



## Gold 'n Gavel 2021

### Auction and Reception

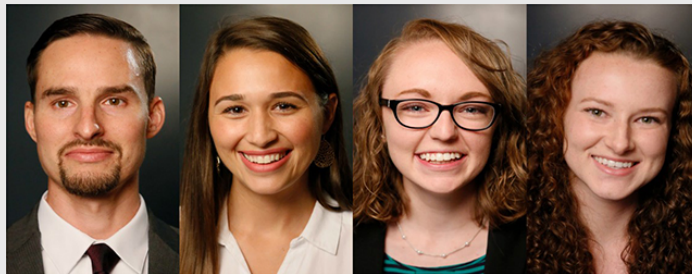
Friday, November 19, 2021 | Virtual & In-person

## ASU Law's Gold 'n Gavel raises over \$95,000 for students

Raising more than \$95,000 for student scholarships, ASU Law's eighth Gold 'n Gavel Auction and Reception gathered alumni, faculty, staff and friends from the legal community for an evening of recognition and celebration on Nov. 19. A special [tribute](#) was given to **Les Schiefelbein** as the ASU Law Alumni Service Award Recipient.

Also part of the event, Professor **Gary Stuart** provided complimentary autographed copies of his book, "[The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University: 1965 to 2020](#)," chronicling the college's first 50+ years.

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## ASU Law No. 1 again in state for bar passage

For the ninth consecutive year, ASU Law received the highest overall bar passage rate in Arizona, taking into account all first-time takers for the February and July Uniform Bar Exams, according to the July 2021 results [released last month](#). In addition, four ASU Law graduates from the class of 2021 received the highest scores on the examination: **Paul Phelps**, **Megan Carrasco**, **Abigail Dockum** and **Samantha Orwoll**.

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### State Department awards \$2.6M grant to ASU to advance transitional justice in Ukraine, South Sudan

The U.S. Department of State Office of Global Criminal Justice awarded ASU a \$2.6 million grant — one of the largest ever issued by the office — to implement a three-year project advancing transitional justice in Ukraine and South Sudan. The project will be led by former U.S. Ambassador and ASU Law Professor Clint Williamson.

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### President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights to receive 2021 O'Connor Justice Prize

Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito, president of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, is the seventh recipient of the O'Connor Justice Prize. She was the first female professor at the University of Costa Rica Law School, founded the Human Rights Institute of Costa Rica and served as the minister of justice of Costa Rica.

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## Student Highlights



## Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

On Dec. 15, ASU Law will celebrate its Class of 2022 Juris Doctor (JD), Master of Legal Studies (MLS), Master of Sports Law and Business (MSLB), and Master of Laws (LLM) degree candidates during the fall 2021 convocation ceremony. The in-person and live-streamed event, held in the Beus Center for Law and Society's W. P. Carey Foundation Armstrong Great Hall, will include convocation remarks from Mayor Kate Gallego, City of Phoenix, and Vice Chief Justice Ann A. Scott Timmer (ASU Law JD '85), Arizona Supreme Court. Visit the [ASU Law convocation page](#) for details and updates.

[Learn more](#)

## Turbocharging an HR career with new ASU

## degree

ASU Law's new [Master of Human Resources and Employment Law](#) program caters to both entry-level people looking to get into the industry and established professionals who want a credential that will take them to the next level.

[Learn more](#)

## ASU's youngest law student



## 16-year-old charts her own path at ASU Law

Charmaine Chui doesn't like to be told no.

And for the 16-year-old law school student – the youngest in the history of ASU Law – that mantra has served her well.

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## Faculty in the News



## For renowned ASU professor, interest in law started with dad's stories of segregated South

As the daughter of two college professors, immigration law expert [Angela Banks](#) said her fascination with the ideas of membership and belonging started with her father's similar interest in education.

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## ASU's First Amendment Clinic executive director receives Freedom of Information Award

[Gregg Leslie](#), executive director of the [First Amendment Clinic](#) at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and a faculty affiliate at the [Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication](#) at Arizona State University, has received the Freedom of Information Award from the Arizona Newspapers Association for his advocacy for First Amendment freedoms.

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## Karen Bradshaw selected as ASU 2021-2022 Desert Humanities Fellow

Congratulations to ASU Law Professor [Karen Bradshaw](#) for being chosen as the 2021-22 Desert Humanities Fellow. Bradshaw, author of the book "Wildlife as Property Owners: A New Conception of Animal Rights," is recognized for making "a powerful statement advancing the well-being of animals, ecologies and human engagement with the more-than-human-world."

*Headshot by Anton L. Delgado for the Arizona Republic.*

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### September 2021

- [Hawaii's Pandemic Crisis Care Plan Raises Legal And Ethical Concerns](#)
  - Featuring: James Hodge Jr.
- [Fake headline falsely suggests cursing the president is illegal](#)
  - Featuring: James Weinstein

- **Jim Crow tactics reborn in Texas abortion law**
  - Featuring: Stefanie Lindquist
- **Louisiana's Native Tribes Were Crushed by Hurricane Ida. They Feel Forgotten**
  - Featuring: Patty Ferguson-Bohnee
- **The LL.M. experience at ASU Law**
  - Featuring: Joey Dormady
- **Drake, Kevin Garnett and Other Celebrities Urge President Biden to Release Marijuana Prisoners**
  - Featuring: Erik Luna
- **Legal Beagle Podcast: Dean Zachary Kramer - ASU Law School**
  - Featuring: Zak Kramer
- **ABA program to explore impact of McGirt case on Native American lands**
  - Featuring: Stacy Leeds

#### October 2021

- **ASU releases exhaustive but unspecific updates on racial justice commitments**
  - Featuring: Victoria Sahani
- **Discovery of 'Bulk Marijuana' Preceded Tucson Train Shooting, U.S. Says**
  - Featuring: Valena Beety
- **Tesla Racism Verdict of \$137 Million Could Be Halved if the Company Appeals**
  - Featuring: Michael Selmi
- **New estimate of Oak Flat mine's water consumption fuels opposition**
  - Featuring: Robert Miller
- **Medical errors keep killing patients – but there are laws, incentives and mindset changes that could reduce the death toll**
  - Featuring: Michael Saks
- **Federal vaccine mandates can override Texas' sweeping new ban, experts say**
  - Featuring: James Hodge Jr.
- **Can Ariz. Nonlawyer Ownership Create A New Type Of Atty?**
  - Featuring: Andrew Halaby
- **Biden Ordered Federal Contractors to Get Employees Vaccinated. Universities Have Begun to Comply**
  - Featuring: James Hodge Jr.
- **New report chronicles first year of ASU's LIFT Initiative and efforts to address inequities, injustices and bias**
  - Featuring: Victoria Sahani
- **Covid-19 Vaccine Mandates Are Surviving Nearly All Court Challenges**
  - Featuring: Jennifer Piatt
- **Why NY State Pistol & Rifle Association v. Bruen is a Human Rights Case, Not Just a Second Amendment Case**
  - Featuring: Aaron Fellmeth
- **Attorneys Eye Glasgow Talks for Progress on Many Climate Issues**
  - Featuring: Daniel Bodansky

#### November 2021

- **Politics Aside, The Biden Administration's Vaccine Mandates Are Lawful**
  - Featuring: James Hodge Jr.
- **Arizona Law Grad Who Failed Bar Seeks License, Cites Faulty Test**
  - Featuring: Ilan Wurman
- **The Elephant Suit**
  - Featuring: Karen Bradshaw
- **What the history of student vaccination mandates means for school COVID vaccine rules**
  - Featuring: James Hodge Jr.

### Alumni News



## ASU Law scholarship honors alumni family's life of public service

The Finn family established an endowed fund, "The Legacy of Ruth G. Finn Scholarship: Finn, Gartell, Turner," to honor their mother and grandmother. Ruth and her husband, the late Herbert "Herb" Finn, were instrumental in advocating for desegregation and social justice during the civil rights movement.

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**Lisa Pino**

## Newly appointed director of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights reflects on ASU beginnings

Arizona State University alumna Lisa Pino was born and raised in New York City — her mother a political refugee from Cuba and her father a political refugee from Spain. As a first-generation American and a first-generation college student, navigating her young adulthood and finding her identity was challenging at times. But Pino said that it was at Arizona State University that she was able to truly find herself.

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### In Memoriam



#### In memory of Michael A. Berch

April 1, 1935 - November 6, 2021

ASU Law Founding Faculty Member

**ASU honors the passing of Michael Berch, inventive law professor and generous university patron**

"A brilliant teacher, Michael truly cared about ASU Law and helping to make it the best law school experience possible through his warmth, sense of humor and incredible work ethic," said ASU Law co-interim Dean Zak Kramer. "ASU Law will miss him, and we send our love and condolences to Rebecca and their family."

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## In memory of Grant Woods

May 19, 1954 - October 23, 2021



### ASU Law mourns the loss of alumnus Grant Woods

Many knew Grant Woods as a public servant and leader; we at ASU Law knew him as a great supporter, donor, adjunct professor and dear friend to the law school. We mourn the loss of our alumnus and our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time. He will be greatly missed by the entire ASU Law community.

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## Events

## Fall 2021 Convocation

**ASU** Sandra Day O'Connor  
College of Law  
Arizona State University

### [Fall 2021 Convocation](#)

Wednesday, December 15 | 6 p.m. (Arizona time)

Beus Center for Law and Society (BCLS) Building, W. P. Carey Foundation  
Armstrong Great Hall

In-person and Live-streamed

The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law will celebrate its Class of 2022 Juris Doctor (JD), Master of Legal Studies (MLS), Master of Sports Law and Business (MSLB), and Master of Laws (LLM) degree candidates at the upcoming fall 2021 convocation ceremony. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, December 15 via an in-person ceremony inside the Great Hall at the BCLS building.

Please visit our [convocation page](#) for the latest information.

[Learn more](#)

"Commitment to the rule of law provides a basic assurance that people can know what to expect whether what they do is popular or unpopular at the time."

-Sandra Day O'Connor



#### Seventh Annual O'Connor Justice Prize

**Saturday, February 22 | Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia**

The O'Connor Justice Prize was established in 2014 to raise visibility for rule of law initiatives, recognize people who have made extraordinary contributions to advancing rule of law, justice, and human rights, and to honor Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's legacy.

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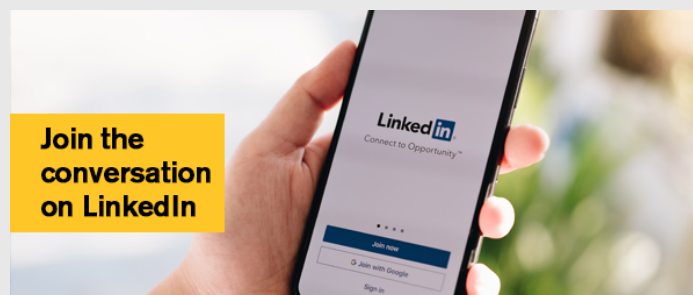


#### Schiefelbein Global Dispute Resolution

**Friday, January 14 | Beus Center for Law and Society & Virtual**

International dispute resolution is complex and constantly evolving due to the fast pace of the global economy and technological innovation. The Fourth Annual Schiefelbein Global Dispute Resolution Conference will convene top lawyers, counsel for global corporations, internationally-recognized arbitrators and mediators, academics and leaders at arbitration institutions to engage in discussions on timely issues in international dispute resolution.

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