

Events

White Collar Crime Career Panel

Representatives from the Antitrust Division and Public Integrity Section of the Department of Justice, as well as from the Securities and Exchange Commission, spoke about the intersection between business and criminal law in this panel discussion.

Insights into Bankruptcy Practice

The American College of Bankruptcy cosponsored this discussion of the role bankruptcy plays in the world economy. The panel addressed how to develop the problem-solving skills required to be a successful bankruptcy attorney and encouraged students to consider careers in bankruptcy law.

Business Law Society Distinguished Alumni Dinner

The Business Law Society honored Tom Morante, WCL '77, Partner at Holland & Knight, at the fourth annual Business Law Society Distinguished Alumni Dinner. Mr. Morante spoke about his successful career in the business and international law arenas. Students had the opportunity to connect with Mr. Morante and other WCL alumni while dining with their peers.



WCL Distinguished Alumnus Tom Morante with Business Law Society President Elizabeth Vaysman and Vice President Benjamin Ross.

One-on-One with Karen Leetzow, Deputy General Counsel and Vice President for NASCAR

Cohosted by the Sports and Entertainment Law Society, the Women's Law Association, and the Business Law Society, Karen Leetzow shared her perspective as a woman in the male-dominated sport of NASCAR, as well as her insight as Deputy General Counsel for a multibillion dollar association.



Guiding Students

Business Law Program Orientation

Business law faculty, program staff, student leaders, and publication editors provide students with an overview of the courses, organizations, externships, publications and other resources available to students interested in business law and related areas.

Business Law Curriculum Advising Sessions

The Business Law Program hosts special sessions where faculty and students offer wisdom on tailoring course selections to meet career interests as students choose courses from the 150-plus courses that WCL offers in business law and allied fields. Students ask questions about professors' styles, course content, and offerings at the AU Kogod School of Business as well as other schools on main campus.

International Business

Trade and Regulation Forum: Latin America / US M&A Trends

Hosted by Washington College of Law and Thomson-Reuters, the Forum provided lawyers, economists, government officials, businesses and academics an opportunity to examine Latin American markets. Expert faculty from the US, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, and other Latin American countries discussed the current and future economic, political, legal, and regulatory dynamics driving businesses and mergers and acquisitions in Latin America.

VIII Symposium on International Trade

With the support of the Embassy of Brazil in Washington and WCL's International Trade and Investment Law Society, Washington College of Law hosted the VIII Symposium on International Trade. Panel discussions covered trade policy outlook with respect to major trading partners, foreign exchange, and economic development issues. Ambassador Mauro Vieira of Brazil provided welcoming remarks, and C. Fred Bergsten, Director of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, provided the keynote address on the relationship between currency and trade issues.

Third Annual American Bar Association National Institute on Consumer Financial Services

This two-day program provided a comprehensive explanation of the sources of regulation in the consumer financial services industry. Faculty covered the major financial services regulations, explored policies behind regulation, and provided guidance for practitioners regarding new regulatory requirement.



Washington College of Law team members Fernando Ortega, Jorge Vera, Estefania San Juan, Jessica Lynd, Joanne Baxter, Athena Arbes, and Daniel Parga advanced to the quarterfinals, placing fifth overall in the International Commercial Arbitration Competition. Ricardo Chirinos and Caroline Richard of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP coached the team.

Fifth Annual International Commercial Arbitration Competition

The WCL Center on International Commercial Arbitration cosponsors this competition together with the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina) and the University of El Rosario (Colombia). The competition, conducted exclusively in Spanish, promotes the study of international commercial law and the use of arbitration as a method of conflict resolution in international business. It provides nearly 200 students from 39 law schools practical arbitration experience. In addition, more than 150 arbitrators and coaches participated.

Student Organizations

BUSINESS LAW SOCIETY

The Business Law Society's mission is to provide a forum for law students interested in all aspects of business law. The Society provides students with access to alumni at events throughout the year, culminating in a dinner for alumni and current students and featuring a brief talk by a distinguished alumnus (see page 2). In addition to networking opportunities, meetings cover topics ranging from job prospects and career advice to hot areas of practice and choosing courses.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT LAW SOCIETY

The International Trade and Investment Law Society (ITILS) promotes discussion of international trade law issues (see page 3) and helps students explore careers in international trade law. In 2012-2013 ITILS sponsored discussion forums on topics such as transparency, anti-corruption, and the World Trade Organization, among others. ITILS strives to provide a balance of views on trade issues all over the world and in all types of trade agreements.

JD/MBA CLUB

The JD/MBA program at WCL provides an excellent opportunity for students who desire to combine skills and develop expertise in both law and business. The JD/MBA Club offers a social outlet and forum for students pursuing the dual JD/MBA degree and hosts events that cater particularly to students who are both business students and law students.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE LEGAL SOCIETY

The Social Enterprise Legal Society combines business associations, corporate, tax, and nonprofit law as part of an effort to understand the legal implications of this emerging sector. The Social Enterprise Legal Society's second year brought events and weekly meetings where students shared research about the field, interviewed social entrepreneurs, and produced content for their blog in addition to other publications.

TRANSACTIONAL LAW SOCIETY

The Transactional Law Society is a new student organization to promote interest in and pursuit of transactional law in the WCL community. In 2012-2013, the Transactional Law Society sent teams to transactional and negotiation competitions in addition to hosting a pilot competition of its own.

Clinical Program

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