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**Best Practices for ACS Lawyer Chapters
2018 Model Calendar**

The model calendar lays out suggested activities to provide ideas for organizing social and substantive events each month. Our events — both substantive and social — are the lifeblood of our lawyer chapters. They represent the best opportunity to involve new people and to grow our membership. ACS is a membership organization. Building the membership base is essential to keeping our chapters robust. Therefore, we recommend that chapters use their events to focus on expanding chapter membership. Although what is most effective will vary from city to city and state to state, chapters should aim to have at least one event per month. Some events may involve single speakers while others might involve panel discussions or debates.

Additionally, ACS is committed to promoting diversity through its lawyer chapters. Lawyer chapter programming should be planned with an eye toward appealing to a diverse audience, both through the content of the program and the speakers. Seek co-sponsorship of events with other organizations in your community to build successful events that help to grow membership and to continue to expand diversity efforts.

<p>January</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join or renew your ACS National membership • Event on Executive Authority and the Rule of Law and/or Judicial Nominations • Event on Physician Assisted Suicide (12th Anniversary of <i>Gonzales v. Oregon</i> on 1/17/18) • Event on State Courts and Judicial Elections (8th Anniversary of <i>Citizens United v. FEC</i> on 1/21/18) • State Legislative Preview Event
<p>February</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/4/18: Deadline for Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition • Event on Juvenile Justice • Road shows at law schools/Start recruiting graduating 3Ls • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Black History Month • Love our Constitution (focus on the courts) tied to the week of Valentine’s Day
<p>March</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD: Deadline for David Carliner Public Interest Award applications • Event on the Affordable Care Act (8th Anniversary on 3/23/16) • Road Shows at law schools • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Women’s History Month • Role of State of Attorneys General in Protecting our Fundamental Rights and Liberties
<p>April</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD: Deadline for applications for Public Interest Fellowship for ACS National Convention • Event on the 2017 Program Guide (First Amendment – Limitations and Protections of Hate Speech) • Event on Technology issues • Progressive Constitutional Interpretation event • Road shows at law schools
<p>May</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution in the Classroom around Law Day (5/1/18)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event on Equal Protection (122nd Anniversary of <i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i> 5/18/18, and 22nd Anniversary of <i>Romer v. Evans</i> on 5/20/18) • Event for Memorial Day (Constitution and foreign policy, military law) • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Asian Pacific American Month
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/7-6/9/18: Attend ACS National Convention in Washington, DC • Event on Criminal Justice (52nd Anniversary of <i>Miranda v. Arizona</i> on 6/13/18, and 57th Anniversary of <i>Mapp v. Ohio</i> on 6/19/18) • Happy hour to welcome summer interns/associates to your city's legal community • Career panel (Progressive careers, Alternative careers, Clerkships) • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: LGBT Pride Month
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD: Deadline for applications for Public Interest Fellowship for the 2018 ACS National Lawyer Convening • SCOTUS Term Review • Event on Sex Discrimination (22nd Anniversary of <i>United States v. Virginia</i> 6/26/18) • Program on "How to Secure a Clerkship"
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event on noteworthy state/local initiative • Progressive Constitutional interpretation event
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 National Lawyer Convening [Specific Date/Location – TBD] • SCOTUS Term Preview • 9/18: 231st Anniversary of the Constitution/Constitution Day event • Constitution in the Classroom around Constitution Day (9/17/2018) • 9/27: National Voter Registration Day • Fall kick off happy hour (welcome new lawyers to your area) • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: National Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15)
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCOTUS Term Preview • Event on the 2018 Program Guide (Safeguarding the Rule of Law) in association with First Monday • Event on Labor and Employment Issues • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: National Disability Employment Awareness Month
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two years after the 2016 Election: What has it meant for public policy? • Event on Judicial Diversity and Diversity in the Legal Profession • Chapter membership contest, Join or renew your ACS National membership for 2019 • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Native American Heritage Month
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event on Human Rights • Holiday happy hour with other progressive groups and/or local ACS student chapters