

2023-2024 ACS Student Chapters Model Calendar

The ACS National Office will assist your chapter’s efforts by providing substantive, financial, and administrative support whenever possible. We encourage chapters to host at least one event per month and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in both chapter programming, speakers, co-sponsorships, and membership. If you need assistance, please connect with us at campus@acslaw.org.

<p>Summer 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan 2023-24 events, especially your fall events, and send speaker invitations. Use this model calendar to map out your chapter’s 2023-2024 agenda—involve your Faculty Advisor(s). Also plan an event inspired by a Broken Law Podcast episode, ACS Blog post, or an ACS issue brief. Join or renew your ACS National membership. Your \$25 membership entitles you to ACS Membership until December of your graduation year. Sign up for a summer conference call with ACS National.
<p>8/2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8/26: Women’s Equality Day. Coordinate a “What is ACS” kickoff event with your Faculty Advisor and ACS Staff Liaison. Consider programming on constitutional interpretation, Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation, voting rights, and State AG. Meet with your Faculty Advisor(s), SBA, and Dean of Students. Host a welcome event for new faculty. Complete required applications and budgets for school funding (Don’t forget to request funds to attend the 2024 ACS Student Convention) and review ACS’s funding instructions. Post your events to the ACS Calendar. Meet with 1Ls (and assign 1L Reps to the board). Hold board meetings (preferably with Faculty Advisor(s)) to plan programming and activities. Meet with ACS student and lawyer chapter leaders in the area and leaders of progressive organizations at your school (host a progressive potluck). Membership drive with Faculty Advisor(s) (including participating in school’s student organization fair).
<p>9/2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15). Consider connecting with your local Hispanic National Bar Association student chapter to co-sponsor programming to elevate Hispanic and Latinx voices and experiences, and issues impacting the Hispanic and Latinx communities. 9/4: Labor Day. Host an event on labor, unions, and employment law; consider co-sponsoring with local unions. 9/11: 22nd anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001. Consider programming on executive power, congressional oversight, surveillance, domestic terrorism, cyber security, the targeting of communities of color, Guantanamo Bay, and the militarization of police. 9/17: Constitution Day. Coordinate a Constitution in the Classroom lesson. 9/19: National Voter Registration Day. Host an event on voting rights and election administration, including on Moore v. Harper. See ACS Program Guide on voting rights here. Take the pledge to become a poll worker. Sign up NOW here. When you sign up, we’ll provide you with the information necessary to get active in your state. See also ACS’s initiative, Run.Vote.Work here. Sign up for a fall conference call with ACS National. Host an event based on the latest program guide, which is available here. Use the Class Cancellation Blueprint to organize efforts to cancel class and promote civic engagement on election day. Host an event on running for office, including running for judge, District Attorney, or State AG. <i>*ACS is a non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization. Learn more about ACS’s programming policies in the Student Chapter Handbook here.*</i> Host a SCOTUS 2023-2024 Term Preview. Host an event on Judicial Nominations.

10/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Consider connecting with your local National Disabled Law Students Association chapter or local disability rights organization to co-sponsor programming to elevate the voices and experiences of disabled peoples, and the issues surrounding disability. • 10/2: On the first Monday in October, the Supreme Court will begin hearing Oral Arguments for the Term. • ACS has a number of volunteer opportunities available here, including notice & comment opportunities, opportunities to work on civics education, criminal justice, and election law. Please sign up on our volunteer survey if you'd like to learn more about these volunteer opportunities, and e-mail us at campus@acslaw.org if your entire chapter would like to engage on a project. • Host event on the role of the State AG. • Social/Networking event with local lawyer chapter.
11/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native American Heritage Month. Consider connecting with your local National Native American Law Students Association chapter to co-sponsor programming elevating Native American voices and experiences, and the issues surrounding Federal Indian Law, Tribal Law, traditional forms of governance, tribal sovereignty, and issues impacting Native communities. • Election Day Engagement. Join our efforts to establish a day of civic service at your law school! Several law schools have either canceled classes or allowed for class accommodations on Election Day to encourage law students to engage in the election process and to promote civic engagement on campus. Learn more here. • Plan 2024 events and send speaker invitations. • Plan an event on immigration policies. • Invite a federal judge to speak about the importance of the independent judicial branch. • Invite state court judges and litigators to discuss the work of state court judiciaries. • 11/20: Trans Day of Remembrance. Consider connecting with your local OUTLaw or local National LGBTQ+ Bar Association chapter to co-sponsor programming elevating Trans speakers, and issues surrounding the wave of legislation targeting trans students and issues impacting the trans community.
12/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal Human Rights Month. • Holiday happy hour with other local progressive groups + ACS Student and Lawyer Chapters.
1/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/15: Organize a day of service for Martin Luther King Jr. Day (see ACS Volunteer Opportunities here). • 1/16: National Day of Racial Healing. Use ACS's Program Guides here to coordinate programming. • 1/19: Anniversary of Glasser v. United States (holding that the exclusion of women from a jury pool violates the Sixth Amendment). • Meet with Faculty Advisor(s) to go over semester's events and apply for funding for your spring programming. Remember to post your events to the ACS Calendar. • Host an event on Constitutional interpretation. • Elect 2024-2025 board members.
2/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black History Month. Consider connecting with your local National Black Law Students Association chapter to co-sponsor programming elevating Black voices and experiences, and the issues identified in this program guide on Combatting Anti-Black Racism Through Law and Policy. • TBA: Richard D. Cudahy and Constance Baker Motley Writing Competitions Submissions DUE • Event on First Amendment: ACS First Amendment program guide here. • Program on the Death Penalty (see ideas here). • Host discussions on Court reform, including a code of ethics for Supreme Court Justices. • Host an event on How to Write an Op-Ed or other ways to engage with the media.

3/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women’s History Month. Consider connecting with your local Women’s Law Student Associations Student Chapter to co-sponsor programming elevating women and women of color voices and experiences, and the issues identified in this program guide on Marking the Centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment (including the Equal Rights Amendment). • TBA: Next Generation Leader and Student Board Member applications due. • 3/3: Anniversary of Worcester v. Georgia (laying the foundation for tribal sovereignty). • 3/6: Anniversary of Dred Scott v. Sanford. Plan programming on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation. • 3/26: Anniversary of Baker v. Carr (redistricting of state legislative districts is not a political question, and therefore justiciable). Plan an event on gerrymandering. • Host a Membership Engagement Table: The incoming executive board tables to promote ACS, take event suggestions for next year, recruit new members, and introduce themselves as the new executive board. • Faculty Advisor meeting with outgoing and incoming boards to plan events and apply for funding. • How to Become a Judicial Clerk or How to Become a Judge. 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, explore the work of state courts). • TBD: ACS Student Convention.
4/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arab American Heritage Month. Consider connecting with your local Arab American Bar Association student chapter to co-sponsor programming to elevate Arab, Middle Eastern, and Muslim voices and experiences, and issues impacting these communities. • Sexual Assault and Harassment Awareness Month. • 4/2: Anniversary of Massachusetts v. EPA. Plan an event on environmental protections. Consider inviting an attorney from your State AG office. • 4/22: Earth Day. Host an event on the relationship between the law, climate crisis, and environmental racism. Include an international law or comparative law perspective. • Admitted Students Weekend! Welcome incoming students with a happy hour, meet and greet with the ACS board, or “What to expect in law school” presentation. • Complete required applications and budgets for school funding and review ACS’s funding instructions here. • Host a faculty dinner (dinner w/ACS students & faculty members). • Sign up for spring conference calls with ACS National (for current and incoming chapter leaders). • Apply for a scholarship to attend the ACS National Convention and check with your school for funding. • Host an end of the year happy hour with your Faculty Advisor(s), Lawyer Chapter, and local alums. Have an attorney speak on the importance of staying engaged with ACS during the summer and after graduation. • Let ACS National know where you will be for the summer & post-grad by emailing Campus@acslaw.org.
5/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Pacific Heritage Month. Consider connecting with your local National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Student Chapter to co-sponsor programming elevating AAPI voices and experiences. • 5/1: Law Day: Considering hosting a Constitution in the Classroom lesson in your local community. • 5/1: International Workers’ Day. • 5/31: Anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre. • Send thank you cards to all faculty, admin, staff, etc. who have been helpful throughout the year.
6/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Consider connecting with your local OUTLaw or National LGBTQ+ Bar Association chapter to co-sponsor programming elevating LGBTQ+ voices and experiences, and issues impacting the LGBTQ+ community. • TBD: ACS National Convention. • 6/11: Anniversary of Tuan Anh Nguyen v. Immigration and Naturalization Service (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: Anniversary of Loving v. Virginia (striking down state bans on interracial marriage). • 6/13: Anniversary of Miranda v. Arizona (requiring that criminal suspects being interrogated by the police be informed of their right to consult with an attorney and to remain silent). • 6/24: Anniversary of Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization (overturning the Constitutional right to an abortion). • Plan 2024-25 events and send speaker invitations. Involve your Faculty Advisor(s).