

UK College of Law Diversity Initiatives

2017-2018 Academic Year

- Professor Allison Connelly again headed up, and UK Law Faculty taught mock classes in, the Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity (KLEO) program which selects five admitted students from each of the state's three public law schools to participate in a rigorous two week program and receive a \$5,000 scholarship. The program is designed to prepare students from low-income, minority and disadvantaged backgrounds for the rigors of law school study.
- Dean David Brennen and Professor Allison Connelly served during the 2017-2018 academic year on the Kentucky Bar Association's Diversity Committee representing the College of Law.
- College of Law Diversity Committee hosted a discussion on "Past, Present and Future of Disability Civil Rights" with guest speaker, Dr. Peter Blanck.
- College of Law Diversity Committee hosted a discussion on "DACA's Demise: The End of an American Dream."
- Women's Law Caucus hosted its series "Inspirational Women in the Law" with guest speaker, Elizabeth Hughes, a founding partner in the law firm of Green Chestnut & Hughes.
- College of Law Diversity Committee and the Muslim Law Students Association hosted "The Muslim Ban 3.0" with guest speaker Guion Johnston, executive director of the Kentucky Bar Association and former executive director of the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic.
- College of Law Diversity Committee, Clerkship Committee and multiple student organizations hosted a Federal Clerkship Panel, an effort to increase diversity in federal clerkships.
- OUTLaw (the LGBTQ* student organization) hosted a discussion on "Road to Marriage Equality," with guest speaker, Alphonse Gerhardstein.
- Black Law Students Association hosted "Law Student for a Day," a pipeline initiative to increase diversity in law school and the profession.
- College of Law Diversity Committee hosted a forum on the current topic regarding sexual harassment and assault of women titled "#MeToo: Does our Culture Condone Predatory Behavior."
- College of Law served as a co-sponsor for a national diversity program hosted by the University titled "The Defamation Experience," a courtroom drama play that brings highly charged issues of race, class, religion, and gender in the legal system with the audience serving as the jury.
- Christian Legal Society hosted guest speaker, Chad Meredith, general counsel for Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin.
- Christian Legal Society hosted guest speaker, Scott D. Phillips from the law firm of Frost Brown Todd.
- OUTLaw hosted its 3rd annual Bourbon & Bubbly event at UK Law Professor Franklin Runge's home to welcome back students and faculty to the spring semester and in celebration of the New Year.
- UK Law, under the leadership of Associate Dean Doug Michael, held its annual Volunteer Income Tax Clinic on site, which is a clinic in which students from the College of Law and College of Business work together to prepare tax returns for foreign and low income individuals.
- OUTLaw hosted an event with guest speakers, UK Law Professors Scott Bauries and Robert Schwemm.

- Women’s Law Caucus hosted its “Inspirational Women in the Law Series” with guest speaker, local attorney Kristeena Johnson.
- Women’s Law Caucus hosted a luncheon to discuss the On Campus Interview and Job Searching.
- Black Law Students Association hosted a Flash Back 80’s and 90’s Party where students, faculty and staff who attended dressed from the era.
- The College of Law hosted its Roy R. and Virginia F. Ray Lectures Series, an evening conversation event with guest speaker, the Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., 82nd Attorney General of the United States.
- Black Law Students Association hosted a Black History Month luncheon that highlighted African-American trailblazers who opened doors at UK College of Law for students of color, with special remarks from the Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr. 82nd Attorney General of the United States.
- College of Law Diversity Committee hosted a discussion forum “Continuing Conquest: Standing Rock, Bears Ears, and the Pursuit of Profit at the Expense of Amerindian Nations.”
- OUTLaw hosted its annual Drag Show, a social event bringing together students, faculty and staff.
- Christian Legal Society hosted guest speaker, Jim Newberry, former mayor of Lexington, KY and general counsel for Georgetown College.
- College of Law Assistant Dean Danny Murphy served as moderator of the Continuing Conversations program sponsored by the Provost’s Office with the topic of this session titled “Hate Speech/Free Speech,” and included a 7-person panel representing UK faculty, administrators and students with special remarks by President Capilouto.
- College of Law Diversity Committee hosted a networking mixer with a focus on bringing together diverse members from the local legal community and diverse law students.
- Women’s Law Caucus hosted a Working Mom’s Panel.
- Women’s Law Caucus hosted its annual Spring Luncheon to honor women who have impacted the legal profession, with this year’s honorees being UK Law Professor Mary Davis and Kentucky State Treasurer Allison Ball.
- Women’s Law Caucus hosted its series “Inspirational Women in the Law” with guest speaker, Anne Gorham, Executive Vice-President and General Counsel for a Gray Construction, a Lexington, KY architect, engineering and construction firm.