



## ASU Law welcomes record-breaking fall 2021 class

ASU Law welcomed its most highly credentialed class for the fourth year in a row, with the incoming fall 2021 Juris Doctor students holding a median LSAT score of 166 and a median GPA of 3.85, ASU Law's strongest ever. It is also the largest class in school history, with over 300 first-year JD students attending this fall.

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## ASU Law welcomes inaugural Advance Program cohort

The new Advance Program welcomes its first cohort this fall including 20 students representing diverse backgrounds with nearly half of the group the first in their families to attend college.

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## ASU Law Selig SLB program offers students a premier experience leading to top jobs in the field

Allan "Bud" Selig, Major League Baseball commissioner emeritus and distinguished professor of sports in America, is the namesake for ASU Law's [Sports Law and Business program](#). His teaching, advice, mentorship and financial contributions have been instrumental in the program's growth and success.

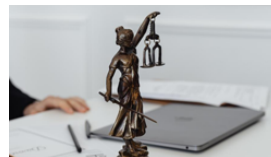
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### ASU Law appoints alum to lead Indian gaming and tribal self-governance programs

Derrick Beetso, a 2010 ASU Law alumnus, has been named to take the helm of the college's Indian gaming and tribal self-governance programs. Beetso, a citizen of the Navajo Nation, earned his JD and certificate in Indian law as part of ASU Law's nationally recognized [Indian Legal Program](#).

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### ASU Law clinic to help clean community members' records of marijuana charges

When Arizona voters approved Proposition 207 last fall legalizing recreational marijuana, a provision in the law allowed expungement of marijuana offenses from criminal records. This fall, ASU Law's Post-Conviction Clinic will begin assisting eligible people to expunge those convictions.

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## Faculty in the News



## Forbes: Wildlife As Property Owners By Karen Bradshaw

Most modern American property laws originated from English laws that are hundreds of years old, and these laws do not allow animals to own property. According to [Karen Bradshaw](#), professor of law and Mary Sigler Fellow at ASU Law, granting people a monopoly on property ownership has led to the current global disaster for all life. Basically, people seize wildlife habitat, strip it of its resources and 'develop' it, thereby driving biodiversity loss.

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## The Economist: Anne-Marie Slaughter on why America's diversity is its strength

BY ANNE-MARIE SLAUGHTER

The great, late George Shultz, America's secretary of state under Ronald Reagan, once told me to always focus on demography to understand the world and the forces shaping the future. The grim images from Afghanistan highlight the limits of America's military power and the mismatch between its goals and the tools available to achieve them. Yet the future of American power depends far less on military might than on the demographic change taking place within the United States.

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## Arizona Attorney Magazine: Updates from Arizona's Law Schools

Arizona Attorney Magazine featured ASU Law and Co-interim Deans Adam Chodorow and Zachary Kramer in their September 2021 issue. Learn more about ASU Law's accomplishments and new initiatives via the link below.

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### July 2021

- **Why Centre plans to revisit airspace division of India within 30 days of new drone rules notification**
  - Featuring: Stefanie Lindquist
- **Testimony Before the Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States**
  - Featuring: Ilan Wurman
- **The Supreme Court's 2020-2021 Regulatory Term**
  - Featuring: Bijal Shah
- **Indiana University Can Require Covid-19 Vaccines, Federal Judge Says**
  - Featuring: James Hodge Jr.
- **McGirt v. Oklahoma: The ongoing importance of a landmark tribal sovereignty case**
  - Featuring: Stacy Leeds, Robert Miller
- **What residents, law enforcement and elected officials can do if white supremacists flyer neighborhoods**
  - Featuring: Gregg Leslie
- **Litigation Funding and Social Inflation: What's the Connection?**
  - Featuring: Victoria Sahani
- **Third Leading Cause of Death**
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- **Supreme Court ruling fails to protect Indigenous voters**
  - Featuring: Torey Dolan
- **Ducey asks U.S. Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade, outlaw abortions**
  - Featuring: Kaiponanea Matsumura

### August 2021

- **Dominion, Maricopa County Rebuff Arizona Election Audit Subpoena**
  - Featuring: Justin Weinstein-Tull
- **American Oversight sues to obtain details about Arizona's election audit**
  - Featuring: Paul Bender
- **Ask PolitiFact: Why is the COVID-19 vaccine not among required school vaccinations?**
  - Featuring: James Hodge Jr.
- **Are Victims of Police Shootings Entitled to Crime Victims' Compensation?**
  - Featuring: Valena Beety
- **High Court Ruling Puts Premium On Tribal Voting Bill**
  - Featuring: Patty Ferguson-Bohnee
- **Law Professor: Arizona's New Jury Selection Rule 'A Huge Step Towards Addressing Racial Bias'**
  - Featuring: Valena Beety
- **Lawsuit filed by Native tribe could derail sports betting in Arizona**
  - Featuring: Derrick Beetso
- **Colorado River water users enter new phase of stewardship in face of long-anticipated cuts**
  - Featuring: Rhett Larson

### September 2021

- **20 Most-Cited Criminal Law & Procedure Faculty in the U.S., 2016-2020**
  - Featuring: Erik Luna
- **Indigenizing the Montessori method**
  - Featuring: Derrick Beetso
- **Jim Crow tactics reborn in Texas abortion law, deputizing citizens to enforce legally suspect provisions**
  - Featuring: Stefanie Lindquist
- **NSU Constitution Day webinar to examine Indigenous Nations' influence in shaping U.S. Constitution**

## Alumni News



### An advocate for her people since childhood, ASU Law alum Claudette White's legacy lives on

In an effort to carry on the legacy alumna Claudette White built in Indian Country and pave the way for future students to make a lasting difference like she did, ASU Law has created the [Judge Claudette White Memorial Fellowship](#).

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### Ben Gottlieb, alum and co-founder of MacQueen & Gottlieb, shares advice

*While at ASU Law, [Gottlieb](#) served as the managing editor for the Arizona State Law Journal and is now part of an ASU Law graduate networking group that he created and meets with often. He currently holds an undefeated jury trial record.*

**Question:** How has your ASU Law experience helped you get to where you are today?

**Answer:** ASU Law offers students a stimulating learning environment while being able to learn from a variety of very smart professors with different approaches to thinking about the law.

ASU Law further offers practical courses such as trial advocacy classes. Some courses were taught by active practitioners of the law. The combination of academic and practical training at ASU Law has helped prepare me for real-world situations — whether it be preparing a motion, oral argument, handling a deposition, or conducting a trial. Both are needed to do well in the law field.

**Q:** What advice do you have for prospective students on why they should

#### choose ASU Law?

**A:** Aside from being a top-ranked law school, ASU Law offers an opportunity to develop a great network of professionals. Many students who attend ASU Law end up practicing law in Arizona. I am fortunate to be able to refer matters to law school colleagues who are excellent lawyers in their respective practice area. [More than half of the attorneys at MacQueen & Gottlieb are ASU Law alumni.]

**Q: What would you tell current law students as they look toward their future careers?**

**A:** Learn as much as possible and find a mentor and cultivate a relationship with him or her.

Partake in activities even if you think you have little interest or would not excel. It will come in handy later on. For instance, if the idea of litigation scares you and you think you want to review transactions once you become a lawyer, take a trial advocacy class or other class oriented toward litigation. The flip side is also true.

## ASU Law alumna featured in Sun Devil 100 Class of 2021

Congratulations to ASU Law alumna Kindra Deneau (JD '05) and founding and principal attorney of The Deneau Law Firm, PLLC on being recognized as a 2021 Sun Devil 100 award recipient. She handles a broad range of legal matters and lawsuits in private practice ranging from business transactions and disputes to complicated estate planning, breach of contract, fraud and more.

*In the July issue of CONNECT, ASU Law alumni Brad Shwer of Thorpe Shwer and Tyler Allen of Tyler Allen Law Firm were also featured.*

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### Events

#### Engineering Change Speaker Series: Building the "Perfect City" For All



Guest Speaker

**Aaron Landsman &  
Jahmorei Snipes**

Sept. 16 | 12:30 p.m. PDT/3:30 ET

**Engineering Change Speaker Series: Building the "Perfect City" For All  
Thursday, September 16 | Virtual | 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. PDT/AZ Time**

If you are a city dweller, or do a lot of walking, chances are you have an informal cartography in your head of your regular routes. There are probably blocks you avoid, short cuts you take ... or don't. Where a middle-aged white man walks can look really different than the route chosen by a young woman of color. Or a mother with kids. This process of "avoidance mapping" provides a lens through which to view and understand all these factors and how they interplay and change over time.

[The Difference Engine's](#) next Engineering Change speaker series features Aaron Landsman and Jahmorei Snipes of Perfect City, as they speak about their experiences with avoidance mapping in New York City and how it can be used to build a more inclusive city.



[Learn more and RSVP](#)



## Transforming the Legal Academy Virtual Conference

**Transforming the Legal Academy Virtual Conference**  
Friday, September 24 | Virtual | 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. PDT/AZ Time

ASU Law invites law fellows, associates, researchers, law clerks, practitioners and others who are considering entering the higher education academic teaching market to attend this virtual conference. Participants will learn about the pathways (traditional, practice, LLM, VAP or fellowships) to becoming a law professor and the specific tracks (tenure, clinical, legal writing) to aid in doing so. Participants will also receive advice on how to interview for this profession and be a successful candidate. Learn more and find the complete agenda and list of conference speakers via the button below.

[Learn more and RSVP](#)

## McCarthy Institute Celebrates Move to ASU

presented by:



Prof. David Franklin

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**McCarthy Institute Inaugural Event and Reception**  
Friday, October 8 | 3 – 4 p.m. Program, 4 – 6 p.m. Reception  
In-person (Beus Center for Law and Society Great Hall) and live-streamed

Join us to celebrate the **McCarthy Institute's** move to ASU Law. The event will feature remarks from J. Thomas McCarthy, founding director of the McCarthy Institute, and a keynote address by Etienne Sanz de Acedo, chief executive officer of the International Trademark Association (INTA). A networking reception will follow the event for those attending in person from 4 to 6 p.m.

By joining ASU Law, the McCarthy Institute becomes the center piece for the college's reinvigorated **Intellectual Property Law Program** and now partners with the prestigious Center for Law Science and Innovation (LSI). The McCarthy Institute is proud to join ASU Law and LSI and is excited by the opportunities it presents. Read more about the announcement [here](#).

[Learn more and RSVP](#)



# Gold 'n Gavel 2021

## Auction and Reception

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

### [2021 Gold 'n Gavel Auction and Reception](#)

Friday, November 19 | Beus Center for Law and Society & Virtual

Join us to celebrate ASU Law's 50 years of global impact, while raising money for our students and programs. Over the last seven years, our Gold 'n Gavel event helped to collectively raise over \$600,000. A huge part of the event's success is due to the support from our donors' participation in the silent and live auctions. For this year's event, you will be able to join us in-person or virtually. Our goal is to raise \$100,000, and you can help us reach this milestone by [becoming a sponsor](#) or [donating an auction item](#).

[Learn more and purchase tickets here](#)

## Share your favorite memory

To celebrate ASU Law's 50 years of impact (extended because of COVID-19 pandemic), check out the law school's [50 years of impact webpage](#) and scroll through past [milestones and memories](#) submitted by fellow colleagues, law school faculty and staff.

We also want to hear from you! Submit your favorite memory while at ASU Law below.

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## Join the Alumni LinkedIn Group

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!

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