

## CONNECT newsletter | December 2022



# Stacy Leeds named as new dean of ASU Law

The search for the next dean of Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law was extensive. It started more than a year ago and took search committee members all around the country.

In the end, the candidate they chose was already part of ASU's academic community — Stacy Leeds. The experienced leader and renowned legal scholar joined ASU in 2021, as Foundation Professor of Law and Leadership at ASU, where she teaches in the Indian Legal Program. Her new post starts Feb. 1, 2023. She has also recently been named a [ASU Regents Professor](#) for 2023.

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## ASU Law celebrates fall graduates

ASU Law celebrated its Class of 2023 Juris Doctor (JD), Master of Legal Studies (MLS), Master of Human Resources and Employment Law (MHREL), Master of Sports Law and Business (MSLB), and Master of Laws (LLM) degree candidates at the fall 2022 convocation ceremony at the Beus Center for Law and Society on December 14, 2022.

[Watch the ceremony](#)



## ASU mourns loss of Leo Beus, attorney and philanthropist

Leo Beus' generosity reached almost every corner of Arizona State University. With his wife, Annette, Beus for many years directed philanthropic support to a wide range of causes and programs at ASU with one unifying motive: to improve the lives of others. Beus died Nov. 14 at the age of 78, leaving a legacy at ASU characterized by its breadth and wide-ranging impact.

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**Student Highlights**



## Meet our Fall 2022 Outstanding Graduate

Emily Molina is the [Fall 2022 Outstanding Graduate](#) for the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Emily graduates with a Master of Legal Studies in Indian Gaming Law.



## ASU Law student wins prize for best intellectual property paper in the country

ASU Law student Kelsey Weinman recently received the American Intellectual Property Law Association's [2022 Robert C. Watson Award for the best law student intellectual property article](#) in the country. Ms. Weinman's winning paper is titled "No Free Lunch: Trademark and Copyright Problems for Money-GRUBbing Delivery Platforms."

## ASU Law again victorious is Jenkins Cup competition

Join us in congratulating McKenna Hunter and Madison VanNatter for winning the Jenckes Cup against the U of A! Each year, ASU and U of A students compete by presenting a closing argument based on a closed case file. Way to bring home a win two years in a row, ASU!

## Faculty in the News



### Arizona GOP governor candidate wants to 'declare an invasion.' Here's what she means

#### Angela Banks

Professor Angela Banks was interviewed during a segment on the Anderson 360 television show on CNN. Banks spoke to the legalities of claims made by Arizona gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake about immigration and state rights. .

[Watch the interview](#)



### Race question in Supreme Court adoption case unnerves tribes

#### Robert Miller

The New York Times spoke with Robert Miller about *Brackeen v. Haaland* current before the Supreme Court. The issue is whether a federal law that seeks to place Native American foster children in Native American homes is constitutional. The case could turn on whether the justices see tribes as racial groups or sovereign nations.

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## Why Arizona Is a hotbed of election conspiracy theories

### Joshua Sellars

Associate Professor Josh Sellars spoke with The New Yorker about Arizona's long libertarian history and its citizens' distrust of government involvement that has been capitalized on by political groups in the recent elections.

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  - Rhett Larson, The Mercury News
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  - Robert Miller, Religion News Service
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- [How the Supreme Court Is Erasing Consequential Decisions in the Lower Courts](#)
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## Events



# **Schiefelbein Global Dispute Resolution Conference**

**January 13, 2023**

## **Schiefelbein Global Dispute Resolution Conference**

**January 13**

International dispute resolution is complex and constantly evolving due to the fast pace of the global economy and technological innovation. The Fifth 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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**Ninth Annual Tribal Government E-Commerce CLE Conference**  
Presented by Rosette, LLP American Indian Economic Development Program

# Wiring the Rez:

Innovative Strategies for  
Business Development Via  
E-Commerce CLE Conference

**Wild Horse Pass Resort & Casino  
Chandler, AZ**

**Feb. 16 - 17 • Register at: [law.asu.edu/wiringtherez](http://law.asu.edu/wiringtherez)**

## Wiring the Rez

**February 16-17**

The Indian Legal Program and the Rosette, LLP American Indian Economic Development Program will host Wiring the Rez on February 16 & 17, 2023, in Phoenix at Wild Horse Pass.

This conference explores e-commerce opportunities in Indian Country. Experts will examine jurisdictional issues, politics, and financial and infrastructure needs to facilitate economic growth on reservations. Attorneys, scholars, financiers, tax, technology, gaming experts, and innovative tribal leaders will share strategies and practical implementations of diverse e-commerce business models to bridge the digital divide

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**Patent Trial and  
Appeal Board**

**and**

**Trademark Trial  
and Appeal Board**

**Hearings at ASU Law**



## **Patent Trial & Appeal Board and Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Hearings**

**February 23**

The McCarthy Institute with Kathi Vidal, the director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, is excited to present Patent Trial & Appeal Board (PTAB) and Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) Hearings at ASU Law. The PTAB and the TTAB will send a total of nine sitting judges to campus to hear three actual oral arguments. The morning session includes one trademark trial and the afternoon session includes two patent trials. The event is free and open to the public. More details to come.

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