

# November

#### Welcome

The Grapevine is your weekly newsletter published by the SBA for law students. The Grapevine features a weekly calendar of events as well as news from the SBA, and announcements from various on campus clubs.

#### Submissions

The Grapevine is produced by your SBA Secretary. Submissions must be e-mailed to Kelly Watkins at <a href="mailed to Kelly Watkins@scu.edu">KWatkins@scu.edu</a> by Friday at 5:00 PM to be included in the following weeks newsletter.

#### Your 2016 SBA Board Members

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#### Dear Santa Clara Law,

The past week has been a difficult one for communities around the country and here at home. The concerns and fears of our classmates are evident and understandable. In light of this, the Student Bar Association Board of Governors, re-affirms the values, that make Santa Clara Law the community that drew us here. As President Engh reminded us, these values include solidarity with the most vulnerable in society, respect for differences, justice, fairness, and compassion. We commit ourselves to ensuring a diverse and prosperous community for all law students in our community.

One of our greatest strengths at Santa Clara Law is diversity. As you well know, diversity means a difference of opinion, as well as differences in culture, race, religion, sexual preference, abilities, and gender. We encourage you to strive to understand one another. Listen to each other because that is the only way that we arrive at that understanding. Speak your minds, whatever your politics, because Santa Clara Law is home to us all and your voice matters here.

Despite the results of this election, remember that we continue to be who we are. Our duty to our families, communities and to one another remain unchanged. This election cannot change what we believe and cherish. Instead we will must fight even harder for those beliefs and for each other, continuing to be full throated in our advocacy and steadfast in our solidarity as a community.

As SBA Co-Presidents we are at the disposal of every law student to listen and work together. This Board is committed to supporting whatever forums, events, and discussions that our Law Student Organizations feel are appropriate and expedient to moving forward. As such, we encourage you to attend the upcoming events hosted by our LSOs.

As lawyers we will wield extraordinary influence, that begins now, even as law students. Wield that power with compassion and with purpose.

Let us never forget that as lawyers committed to leadership, together, we can accomplish anything we set our minds to.

Sincerely,

Miguel Flores & Brit Benjamin SBA Co-Presidents Santa Clara University School of Law

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>6:00 PM</b> @ Williman Room – Privacy Around the World			4:30 PM @ Strong Common — Exchange Student/LLM Holiday Reception  5:00 PM @ Bannan Hall, Student Lounge - VALS Thanksgiving Potluck			

#### **Event Details**

Monday, November 14	Sports and Entertainment Law Society Meeting 12:00 PM   Bannan 117  Come join the Sports and Entertainment Law Society for a talk on Careers in Sports Law. Among other possible guests, SELS is excited to announce a panel event with:  Andrew Koehler, Counsel for the San Jose Sharks; and Jack Bair, Executive Vice-President and General Counsel for the San Francisco Giants.  The SELS Board will be providing food. Tickets to the 2016 Pac-12 Football Championship will be raffled off at the event as well!
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#### Privacy Around the World 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Williman Room An esteemed group of guest speakers will share their perspectives on privacy in a country or region they know well. Co-sponsored by Mozilla, the High Tech Law Institute, and the Ethics Center. Health Law Society – Health Law and Me 12:00 PM | Bannan 127 Join us for lunch and discussion with distinguished professionals about opportunities in the health Tuesday, law field. Lunch is provided. November 15 Lunch Social with Lawyers of the Santa Clara County St. Thomas More Society 12:00 PM | Bannan 236 Please join us for lunch and the opportunity to mingle with Catholic lawyers involved with the Santa Clara County St. Thomas More Society. **AILA Immigration Talk** 1:00 PM | Bannan 142 Wednesday, Come meet attorneys from the AILA as they talk about Immigration issues. November 16 Christian Legal Society 12:00 PM | Bannan 127 Join us! **VALS Thanksgiving Potluck** 12:00 - 1:00 PM & 5:00 - 6:00 PM | Bannan Lounge As always, the potluck will be free of charge, but VALS will be collecting donations for charity. 100% of proceeds collected will be going to the Santa Clara County Family Wellness Court, which assists children who are born drug-exposed, or who have been raised around substance abuse. This program serves roughly 100 families every year. We will also have boxes in Bannan Lounge starting Monday, 11/14 to collect books and toys to further benefit the cause. Thursday, Social Justice Coalition's Open Mic Event November 17 12:00 PM | Bannan 127 Grab the stage and some lunch at Social Justice Coalition's Open Mic event on Thursday! Come listen, come rant, come sing, come all. Hope to see you there! Exchange Student/LLM Holiday Reception 4:30 - 6:00 PM | Strong Common Come join us! FYF - Civility Matters Friday, 12:00 PM | Bannan 127 & 135 Come join us for an interactive workshop demonstrating practical examples of how to handle November 18 difficult court room situations. See attorneys in action!

#### Part - Time Section

#### Come join us during the evening at these events!

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## STUDENT SERVICES NOTES

#### Important Dates

Nov. 18	FYF: Civility Matters
Nov. 23	Classes End
Nov. 24-26	Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 26-29	Reading Period
Nov. 30- Dec. 15	Examination Period
Dec. 21	Spring Tuition Clearance Deadline



November 30 to December 15, 2016. The exam schedule is posted on the Course Schedule page at www.law.scu.edu. Do not make any travel or vacation plans during this time period. The Law School will not reschedule finals due to travel plans. Exams will be rescheduled only for "extraordinary and compelling reasons beyond the student's control." Please write your exam dates on your calendar and do not schedule anything during your exam period.

#### November 14, 2016

Civility Matters
Fri. 11/18/16 in Bannan 127
12:00—1:00 PM

All students are invited to join SCU alum trial attorneys for an interactive workshop demonstrating practical examples of how to handle difficult courtroom situations.

### **Emergency Issues with Exams?!**

#### DO NOT CONTACT THE PROFESSOR!

We must maintain anonymity— that's why we have BGIDs! If you have an emergency situation regarding your exams or exam schedule (e.g., getting sick, family emergency, etc.), do **NOT** contact the professor! Address your issues with Law Student Services. (lawstudentservices@scu.edu / 408-554-4766)

## Feeling Stressed?



Join fellow students for Wellness Week, Nov. 14—18 and participate in a variety of fun stress relieving activities.

If you or someone you know is under extreme stress, call CAPS at 408-554-4501 or stop by Law Student Services in Bannan 210.

# Do you have an incomplete grade pending?

The deadline to submit your work to your professor is **November 23** unless you have made separate arrangements with your professor. Questions? Email lawstudentservices@scu.edu or stop by our office in Bannan 210.

#### **Health Tip:**

#### Golf is good for your health.

It is relaxing, gets you outdoors, gets you moving, it is social, and it reduces your stress!



# Join SCU Law Alumni for a First Year Friday Special Event! Friday, Nov. 18 at 12:00 to 1:00 in B127

- Mary Alexander, Trial Attorney
- Chris Beeman, Defense Attorney
- Judge Brian Walsh, Santa Clara Superior Court Judge present



**CIVILITY MATTERS** - an interactive workshop demonstrating practical examples of how to handle difficult courtroom situations. See attorneys in action!

Audience participation is encouraged. Lunch provided



**SCU Health Law Society Presents:** 

# "Health Law and Me"

Career possibilities, Opportunities, & Everyday Life

Tues., Nov. 15 @ Bannan 127, 12 PM

Lunch Provided

Join us for lunch and discussion with distinguished professionals about the opportunities in the health law field.



Ms. Renée Bernard
Vice President of Risk Management
Stanford University Medical Network Risk Authority



Ms. Femi Johnson
Assistant Regional Counsel
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services



Mr. Jung Pham
Staff Attorney I, Investigations Unit
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Ms. Heather Wong
Assistant VP of Claims & Litigation
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#### **Meet Our Panelists:**



## Ms. Renée Bernard, Vice President of Risk Management Stanford University Medical Network Risk Authority

Renee Bernard is a healthcare risk management professional specializing in developing and applying leading-edge risk management solutions aimed at maximizing safety throughout patient care delivery systems. Renee works collaboratively with hospital, medical and physician leadership through the full cycle of the risk management process, including the identification and assessment of risk, the evaluation of potential solutions, the selection of strategy and mitigation projects, and monitoring progress to goals.



#### Ms. Femi Johnson, Assistant Regional Counsel

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services

Since joining the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of the General Counsel, Region IX in July 2000, Ms. Johnson has represented the Department before the EEOC, the MSPB and as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in United States District Court for the Central District of California. In addition, she has represented CMS in administrative appeals based on survey and certification enforcement of a variety of provider types. Her practice areas also include ACF enforcement and labor and employment.



#### Mr. Jung Pham, Staff Attorney I, Investigations Unit

Disability Rights California

Jung Pham is a staff attorney with the Investigations Unit where he focuses on the abuse and neglect of persons with disabilities in facility and community settings. Jung's special interest is investigating the abuse and exploitation of clients living in community congregate homes. He is currently working on developing a multi-county coalition-based approach to mitigate the risk of physical and financial exploitation in those settings.



#### Ms. Heather Wong, Assistant VP of Claims & Litigation

Stanford University Medical Network Risk Authority

Heather H. Wong is an Assistant Vice President of Claims & Litigation at The Risk Authority Stanford, where she handles claims and litigation against Stanford Hospital, Stanford Children's Hospital, other Stanford Health Care entities, and their providers. In her role providing risk management services to Stanford Health Care, Heather works with doctors and patients to investigate claims, resolving them when appropriate and overseeing external defense counsel to defend them when warranted.