

2024 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.

January	<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. 1/19: Anniversary of Glasser v. United States (holding that the exclusion of women from a jury pool violates the Sixth Amendment). Host an event on Constitutional interpretation. Join or renew your ACS National membership. Elect 2024-2025 board members.
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black History Month. Consider connecting with your local National Bar Association chapter to co-sponsor programming elevating Black voices and experiences, and the issues identified in this program guide on Combating Anti-Black Racism Through Law and Policy. 2/5: Richard D. Cudahy and Constance Baker Motley Writing Competitions Submissions DUE Event on First Amendment: ACS First Amendment program guide 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.
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's History Month. Check out ACS's program guide on Marking the Centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment (including the Equal Rights Amendment). 3/31: Equal Pay Day. Host an event on gender disparities in pay within the legal profession 3/3: Anniversary of Worcester v. Georgia (laying the foundation for tribal sovereignty). 3/6: Anniversary of Dred Scott v. Sandford. 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. 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).
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arab American Heritage Month. Consider connecting with your local Arab American Bar Association 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. Continue road shows to recruit 3Ls at law schools, speak at an end-of-year happy hour for students, and encourage students to join a lawyer chapter wherever they go.
May	<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: Considering hosting a Constitution in the Classroom lesson. 5/1: International Workers' Day. Host an event on labor, unions, and labor law. 5/31: Anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre.

<p>June</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Consider connecting with your local National LGBTQ+ Bar Association Affiliate to co-sponsor programming elevating LGBTQ+ voices, issues, and experiences. • 6/6-6/8: ACS National Convention in Atlanta, GA. • 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).
<p>July</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host a Summer Happy Hour with students summering in your region.
<p>August</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8/1: National Poll Worker Recruitment Day. Take the pledge to become a poll worker. Sign up NOW here. See also ACS's initiative, Run.Vote.Work here. • 8/26: Women's Equality Day. • Host a social event or back-to-school happy hour with local ACS Student Chapters
<p>September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15). Consider connecting with your local Hispanic National Bar Association chapter to co-sponsor programming elevating Hispanic voices and experiences. • 9/4: Labor Day. Host an event on labor, unions, and employment law; consider co-sponsoring with local unions. • 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. See ACS Program Guide on voting rights here. • 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 Lawyer Chapter Handbook here.*</i> • Host a SCOTUS 2024-2025 Term Preview. • Host an event on Judicial Nominations. • Host a fall kick off happy hour (welcome new lawyers to your area).
<p>October</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Disability Employment Awareness Month. • October 20-26: National Pro Bono Week. Promote a day of service or a volunteer opportunity with your chapter.
<p>November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native American Heritage Month. Consider connecting with your local Native American Bar Association chapter to co-sponsor programming elevating indigenous voices and experiences. • 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 National LGBTQ+ Bar Association chapter to co-sponsor programming elevating transgender speakers and issues impacting the transgender community.
<p>December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal Human Rights Month. • Holiday happy hour with other local progressive groups + ACS Student Chapters. • Strategize for election of new chapter leadership for 2025, if not already accomplished.