

2022 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, equity, inclusion in both chapter programming, invited speakers, co-sponsorships, and membership. We also encourage you to seek co-sponsorship of events with other local organizations to build successful events that will both grow your membership and expand diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we encourage all our chapters to plan for virtual programming until further notice. If you need assistance reaching out to speakers or organizing virtual events, please connect with us at LCEmails@acslaw.org. Also, check out ACS’s [Zoom Guidance](#) on utilizing ACS National Zoom Accounts.

<p>January</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/17: Organize a day of service for Martin Luther King, Jr Day. See ACS volunteer opportunities here. • 1/18 National Day of Racial Healing. Plan programming on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation using the resources here. • 1/19 80th anniversary of <i>Glasser v. United States</i> (holding that the exclusion of women from a jury pool violates the Sixth Amendment). • On the one year anniversary of the Biden-Harris Administration, go back and review “What’s the Big Idea? Recommendations for Improving Law & Policy in the Next Administration and in the States,” a collection of essays that represents the best thinking of a diverse set of scholars and advocates from the ACS network. • Join or renew your ACS National membership. • Host an event on Constitutional interpretation.
<p>February</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black History Month. Host discussions on how to combat anti-Black racism through law and policy. View ACS’s program guide here. • 2/6: Deadline for Richard D Cudahy Writing Competition. • Event on First Amendment: ACS First Amendment program guide here. • Road shows at law schools, and recruiting graduating 3Ls.
<p>March</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women’s History Month. • 3/31: Equal Pay Day. Host an event on gender disparities in pay within the legal profession. • 3/3: 190th anniversary of <i>Worcester v. Georgia</i> (laying the foundation for tribal sovereignty). • 3/6: 165th anniversary of <i>Dred Scott v. Sanford</i>. Plan programming on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation and ACS’s 20th Anniversary theme on Founding Failures. • 3/26: 61st anniversary of <i>Baker v. Carr</i> (redistricting of state legislative districts is not a political question, and therefore justiciable). Plan an event on gerrymandering. • 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. • 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).
<p>April</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arab American Heritage Month. Consider connecting with your local Arab American Bar Association or co-sponsor programming to elevate Arab, Middle Eastern, and Muslim voices and experiences, and issues impacting these communities. • Sexual Assault and Harassment Awareness Month. • 4/22: Earth Day. Host an event on the relationship between the law and the current climate crisis. • Continue road shows to recruit 3Ls at law schools, speak at an end-of-year happy hour for students and encourage them to join a lawyer chapter wherever they go. Work with students on election engagement.
<p>May</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Pacific Heritage Month. Consider connecting with your local National Asian Pacific American Bar Association to co-sponsor programming elevating AAPI voices and experiences. • 5/1: Law Day/Constitution in the Classroom. • 5/1: International Workers’ Day. Host an event on labor, unions, and labor law; co-host with a union.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/25: Memorial Day event. Host an event on the Constitution and foreign policy, military law, the War Powers Act, etc. • Host an event on how to write an op-ed and other ways to engage with media. Reach out to ACS for assistance on writing op-eds on election engagement, administration, and processes.
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGBTQ+ Pride Month. • National Convention: JUNE 16 – 18 at the Marriott Marquis, Washington, D.C. • 6/11: 21st anniversary of <i>Tuan Anh Nguyen v. Immigration and Naturalization Service</i> (the different requirements for a child's acquisition of citizenship depending upon whether the citizen parent is the mother or the father, is consistent with the equal protection guarantee embedded in the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment). • 6/12: 55th anniversary of <i>Loving v. Virginia</i> (striking down state bans on interracial marriage). • 6/13: 56th anniversary of <i>Miranda v. Arizona</i> (requiring that criminal suspects being interrogated by the police be informed of their right to consult with an attorney and to remain silent). • 6/29: 30th anniversary of <i>Planned Parenthood v. Casey</i> (creating the “undue burden” standard of abortion access). • Happy hour to welcome summer interns/associates to your city’s legal community.
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/5: Independence Day (Observed). • Co-sponsor a Summer Happy Hour with local progressive affinity groups. • Host a SCOTUS 2020-2021 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"> • 8/26: Women’s Equality Day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host an event on the fight for gender equity, including the right to autonomy over one’s reproductive health, a constitutional amendment prohibiting sex discrimination (the ERA), and the impact of COVID-19 on women and women of color; consider co-programming with local women’s bar associations. • Host an event on progressive constitutional interpretation. • Host a social event or back-to-school happy hour with local ACS Student Chapters.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15). • 9/5: Labor Day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host an event on labor, unions, and labor law; consider co-programming with local unions. • 9/17: Constitution Day and 234th Anniversary of the Constitution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host a Constitution in the Classroom event. • 9/27: National Voter Registration Day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Host an event on voting rights, including the 19th Amendment, redistricting, campaign finance, and election security; see ACS Program Guide on voting rights here. • Host a SCOTUS 2022-2023 Term Preview. • Host a fall kick off happy hour (welcome new lawyers to your area).
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Disability Employment Awareness Month • Promote a day of service or a volunteer opportunity with your chapter. • Host a career panel for local law student members (progressive careers, alternative careers, clerkships).
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native American Heritage Month. • 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 2022 elections on progressive conceptions of law.
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal Human Rights Month/Interfaith Month. • Chapter membership outreach: join or renew your ACS membership for 2023 here. • Holiday happy hour with other progressive groups or ACS student and lawyer chapters. • Strategize for election of new chapter leadership for 2023, if not already accomplished.