

2020 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.

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/20: Organize a day of service for Martin Luther King, Jr Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See ACS volunteer opportunities here 1/21: 10th anniversary of Citizens United (decision that allowed for the proliferation of dark money in politics) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host an event on state courts, money in politics, and the importance of an independent judiciary, which can be tied into Citizens United; see ACS Program Guide on voting rights here Join or renew your ACS National membership Host an event on impeachment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See ACS Impeachment Discussion Guide here Host an event on progressive constitutional interpretation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 2021, or Windsor, Shelby County, and the Demise of Originalism: A Personal Account
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/2: Deadline for Richard D Cudahy Writing Competition Take part in the ACS Love Our Constitution campaign by hosting an event teaching the US Constitution and rule of law to an adult audience Road shows at law schools/Start recruiting graduating 3Ls Host an event on mass incarceration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See ideas here Host discussions on Court reform (including Court packing), why courts matter, President Trump's attacks on the judiciary, judicial nominations, and immigration court's lack of judicial independence Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Black History Month
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/1: 15th anniversary of Roper v. Simmons (death penalty illegal for defendants under 18) 3/1: 40th anniversary of Strauder v. West Virginia (laws requiring all-white juries are not permissible) 3/31: Equal Pay Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host an event on gender disparities in pay within the legal profession Host an event on free speech; see ACS First Amendment program guide here Host an event on the importance of an accurate 2020 Census and the implications of Department of Commerce v. New York 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) Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Women's History Month
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD: Deadline for Public Interest Fellowship applications for 2019 ACS National Convention 4/1: Census Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host an event on the importance of an accurate 2020 Census and the implications of Department of Commerce v. New York 4/22: Earth Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host an event on the relationship between the law and the current climate crisis; see an ACS Expert Forum Blog Post on the topic relating to state courts here

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May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/1: Law Day/Constitution in the Classroom • 5/1: International Workers' Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host an event on labor, unions, and labor law; consider co-programming with local unions • 5/25: Memorial Day event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host an event on the Constitution and foreign policy, military law, the War Powers Act, etc. • Host an event on progressive constitutional interpretation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 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 2021, or Windsor, Shelby County, and the Demise of Originalism: A Personal Account) Social event with local student chapters • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Asian Pacific Heritage Month
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/11-6/13: Attend the 2020 ACS National Convention in Washington, DC • 6/5: World Environment Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host an event on the relationship between the law and the current climate crisis; see an ACS Expert Forum Blog Post on the topic relating to state courts here • 6/7: 70th anniversary of Sweatt v. Painter (successful challenge of "separate but equal" public colleges and universities) • 6/12: 25th anniversary of Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Peña (decided that racial classifications in U.S. law are subject to strict scrutiny) • 6/26: 5th anniversary of Obergefell v. Hodges (granted a federal right to same-sex marriage) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host an event on the landscape of LGBTQ rights, especially trans rights, in the post-<i>Obergefell</i> world • 6/28: 10th anniversary of McDonald v. Chicago (decided that the 2nd Amendment right to bear arms applies to local and state governments as well as the federal government) • Happy hour to welcome summer interns/associates to your city's legal community • Career panel for law students (progressive careers, alternative careers, clerkships) • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: LGBTQ+ Pride Month
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/26: 30th anniversary of the ADA being signed into law on July 26 • Co-sponsor a Summer Happy Hour with local progressive affinity groups • Host a SCOTUS 2019-2020 Term Review • Host an event on judicial nominations and court reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ See ideas and resources for court reform events here • Road show to recruit attorneys at major local law firms
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8/6: 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act being signed into law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host an event on voting rights, including the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, redistricting, campaign finance, election security; see ACS Program Guide on voting rights here • 8/18: 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment • 8/26: Women's Equality Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host an event on threats to reproductive rights and other issues affecting the majority of women; see an ACS Issue Guide on reproductive rights here • Host an event on progressive constitutional interpretation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 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 2021, or Windsor, Shelby County, and the Demise of Originalism: A Personal Account) Social event with local student chapters • Back-to-school happy hour with local ACS Student Chapters

September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/7: Labor Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host an event on labor, unions, and labor law; consider co-programming with local unions • 9/11: 19th anniversary of September 11, 2001 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host an event on national security and civil liberties • 9/17: Constitution Day/233rd Anniversary of the Constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host a Constitution in the Classroom event • 9/22: National Voter Registration Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host an event on voting rights, including the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, redistricting, campaign finance, election security; see ACS Program Guide on voting rights here • Host a SCOTUS 2020-2021 Term Preview • 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"> • Host an event on voting rights, including the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, redistricting, campaign finance, election security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ See ACS Program Guide on voting rights here • Call to Action – encourage chapter lawyers to get involved in local voter protection efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ See Voting Rights Project materials here • Host event exploring the role of the State AG or a State AG candidate forum (for chapters in IN, MO, MT, NC, OR, PA, UT, VT, WA, or WV with 2020 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"> • Call to Action – encourage chapter lawyers to get involved in local voter protection efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ See Voting Rights Project materials here • 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 • Event on the impact of the 2020 federal, state, and local elections on progressive conceptions of law • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Native American Heritage Month
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/12: 20th anniversary of Bush v. Gore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host an event on voting rights, including the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, redistricting, campaign finance, election security; see ACS Program Guide on voting rights here • Think about ways to celebrate ACS’ 20th anniversary in 2021 • Chapter membership outreach: join or renew your ACS membership for 2021 • Holiday happy hour with other progressive groups or local ACS student and lawyer chapters • Strategize for election of new chapter leadership for 2020, if not already accomplished • Co-Sponsorship Opportunity: Universal Human Rights Month/Interfaith Month