

2019 ACS Lawyer Chapter Model Calendar

The ACS National Office will assist your chapter's efforts by providing substantive, financial and administrative support whenever possible. We recommend that chapters primarily focus on constitutional interpretation; host at least one event per month; and promote diversity and inclusion in both chapter programming, invited speakers, cosponsorships, and membership. Seek cosponsorship of events with other on-campus organizations to build successful events that both grow your membership and expand diversity and inclusion efforts.

<p>January</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join or renew your ACS National membership • Host an event on state courts, money in politics, and the importance of an independent judiciary, which can be tied into Buckley v. Valeo (43rd Anniversary on January 30) & Citizens United (9th Anniversary on January 21) • Constitutional interpretation event (Choose a topic from Keeping Faith with the Constitution, It is a Constitution We Are Expounding, The Framers' Constitution: Toward a Theory of Principled Constitutionalism, The Constitution in 2020, or Windsor, Shelby County, and the Demise of Originalism: A Personal Account) • Organize a day of service for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (see ACS volunteer opportunities here)
<p>February</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/3: Deadline for Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition • Take part in the ACS Love Our Constitution campaign by hosting an event teaching the U.S. Constitution and rule of law to an adult audience • Event on First Amendment, recognizing 50th anniversary of Tinker v. Des Moines on February 24. See ACS First Amendment program guide here. • Road shows at law schools/Start recruiting graduating 3Ls • Program on mass incarceration (see ideas here) • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Black History Month
<p>March</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Become a Judge or Gavel Gap programming - host a local, state or federal judge • Host an event on progressive federalism (host the local mayor or member of city council, explore the role of State AGs in protecting & advancing civil rights) • Organize an event on Freedom of the Press, 55th anniversary of NY Times v. Sullivan on March 9. See ACS First Amendment program guide here. • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Women's History Month
<p>April</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD: Deadline for Public Interest Fellowship applications for 2019 ACS National Convention • Consult the 2019 Program Guide to host an event on progressive federalism • Host an event on an ACS issue brief • 52nd anniversary of oral argument of Loving v. Virginia on April 10 • Continue road shows to recruit 3Ls at law schools
<p>May</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution in the Classroom around Law Day (5/1/18) • Memorial Day event (RE: Constitution and foreign policy, military law) • 71st anniversary of Shelley v. Kraemer on May 3 • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Asian Pacific Heritage Month
<p>June</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD: Attend the 2019 ACS National Convention in Washington, DC • Happy hour to welcome summer interns/associates to your city's legal community • Career panel for law students (progressive careers, alternative careers, clerkships) • 51st anniversary of Terry v. Ohio on June 10 • 16th anniversary of Grutter v. Bollinger on June 23 • 16th anniversary of Lawrence v. Texas on June 26 • 11th anniversary of DC v. Heller on June 26 • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: LGBTQ+ Pride Month

July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD: Deadline for Public Interest Fellowship applications for 2019 ACS National Lawyer Convening • Co-sponsor a Summer Happy Hour with local progressive affinity groups • Host a SCOTUS 2018-2019 Term Review • Road show to recruit attorneys at major local law firms
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women’s Equality Day on August 26 • 56th anniversary of the March on Washington and Martin Luther King, Jr.’s I Have a Dream speech on August 28. For First Amendment event ideas, see the ACS First Amendment program guide here. • Back-to-school happy hour with local ACS Student Chapters
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution Day: 232nd Anniversary of the Constitution on September 17. Host a Constitution in the Classroom event. • Host a SCOTUS 2019-2020 Term Preview • Fall kick off happy hour (welcome new lawyers to your area) • National Voter Registration Day on September 26 • Event on national security & civil liberties, in recognition of the 18th anniversary of September 11, 2001 • 61st anniversary on Cooper v. Aaron (desegregation and equal protection) on September 12 • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: National Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15)
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD: Attend the 2019 ACS National Lawyer Convening • Event on Voting Rights and Election Administration (see ACS Program Guide on voting rights here) • Host event on the role of the State AG or a State AG candidate forum (for chapters in KY, LA, or MS with 2019 State AG races) alongside a community organization, like a public library or the local YWCA • Look for an ACS Regional Convening near you! • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: National Disability Employment Awareness Month
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite a federal judge to speak about the importance of the independent judicial branch • Event on judicial diversity (the “gavel gap”) or diversity in the legal profession • Host an election recap for any local election results in your area • 156th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address on November 19 • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Native American Heritage Month
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter membership contest: join or renew your ACS membership for 2020 • Holiday happy hour with other progressive groups or local ACS student and lawyer chapters • Strategize for election of new chapter leadership for 2019, if not already accomplished • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Universal Human Rights Month/Interfaith Month