

SEPTEMBER SBA NEWSLETTER

# WELCOME TO FALL!

*August 31, 2020*

## MESSAGE FROM SBA

Welcome to LC Law! The Student Bar Association (SBA), is excited to serve you in a changing professional and educational landscape. If you are new here, welcome! If not, welcome back. This year will no doubt be different, but we can and will get through it. Whether you are in a crowded household or solitary studio, know you are NOT alone!



Stock image femme presenting person looking at phone on yellow background



Four people walking with locked arms

## STAY CONNECTED

Staying connected in law school comes with its own challenges. Fortunately, the school equipped student organizations with Zoom Pro accounts. Check your inbox, group social media, and the announcements to stay up to date with events to connect with your peers and the broader legal community.

# SBA EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

**1. Committee Name Change:** The SBA Diversity and Inclusion committee is now the SBA Equity and Inclusion committee.

This change was made following a formal SBA vote that closed on August 8th, and is reflective of the intentional commitment of this committee and the SBA body as a whole, to moving our school in a more equitable direction.

**Equity** is the goal we are striving for: an environment that has space and support for students of all marginalized identities to succeed and thrive the same as their counterparts who carry more privileges (race, affluence, physical abilities, etc.). This calls for a structural transformation of the policies, practices, and principles that exist at Lewis & Clark, and though transformation is inevitable as time passes, equity is not – it must be intentionally centered at every step of the way.

**Inclusion** is a verb: it is the action SBA will take in all of its efforts, as well as advocate for the school to be more inclusive at every turn. This, like all other anti-racism work, requires hyper-vigilance and a constant intentionality.

**Diversity** is a noun. The SBA E&I Committee is being intentional about not branding the work it does as 'diversity.' We cannot 'strive' for diversity: it is a by-product. If we change our environment to be equitable and inclusive, diversity will naturally follow, for it will be a space where people can authentically exist, and belong.

**This change brings with it a change in this committee's contact information: from [diversity.sba@lclark.edu](mailto:diversity.sba@lclark.edu), to [equity.sba@lclark.edu](mailto:equity.sba@lclark.edu).**

**2. Creation of the Law Student Equity Taskforce (LSET):** The SBA E&I Committee has created a taskforce comprising student volunteers who are committed to supporting and furthering the work of the SBA E&I Committee, in order to expand the Committee's capacity and momentum.

This taskforce will receive requests for support from the SBA E&I committee on a routine basis and volunteers will join projects based on availability and interest. One LSET volunteer will be a member of the SBA E&I Committee as the LSET liaison, and the selection process for that position will be determined by LSET itself.

**Any student interested in furthering equity in our law school community is invited to join this taskforce.** If you are interested in joining, please email the SBA E&I Committee at [equity.sba@lclark.edu](mailto:equity.sba@lclark.edu)



Weekly meet ups hosted on Wednesday at 5:30 pm;  
Image: coffee cup and some plants

## TAKING CARE OF YOU

There are a variety of resources on campus to help keep students on track. **Student Support Services** located on the undergrad campus, is where you can discuss accommodations. There is also a **Case Management** office that works with students one-on-one to address issues impeding their personal or academic lives.

**Student Health** provides on-campus medical assistance with no co-pays if you are on the school's Pacific Source plan. The **Counseling Service** is also on the undergrad campus and provides counseling options and referrals. Check out [Lewis & Clark Health Service FAQ](#) for more information. Additionally, if you want to talk with a mental health professional that is geared towards legal professionals, the **Oregon Attorney Assistance Program (OAAP)** is a resource.

For more info, check out the Wellness Services [LGBTQIA + Resources page](#) that specifically has resources for LGBTQ students and a list links and contacts helpful for all students.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay up to date with events happening "on campus" (virtually for Fall 2020) on the [LC Law Calendar](#) page.



SBA September General Assembly Meeting Sept. 12th 10:30-12:00 PM

## SBA SEEKING CAREER SERVICES LIAISON

SBA is seeking a self-motivated and organized student to join our team. The role includes working closely with Devra Hermosilla from Career Services and identifying areas where Career Services can partner with SBA and student organizations to host events.

Interested folks should reach out to [sba@lclark.edu](mailto:sba@lclark.edu)!

## CONTRIBUTE TO THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

To submit to any of the sections below email [sba@lclark.edu](mailto:sba@lclark.edu)

**Did You Know?:** This is a space for student orgs and individuals to share needs, goals, project outcomes and reflections, upcoming initiatives, etc.

**OpEd:** Accepted anonymously or with a byline on a variety of law school related topics.

**Slice of Life:** Space to share hobbies, personal reflections, or advice from faculty, staff, and students.

**Easy & Economical Recipes:** Send your easy and affordable food prep hacks or recipes!

**Concerns & Feedback:** Always welcome

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Did you have a great interaction with another member of the LC community that you want to shout out? Let SBA know and it might be featured in the next Community Spotlight.

**Spotlight Feature:** Heidi Locke (Bookstore Manager), Keri Pflieger (2L and Bookstore Staff)

**Nominator:** 3L Day Student

"I am a remote student this fall who needed to buy books on campus to make use of the amazing promissory note resource- but I was very nervous about coming to campus. Heidi heard my concerns and within hours I had e-signed a promissory note and arranged for a friend to pick up my books. When another book came in late (the weekend before class), Keri Pflieger offered to pick it up at the end of a shift and personally drove it to my house (and sanitized it to boot). I am grateful for both of them being so accommodating and going WAY above and beyond."

## CLARIFICATION CORNER

After a vote by the SBA Executive Board the SBA circulated a petition among the student body related to the tuition increase. The petition was heavily researched by the students who drafted it. The SBA has two student reps who sit on the Budget Committee who did participate in the vote about tuition. For more information about SBA Reps and committees, check out our [website](#).