

Law in the 21st Century

Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges

30th Annual Law Day Conference

Portland State University

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An exploration of the justice system featuring 18 dynamic workshops for high school students

Since 1981, more than 15,000 Oregon and SW Washington high school students have attended the Law Day Conference featuring exciting workshops that explore our legal system. The Conference was first started to celebrate National Law Day, May 1, by offering students a variety of provocative, informative, and timely workshops about legal issues and led by legal experts. The success of the conference has led to full-capacity workshops each year as well as fostered dialogues and discussion on how the law affects us all.

Classroom Law Project sponsors this conference in order to provide students with information to help make well-reasoned decisions. Workshops are interesting, topical, and so current that many are being argued in the courts today. When students leave the conference at the end of Law Day, they will be more informed citizens, know more about where to go for help, and, we hope, develop new interest and appreciation for being an active citizen.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO SIGN UP

Students will attend four workshops - two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Using the enclosed Workshop Descriptions and Student Worksheet, students are asked to prioritize their top four morning choices AND top four afternoon. Students will be assigned to two a.m. and two p.m. workshops on a first-come, first-serve basis as room capacity allows. Please note, this means students may not be assigned their top choices. Students must return the registration form plus \$10 (includes lunch and materials, non-refundable) fee to the teacher.

Complete registration includes: (1) submitting the Student Registration Form via upload through the online event registration form OR by email to office@classroomlaw.org, and (2) submitting payment via credit card through the online event registration form OR by mailing ONE check to CLP. *Registrations will NOT be complete until payment in full has been received by Classroom Law Project.*

Registration forms, detailed instructions and this brochure are also available online at www.classroomlaw.org.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is April 16, 2010. Attendance is limited to the first 750 registrants and fills up quickly, so be sure to register early.

THE DETAILS

When: Wednesday, May 5, 2010
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Where: Portland State University
Smith Memorial Student Union
1825 SW Broadway
Portland, OR

What: Schedule for the day

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration - Ballroom, Third Floor
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Workshop 1
10:00 - 10:05 a.m.	Break
10:05 - 11:05 a.m.	Workshop 2
11:05 - 11:20 a.m.	Lunch
11:20 - 12:20 p.m.	Workshop 3
12:20 - 12:25 p.m.	Break
12:25 - 1:25 p.m.	Workshop 4

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MORNING WORKSHOPS

A. Careers in the Law: Opportunities for Everyone

A lawyer is only one career in the field of law. There is a wide range of opportunities to have a law related career from being involved in law enforcement, to being a legal secretary, to being a court reporter. At this workshop explore the various career paths available to anyone interested in working in the law. *Presenters: Elizabeth Davis, Cashauna Hill, Mavel Morales & Tracey Weidner*

B. Cops and You: Do You Have an Attitude?

Imagine that you are approached by a police officer. It could be at home, school, the mall, in your car, or elsewhere. Does your attitude work against you? Should it? Get the inside scoop from a police officer in this popular workshop. *Presenters: Officer Charles Lovell & Keith Rogers*

C. CSI: The World of Forensics

How to catch a criminal — Learn from an Oregon forensics expert the amazing and sometimes shocking methods that can make a corpse the principal witness in an investigation. This session is not for the squeamish! *Presenter: Nici Vance*

D. From Local to Global: Business in the 21st Century

We live in an increasingly interconnected world, one in which the goods and services we produce and consume routinely travel across countries and even continents. Advances in transportation and communication technologies have connected markets like never before, creating significant opportunities as well as new legal challenges. In this workshop, learn about some of the legal issues faced by producers and consumers in the new global economy. *Presenter: Tichelle Sorensen*

E. Military Enlistment: Read the Contract Carefully

Enlistment promises leadership training, money for college, and job skills, but are there things your recruiter is not telling you? In this workshop, learn more about the obligations of enlisting and what the fine print really means. *Presenters: Margo Dobbertin & Brandon McNamee*

F. Oregon's Bill of Rights: You be the Judge!

The Oregon Constitution has its own Bill of Rights and, in some cases, it provides greater protection for civil liberties than the federal Bill of Rights. In this workshop, learn about some of the leading Oregon cases that involve civil liberties and decide what should be protected and what shouldn't. *Presenters: TBD*

G. Sex Crimes and Measure 11

Under Measure 11, certain crimes carry stiff prison terms that are mandatory and apply to anyone over the age of 15. In addition, people convicted of many "sex" crimes must register as sex offenders – even if they are juveniles. Possibly forever. Follow Justin Thorpe's case through the Oregon courts and find out from a Deputy District Attorney and a former public defender how these laws impact real people like Justin Thorpe. *Presenters: Lissa Kaufman & Nathan Vasquez*

H. Student Rights

Don't want to dissect a frog in science class? Feel threatened by random searches of your car, locker, or personal possessions? The Constitution and the law do protect you. Learn what this does and doesn't mean as it relates to where authority ends and your rights begin in school. *Presenter: Marilyn Cover*

I. Talking About Racism

Dr. Cornel West once said "that a profound hatred of African people...sits at the center of American civilization." This session considers how race and racism shape societal relations in the U.S. today. Students will learn about the impact of racial hierarchies on our lives as citizens and neighbors. *Presenter: Melvin Oden-Orr*

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

J. Animals and the Law

Are we humans really so different than our furry and feathered friends? In the eyes of the law, animals are often treated as our personal properties to exchange, consume, destroy, enjoy, and utilize. From pet stores to pork chops, where are the ethical and legal lines when it comes to humanity's use (some would say "exploitation") of animals? This session will explore these boundaries and illustrate some of the ways in which our current laws do and do not work with respect to animals. *Presenters: Geordie Duckler & Scott Heiser*

K. Consumer Savvy

When you buy that new cell phone, are you signing your life away? Does the law protect you from unscrupulous salespeople, or are you on your own? At this workshop, learn the importance of fine print and practical consumer knowledge that can help you avoid being the victim of a bad deal. *Presenter: Althea Rodgers*

L. Date Rape: When No Means No

Date rape is a serious crime with serious consequences. Five years and ten months is the mandatory sentence for date rape. Young people need to know what the boundaries are and how to respect them. Attend this session to learn about the legal issues surrounding date rape. *Presenter: Emily Simon*

M. Environmental Justice

Environmental Justice is a movement trying to establish healthy environments and access to decision-making for all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, or class. Research shows that low income communities and communities of color have a disproportionate share of environmental burdens such as poor air quality, higher asthma rates, and many brownfields and contaminated property. Come to this workshop to learn about two community-based organizations who are working in Portland to ensure that all people are treated fairly in the places they live, work, and play. *Presenters: Cassie Cohen & Jon Ostar*

N. Equal Rights and Sexual Orientation

Can who you love make you different in the eyes of the law? Should gay, lesbian, and transgendered persons have the same rights as heterosexuals? Should sexual orientation be included in anti-discrimination policies? What are the issues surrounding same-sex marriage or domestic partnership registration? Learn about the many legal issues surrounding the GLBT community and what they mean to America as a whole. *Presenter: David Ward*

O. Immigration

The United States has been described as "a nation of immigrants," so it's no surprise that immigration itself has become an increasingly hot button issue. From concerns about border security to the vitality of the national economy, this topic has become a mainstay of the American conversation. Come to this workshop to learn more about this issue's subtleties and join in the discussion. *Presenters: Philip Smith & Andre Michael Wang*

P. Inside Guantanamo

Ever since 9/11 terrorism has dominated the news and politics. Since 2002, Guantanamo Bay Naval Base has been operated as a prison for approximately 775 terrorism suspects. It has become controversial due to prisoner's accusations that they have been tortured and denied basic civil rights, such as the ability to be heard at trial. What are the implications of America's strategies to dealing with terrorism? What are other strategies that could be used to address the threat of terrorism? *Presenter: Steve Wax*

Q. Sex Trafficking

Portland is one of the most active areas for sex trafficking in the nation, often involving young women from poor homes or countries. Why is sex trafficking such a problem in Portland? Many have pointed to Portland's large sex industry and the surrounding rural areas ideal for hiding victims. Attend this workshop to learn what is being done to address this growing problem. *Presenters: Carol Fenton, Gregory Moawad & Wynne Wakkila*

R. What's your Cyber Identity?

Will your "Facebook" posting prevent you from getting the job of your dreams? The growth of social networking services like "My Space" and "Facebook" makes your personal identity available to anyone with a computer, including potential employers who are using online postings to screen job applicants. Learn about the pitfalls of posting on social networking sites as well as ways to protect yourself from identity theft. *Presenters: Andrew Lavin and Officer Fred Wiechman*