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ASU Law in the News



ASU Law announces Advance Scholars Program for fall 2021

Broadening efforts to bring together students with diverse backgrounds and perspectives, the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University is launching a new program to foster the next generation of leaders in law.

ASU Law's Advance Scholars Program, in furtherance of [ASU's Charter](#), hopes to attract and connect first-generation students, students of color and students who have overcome adversity in sharing their unique perspectives on societal issues.

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ASU Law continues to grow its reputation for bringing on the nation's leading legal scholars with two new faculty appointments

Anne-Marie Slaughter, distinguished scholar and former top State Department official, to teach international organizations course

Slaughter, CEO of New America, has joined ASU as a distinguished professor of practice. Slaughter, former director of policy planning for the U.S. Department of State, the first woman to hold that position, will be teaching a course based in Washington, D.C., on international organizations for ASU Law and Thunderbird School of Global Management at ASU.

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Stacy L. Leeds, the first Native American female dean and prominent Indian Law trailblazer, joins ASU Law and the Indian Legal Program

Leeds, most recently the vice chancellor for economic development, dean emeritus and a professor at the University of Arkansas, has been appointed Foundation Professor of Law and Leadership. She will be part of ASU Law's [Indian Legal Program](#), joining a cohort of Native faculty that is the largest and most experienced in the country. A citizen of the Cherokee Nation, Leeds served previously as ASU Law's Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Distinguished Visiting Indian Law Professor.

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Student Highlights and Initiatives

ASU Law welcomes newest alumni

ASU Law celebrated JD and master's degree summer and fall 2020 graduates in a virtual convocation ceremony on December 14. Dean Douglas Sylvester was joined by convocation speakers Kevin Salcido, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer for ASU, and Les Schiefelbein, CEO and Founder of Schiefelbein Global Dispute Resolution, in honoring the grads. Student convocation speakers were Alexander Kong, MLS candidate, Guilherme Leite, MLSB candidate, and Wayne Unger, JD candidate.

[View the convocation video](#) and [read the stories](#) of a few of ASU Law's notable fall 2020 grads.

Faculty in the News



ASU Law recognizes professors Bob Dauber and Judy Stinson for years of service

Bob Dauber, clinical professor of law and Brewer Professor of Trial Advocacy for ASU Law, is retiring after 30 years with ASU Law. Dauber devoted most of his career to instructing and supervising students representing clients of ASU Law's Civil Litigation Clinic. He also regularly taught courses in civil procedure, evidence, professionalism and dispute-resolution processes. Dauber helped establish the Lodestar Mediation Clinic, a course that offers students intensive skills training and practical experience in the mediation process.

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Following a distinguished legal writing career with numerous accolades, Professor Judy Stinson is retiring from ASU Law. Stinson, who implemented the transition to ASU Law's current Legal Method and Writing Program and served as its director from 1997 to 2011, has taught for the past 27 years. Highly regarded for her dedication to students, Stinson received the 2013 Thomas F. Blackwell Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Legal Writing. The new Judy Stinson Lecture Series is being created in her honor.

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ASU law expert speaks on Jan. 6 events at US Capitol

Stefanie Lindquist, senior vice president of Global Academic Initiatives at Arizona State University and an ASU Law and School of Politics and Global Studies professor, was featured on several local TV news outlets regarding the events at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Lindquist, an expert on the U.S. Supreme Court, constitutional law and administrative law, discussed topics ranging from the attempted delay in certifying the election results, to the desecration of the Capitol building, to invoking the 25th Amendment.

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ASU Law vice dean weighs in on current job market trends

ASU Law Vice Dean Adam Chodorow was recently included among a panel of experts in an article on what aspiring graduates can do to start off their careers in an uncertain economic climate.

"When the pandemic first hit, just about everything ground to a halt," said Chodorow, the Jack E. Brown Professor of Law and a tax, administrative and regulatory law expert. "However, after an initial adjustment, legal work came roaring back. The pandemic does not appear to have affected the job prospects for our students because there is plenty of work to be done."

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November 2020

- **Bars Notch a Win Against Ducey in Arizona COVID Ruling, But To-Go Drinks Hang in the Balance**
 - **Featuring: Ilan Wurman**
- **Airlines Seek Smooth Air with Preflight COVID-19 Testing – but Experts Say Turbulence to Continue**
 - **Featuring: James Hodge**
- **The intersection of drug law and racial justice**
 - **Featuring: Valena Beety**
- **What It Means When Hospitals Say They Have To Ration Care**
 - **Featuring: James Hodge**
- **ASU Law Associate Dean Victoria Sahani was invited by the secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) to participate in a virtual expert group meeting on the regulation of third-party funding on Nov. 20.**

- Featuring: Victoria Sahani
- **Arizona's Chief Justice Reminds Judges Of Importance Of Media In Courtrooms**
 - Featuring: Gregg Leslie
- **Don't let 'experts' ruin your Thanksgiving**
 - Featuring: Roger Klein

December 2020

- **Why The Arizona Supreme Court Struck Down Lawsuit Against Public University Tuition Guidelines**
 - Featuring: Paul Bender
- **Governor's Emergency Powers Under Review By Legislative Oversight Committee**
 - Featuring: Ilan Wurman
- **2020 Most Admired Leaders: 28 top Valley executives honored**
 - Featuring: Douglas Sylvester
- **How the criminal justice system failed to prevent the death of a Chandler woman**
 - Featuring: Ben McJunkin
- **In Salt Lake, Covid Crisis Mirrors Mixed U.S. Response**
 - Featuring: James Hodge
- **Invalidating Elections Should Not Be Easy**
 - Featuring: Larry Garber
- **Health Care Workers Can Decline a COVID-19 Shot—For Now**
 - Featuring: James Hodge
- **What If We Wrote the Constitution Today?**
 - Featuring: Ilan Wurman
- **Voter confidence after Election 2020**
 - Featuring: Larry Garber
- **Arizona Electors To Vote For President-Elect Biden**
 - Featuring: David Gartner
- **Immigration Expert: Change Won't Be Immediate With New U.S. Administration**
 - Featuring: Angela Banks
- **Experts weigh in on current stock market trends**
 - Featuring: Adam Chodorow
- **Can Arizona Businesses Require Workers To Get COVID-19 Vaccine?**
 - Featuring: James Hodge
- **Local news is struggling to survive, even when we need it more than ever**
 - Featuring: David Bodney

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- **Social media's impact on free speech: Does it change free speech rights for students?**
 - Featuring: Gregg Leslie
- **When Will Schools Fully Reopen? A Look At Joe Biden's Education Plan During COVID**
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- **Arizona hospitals are teetering on the edge**
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- **President Trump won't be able to use Facebook or Instagram during his last days in office**
 - Featuring: Gregg Leslie
- **Challenge Initiated Against Keeping Juror Names Secret Even After Trials**
 - Featuring: Gregg Leslie
- **'Such little response': Advocates, attorneys call out double standard at Capitol riot**
 - Featuring: Valena Beety
- **157 Law Deans Publish Rare Joint Statement on the 2020 Election and Events at the Capitol**
 - Featuring: Douglas Sylvester
- **A Second Impeachment Looms**
 - Featuring: Stefanie Lindquist
- **First Amendment expert breaks down what the protection means for social media giants**
 - Featuring: Gregg Leslie
- **Stacy L. Leeds, Leading Educator in Indian law, Joins ASU Law**
 - Featuring: Stacy Leeds
- **President Trump has been impeached for the second time: What happens with the Senate now?**
 - Featuring: Stefanie Lindquist
- **'The World Is Shrinking': How Global Dispute Resolution Works In The Age Of Climate Change And COVID-19**
 - Featuring: Victoria Sahani & Betsy Grey
- **Reimagining the presidency: 3 constitutional revisions that might bring America back from the brink**
 - Featuring: Ilan Wurman
- **As nation braces for armed protests, First and Second amendments intersect — or collide**
 - Featuring: Paul Bender
- **ASU health policy expert weighs in on federal response to COVID-19 pandemic as President Biden takes office**
 - Featuring: James Hodge
- **DACA recipients hopeful for immigration reform under Biden-Harris administration**
 - Featuring: Angela Banks
- **Judge Rules In Favor Of Pima County Businesses, Against Curfew**
 - Featuring: Ilan Wurman
- **From Campus to DC: These Law Profs Are Answering Biden's Call**
 - Featuring: Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes
- **Former Dean Explains You Can't Take The Booze Out Of Law School, But You Need To Be Respectful About It**
 - Featuring: Stacy Leeds
- **The President's executive orders relating to immigration**
 - Featuring: Angela Banks
- **Misguided criminal justice decisions got us here, better decisions can lead us out**
 - Featuring: Michael Serota
- **Is the Paris Climate Agreement easier on China and India than on the US?**
 - Featuring: Daniel Bodansky
- **For Biden's Civil Rights Nominees, a Big Agenda and Implacable Foes**
 - Featuring: Michael Selmi

- **Muscogee (Creek) Nation Court Has Seen Criminal Filings Increase Thirtyfold Since McGirt Ruling**
 - Featuring: Stacy Leeds
- **New Ariz. Law Practice Rules May Jump-Start National Reform**
 - Featuring: Victoria Sahani

Alumni News



Indian Legal Program alumni pursue work that matters for Indian Country

Three different stories from three inspiring Native women — all with one thing in common: a degree from ASU Law's Indian Legal Program.

A tribal nation associate judge, an Indian law fellow at a firm providing legal services to Indian tribes and tribal organizations, and a JD grad who recently passed the bar exam and is now pursuing an MBA — these ASU Law alumni are using their ILP experience to make an impact in diverse roles and communities.

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ASU Law Upcoming Events



Violence & Intimidation as Tools for Voter Suppression: A Look at Elections in the United States and Globally

Feb. 3, 12:15-1:15 p.m. MST

The 2020 U.S. presidential campaign and its aftermath highlighted problems of voter suppression, incitement to violence around elections, and the fragility of our constitutional democracy. The United States is far from alone in facing these challenges. This panel will bring together experts on U.S. and international elections and on U.S. constitutional law to discuss tactics designed to curb electoral participation and other violence pertaining to elections, both in the U.S. and overseas, lessons the U.S. may learn from others' experiences, and measures lawyers and others may take to strengthen the rule of law pertaining to elections.

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Seventh Annual Wiring the Rez: Innovative Strategies for Business Development Via E- Commerce CLE Conference

**Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
MST each day**

The Indian Legal Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University and the Rosette, LLP Economic Development Program will host this seventh annual event to share information on navigating the complex tribal e-commerce environment via sovereignty and entrepreneurial diversification with tribes and tribal entrepreneurs. The conference will be virtual this year and free for interested parties.

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Virtual Launch of An ASU Center for the Future of Equality

Feb. 11, 1:00-1:30 p.m. MST

Issues of social inequality, racism and economic disparity remain at the forefront of the most serious challenges facing America. The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified their complexity and diminished the confidence and resources of many Americans, yielding serious implications for our nation's overall health, security and social cohesion. Moreover, business, government and civil sectors have put forth few sustainable solutions.

To move beyond publishing research and reports, ASU is launching a new kind of academic endeavor – **An ASU Center for the Future of Equality** – to create tangible and useful products that communities can use to help reduce the effects of inequality.

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Donor Spotlight



Michael T. Liburdi, Jr.
**Judge of the United States
District Court for the
District of Arizona**

What led you to give back to ASU Law?

Without a doubt it is the success that ASU Law has achieved in recent years. This starts with the impressive students who chose ASU Law for their legal education. The administration has built a bond of trust and confidence with the legal community by relocating the law school to downtown Phoenix and building a faculty roster that is competitive with the nation's top law schools. Importantly, I recognize that I could not have had this career without my legal education and the continuing relationship that I've had with the people at ASU Law since graduating.

Why do you feel it is important to philanthropically support ASU Law?

I am concerned about the pressure that student debt has on newly minted lawyers. For many graduates, the amount of debt is extreme and holds them back from pursuing careers in important sectors, including government and public service. Debt also impacts the legal profession with upward pressure on the cost of legal services. This, in part, has made legal services unaffordable to most people and small business.

What excites you the most about the future and our next generation of lawyers and legal sector leaders?

Despite the current challenges, the upcoming generation of lawyers will enter the marketplace with many advantages. Recent technological advances have expanded opportunities for collaboration, learning, and discovery. It is entirely possible that someone who graduates from ASU Law this year can, not too long from now, provide legal assistance to an organization involved in space travel, a pharmaceutical company that finds a cure for cancer, or the United States in reaching a monumental peace agreement.

What advice do you have for our students as they embark on the next chapter of their lives?

Earning a law degree and passing the bar are impressive accomplishments. But there are still many “unknown unknowns” ahead. Figure out what kind of a person you want to be, and then, what kind of a lawyer you want to be. This means, how do you see your reputation with your peers, clients, and others in the community evolving over time? What values are important to you and how will you integrate them into your professional and personal interactions?

Tell us your ASU Law story

Tell the ASU Law Marketing and Communications team an amazing story about your law school experience, and what you're most looking forward to in your future career. The briefer the better – less than 100 words – and send us a favorite photo too. And if you'd rather submit a short video (less than 2 minutes, please) see [tips here](#). We will be considering this news for future use in ASU Law newsletters, on our websites and social media too. If your story is selected, we will be in touch for your review and approval before publishing. If you have any questions, please email law.marcomm@asu.edu.

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