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.

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.
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.

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.

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.

Turbocharging an HR career with new ASU
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

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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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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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.
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.

In Memoriam

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."
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

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

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Please visit our convocation page for the latest information.

Learn more
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 Conference

Phoenix | January 14, 2022

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.

Learn more and register here

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Are you an alum of ASU Law? If so, we invite you to join our group to network, share career highlights, post news articles and more!