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Hello Future Lawyers,

Welcome to the Fall 2022 issue of **Just the Facts**.

This is a vibrant newsletter that will be published five times in the fiscal year (July-June). In addition, important updates and information will be sent to you throughout the year. We hope to be engaged in your academic journeys as well as post law school.

Let me take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Jacque Evans, and I serve the State Bar of Wisconsin as the Diversity and Inclusion Specialist and manage Law Student Outreach. I am a lifelong learner and enjoy working with people. Born in Mississippi and raised in Wisconsin from the age of one, Wisconsin is home. I have traveled to 40 of the 52 states and two other countries.

I believe in being the bridge that brings people to cross to other cultures and embrace our difference in order to enhance our world. I'm so excited to be working with and learning from you while understanding more in-depth the justice system. I invite you to relax while we travel through **Just the Facts**! From me to you, have the most amazing year!

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'Bottom Up' Focuses on Issues of Interest to Young Lawyers

A new WisLawNOW podcast called “Bottom Up,” produced by the State Bar of Wisconsin, features frank discussions and relatable stories that highlight the interests, challenges, and opportunities for attorneys in their first decade of practice. The podcast is available on multiple platforms. [Find out more in this WisBar InsideTrack article.](#)

News about Student Loans

[Read more](#) about the student loan forgiveness from the Biden Administration.

1Ls: Apply for Summer Internships with the State Bar Diversity Clerkship Program

The State Bar’s Diversity Clerkship Program is a 10-weeks, paid summer employment opportunity where first-year Marquette University Law School and University of Wisconsin Law School students with diverse backgrounds are matched with a wide array of employers from private law firms, corporate legal departments, and governmental agencies. Student clerks gain practical legal experience, and participating employers obtain valuable legal support.

To apply, visit wisbar.org/dcp. Application deadline is Jan. 12, 2023. For more information about the program, contact Jacque Evans at (608) 250-6083 or jevans@wisbar.org.

State Bar Law Student Associate Members: What Are Your Benefits?

[Visit WisBar.org](#) to find out about – and take advantage of – all the benefits available to help you in school and in your future law career. Not yet a State Bar Law Student Associate? [Sign up on WisBar.org](#) (it’s free!).

About State Bar PINNACLE Seminars, Webinars, and Books

[Visit WisBar’s Marketplace](#) to find out more about State Bar of Wisconsin PINNACLE® books and resources. PINNACLE is the largest provider of continuing legal education (CLE) in the state, offering current, relevant, and practical legal information. PINNACLE books are available in print and online, and its seminars are available in a variety of formats, including live programs, webcasts, webcast replays, telephone seminars, and web audio programs.

Make Connections, Learn Practice Tips at WSSFC: Students Attend Free!

The State Bar of Wisconsin [2022 Solo & Small Firm Conference](#) (WSSFC) – and law student associate members can attend free of charge. This year, WSSFC is live on Oct. 27-29 and virtual on Nov. 14-16 – allowing all the great features of an in-person conference and giving the option to attend where you are. Experience amazing live plenary sessions, interactive breakout sessions, and insights from seasoned practitioners and renowned presenters. Attend sessions on substantive law, practice management, technology, quality of life, and ethics. Participate in fun, interactive social events, meet new colleagues, and expand your circle.

The best news: Law Student Associates attend free. [Find out more on WisBar.org](#) and [register via the WisBar.org Marketplace](#).

Not yet a State Bar Law Student Associate? [Sign up on WisBar.org \(it's free!\)](#) so you qualify for the free tuition to the conference.

[Reserve your spot today](#), so you don't miss this great opportunity to join your future colleagues and judges from across the state for this virtual, educational, and motivational opportunity.

Questions? Contact the State Bar Customer Service team at customerservice@wisbar.org or (608) 257-3838.

Need Guidance? Here's Where You Can Get a Mentor

Law students, are you interested in getting a head start before you graduate? Apply as a mentee in the [State Bar of Wisconsin's Ready.Set.Practice. Mentoring Program](#), which matches law students with experienced lawyer advisors.

The program is a great opportunity for those seeking guidance on transitioning from the study of law to the practice of law, or anyone interested in learning about specific practice areas.

We especially encourage diverse law students to take advantage of this free program to be paired with a diverse legal advisor, who can help answer your questions as you enter the legal profession.

Time is precious, and this program is designed to give busy law students and lawyer advisors a jump start, complete with supporting materials that allow you to get right to work. We encourage you to communicate via phone, email, and/or videoconference, like Zoom – or if you have the opportunity, to meet in person.

Meet with your lawyer advisor as often as your schedule allows during the upcoming school year. You might decide to bring questions over the course of a few conversations and go no further;

you might identify some specific areas you're interested in exploring and meet regularly during the rest of the academic year. The depth and length will be totally up to you.

To apply, visit [WisBar.org](https://www.wisbar.org) and complete the [Law Student Application](#). Email your completed application to State Bar program coordinator [Karen Beall](#) today!

Law Student Benefit: Studybuddy Discount

State Bar of Wisconsin is excited to present this benefit to our students. State Bar members can receive a 20% discount off a lifetime membership to the [StudyBuddy Pro Law Student Success platform](#). These tools have been developed by some of the nation's leading academic support law professors.

As a law student you will not only know how to properly position yourself to obtain your optimal legal job, but also set your intention and prepare you for being practice ready. Taught by one of the nation's leading legal career law professors, you will be guided through the path for obtaining that first real legal job after your 1L year and into your first full-time position after law school.

Visit [StudyBuddyPro.com](https://www.studybuddypro.com) and use coupon code WisBar21.

Upcoming Events of Interest to Law Students

State Bar PINNACLE and sections offer CLE events, including some that are available for free to students (and may include a lunch). Here are some upcoming CLE sessions:

- [Unpacking Wisconsin's New Business Entity Package Law](#) – Sept. 1, 2022. Co-produced with the Business Law Section.
- [34th Annual Environmental Law Update 2022](#) – Sept. 15, 2022. Co-produced and a networking lunch provided by the Environmental Law Section.
- [COVID Relief Legislation & Current Issues in Administrative and Local Government Law 2022](#) – Sept. 19, 2022. Co-produced and a networking lunch provided by the Administrative and Local Government Section.
- [Legal Issues of the Aging](#) – Sept. 23, 2022. Co-produced and a networking lunch provided by the Elder Law and Special Needs Section.
- [Advanced Skills and Techniques for Family Law Practice](#) – Oct. 11, 2022. Co-produced with Family Law Section.
- [Providing Patient Care Post-Dobbs: A Look at Wisconsin Abortion Law](#) – Webcast replays are available through Nov. 8, 2022. Co-produced by the Health Law Section.
- [Annual Real Estate Update 2022](#) – Oct. 7, 2022. Endorsed by the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section.

Visit [WisBar's Marketplace](#) for more sessions and information.

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Please share ideas or topics you'd want to see us capture in the newsletter by emailing me at jevans@wisbar.org.

Don't forget: the State Bar is here to help you. Let us know if we can assist you – give me (Jacque Evans) a call at (608) 250-6083 or [send me an email](#).

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