer and leader in your chosen field, as well as the competitive advantage in understanding the relationship between law and business for today's corporate environment. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please use the QR code below to register. **Free pizza will be available to those who attend!**



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## Announcements

### Elections Resources

Law students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in Villanova's pre- and post-election co-curricular events, programming and resources. More info found here: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/student-life/about-us/vice-president/election-resources.html>

### Deans' Mental Health and Wellbeing Advisory Council - Invitation for 1Ls

The Deans' Mental Health and Wellbeing Advisory Council invites interested 1Ls to join the initiative. The Council is co-chaired by Dean Lund and Nancy Whalen and includes current law students: Briana Baier, 3L, SBA Wellness Chair; Rachael Robles, 3L, President Student Mental Health Society; Meghan Rodick, 2L, Vice President, Student Mental Health Society; Gabby Painter, 2L, Dean's Ambassador and meets twice a semester. We are seeking one student from each 1L section to add. **If you are interested, please submit a brief letter of interest to Nancy Whalen, Director of Student Affairs and Wellbeing, [whalen@law.villanova.edu](mailto:whalen@law.villanova.edu) by 5 pm Tuesday October 29th**

### LCL's fall student hours for Villanova Law Students: November 6<sup>th</sup>

Worried about midterm grades/exams? Experiencing imposter feelings or anxiety? Difficulties with sleep or excessive drinking? Stressed about the job search or finances? Character and fitness concerns? By clicking the link below, students can schedule a confidential 30- minute session with Laurie during Villanova's specified day and times via Zoom. Every appointment booked as an online meeting automatically creates a unique meeting link for the confidential meeting with Laurie.

- 11/6/24: Villanova: <https://scheduler.zoom.us/laurie-besden/villanova-law-lcl-student-hours-11-6-24>

Please know that LCL is here for you 24/7, even outside of Villanova's "designated date". Students may contact LCL's Executive Director, Laurie Besden, for a confidential session any time. All students need to do is email Laurie at [laurie@lclpa.org](mailto:laurie@lclpa.org) requesting a meeting, and Laurie will send the student a unique link for their session only.

### Writing Competition Guide

If you are interested in participating in one of the many annual law student writing competitions, check out the Writing Competitions Guide: <http://libguides.law.villanova.edu/writingcompetitions>. There is information in the Guide regarding the mechanics of writing for publication, as well as lists of open competitions.

### 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.

Information on voting in all states and territories can be found by visiting [vote.gov](http://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

### Counseling Center 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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