

Welcome 2019!

Lewis & Clark Law School has started 2019 with a bang! We launched our first [online LLM](#) degree, we are gearing up for major events in February in [Food Law](#) and [Energy Law](#), and we have a number of upcoming events for alumni and others who want to support our students and legal education programs. Earlier this month, we had an inspiring Martin Luther King Jr. lecture with Oregon Supreme Court Justice Adrienne Nelson.

We are most proud to welcome [Dr. Lisa Benjamin](#) to our faculty, joining our stellar roster of professors and scholars. We also are [hiring faculty](#) in clinical and lawyering positions for next fall.

Our students continue to amaze me with their boundless energy and enthusiasm. This Fall we had the wonderful experience of celebrating the new [citizenship](#) of one of our 1L's, with our alumna [Judge Anna Brown '80](#) administering the oath.

Read on for more details about our law school happenings and upcoming events. Stay in touch as we share the good work happening on our campus -- and come visit!

Warmly,



P.S. sharing a photo from the MLK lecture: Oregon Supreme Court Justice and [honorary graduate Adrienne Nelson](#) with [Leodis \(Lee\) Matthews BS '71 JD '73](#) and his wife [Jacqueline \(Jackie\) Alexander '07](#) whose generosity made it possible.



Upcoming Events

Feb. 2 Distinguished Honors Dinner

Honoring Distinguished Graduates [Judith Johansen '83](#) and [Stephen W. Manning '01](#), plus Rising Star [Elizabeth C. Savage '14](#) and Community Spirit State Representative [Karin Power '11](#). The dinner will be held from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Castaway in Portland.

Feb. 8 Entrepreneurs in the Food Chain

Feb. 9 Tomorrow's Energy System

Feb. 23 PILP Auction

Night at the Oscars: Raising funds to provide summer awards and loan assistance to law students and alumni working for the public interest.

Feb. 27 Small Business Legal Clinic Open House

Mar. 4 Oregon Supreme Court Hears Cases at Law Campus

Mar. 11 Higgins Distinguished Visitor Lecture Donald Ayer

Mar. 15 Spring Business Law Luncheon

Professor Lisa Benjamin Joins Lewis & Clark Law School Faculty

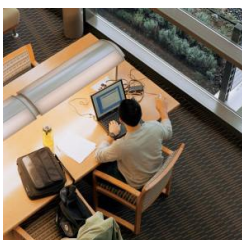


Dr. Lisa Benjamin will be joining the Lewis & Clark faculty in the fall of 2019 as the newest member of our Environmental, Natural Resources, and Energy Law Program. Professor Benjamin is a globally recognized expert and scholar in energy, climate change, and

corporate law—particularly as they intersect—and her expertise will allow Lewis & Clark to expand its curriculum, scholarship, and impact in these areas.

[Read more.](#)

LLM in Environmental Law Now Offered Online



The [online LLM in Environmental, Natural Resources, and Energy Law](#) builds on the law school's internationally recognized post-JD environmental law Master's program, and is specifically designed for attorneys who want to focus their practice on

environmental law to address global issues. [Read more.](#)



Entrepreneurs in the Food Chain: Feb. 8

Navigating the daunting, complex maze of laws and regulations faced by food entrepreneurs will be the focus of legal and business food/beverage/agriculture experts

in a one-day forum Feb. 8 at Lewis & Clark Law School. Panel discussions will examine investment, bringing food to market, and delivering food to consumers. [The program schedule can be found here.](#)

Tomorrow's Energy System: Feb. 9



Gov. Brown, Sen. Heitkamp, and Congressman Blumenauer will join energy, policy, and regulatory experts at Lewis & Clark Law School on Saturday, February 9 for a full-day clean

energy conference hosted by the Green Energy Institute (GEI), "[Tomorrow's Energy System.](#)" Speakers will discuss the hurdles preventing a quick transition to a zero-carbon energy future and ways to overcome them. [Read more.](#)

Robert Klonoff



Professor Robert Klonoff played a major role in [changing the Federal Rules of Procedure relating to class actions.](#) Klonoff was also cited for his view that judges overseeing multidistrict litigation have the power to cap fees for lawyers who signed individual contingency fee contracts with their clients. [Read more.](#)

Samir Parikh



Professor Samir Parikh recently helped create the [Bankruptcy Innovation Board for Bloomberg Law](#), comprised of leading bankruptcy attorneys from law firms, academia, and the judiciary. In addition to his role as a professor at Lewis & Clark Law School, Parikh serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Bloomberg Law Bankruptcy Treatise.*

Dan Rohlf

1L Diego Gutiérrez Granted U.S. Citizenship After 25 Years



On November 26, Lewis & Clark Law School had the privilege of celebrating the citizenship of 1L dreamer **Diego Gutiérrez '21**. Honoring his courage throughout his arduous journey in a special ceremony at the Law School,

alumnus and Senior U.S. District Court **Judge Anna Brown '80** administered the Oath of Allegiance to Diego Gutiérrez in front of his first year classmates, professors and mentors. [Read more.](#)

CJRC Wins Clemency for Incarcerated Young Woman



Governor Kate Brown recently granted clemency to a client of the **Criminal Justice Reform Clinic (CJRC)**. The client, 23-year-old woman (name withheld), was incarcerated in the Oregon Youth Authority and has been in the

juvenile justice system since she was 15 years old. She was shuffled through foster homes throughout her childhood and then deemed 'incapable of rehabilitation.' However, she beat the odds and transformed her life in the past few years, prompting CJRC to write a 25-page petition on her behalf. [Read more.](#)

Earthrise Settles Industrial Stormwater Case Against DEQ



Lewis & Clark Law School's **Earthrise Law Center**, working on behalf of its clients **Columbia Riverkeeper** and **Northwest Environmental Defense Center (NEDC)**, successfully settled a

lawsuit challenging Oregon's general permit for discharges of industrial stormwater on September 20, forcing DEQ to make immediate and future improvements. [Read more.](#)



Professor Dan Rohlf was cited in a significant census decision issued by U.S. District Court Judge Jesse Furman in New York this month. Judge Furman concluded in his **277-page opinion** that it is unlawful for Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross to add the controversial question, "Is this person a citizen of the United States?" to the 2020 census. [Read more.](#)

Faculty Hiring: Seeking Applicants for Clinical, Lawyering Positions

We are currently accepting applications for an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, a Visiting Assistant Professor (two years) in the Lawyering program, and Assistant Clinical Professor in the new Animal Law Litigation Clinic. [Details here.](#)



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