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TILE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the fall 2025 semester and the first TILE Institute newsletter of the academic year! The TILE Institute has been busy planning fall events for the law school community and is excited to share some news and announcements with you here.

News

TILE Institute Website:

Over the summer, TILE Research Assistants Tanveer Kaur (LL.M. '25) and Brandon McNeel (Flex JD '25) applied their webmaster skills to update the [TILE Institute website](#). Check out videos from SITIE's successful June Innovation and Technology Law conference on "*Regulating Artificial Intelligence*" as well as information about the TILE Institute 2025 symposium on "*Why Libraries Matter Now More than Ever to Democracy*" happening later this month, as well as other summer '25 TILE [news and announcements](#).

TILE Certificate:

Graduating JD students are eligible to apply for a TILE certificate. Awarded to students who meet rigorous requirements, this certificate is noted on the students' diplomas and transcripts. The certificate currently requires 20 minimum credits of TILE-related coursework.

If you are a JD student who is graduating in December 2025, please submit [your application](#) by **September 15** to TILE Faculty Director and Professor [Maggie Chon](#). If you are a JD student graduating in May 2026, please plan to submit your application by **January 12, 2026** to Professor Chon. Non-graduating JD students can use the application form as a guide to choosing courses.

Welcome to New TILE-Affiliated Faculty:

Please welcome three new career faculty members affiliated with the TILE Institute and who are prolific scholars in a variety of technology law subject areas. [Assistant Professor Chryssa Deliganis](#) (whom some students might have already enjoyed as a visiting professor) has joined the career faculty and will continue to teach courses related to health law, in addition to civil procedure, professional responsibility, and property. Joining the career faculty from Gonzaga Law School is [Associate Professor Jeffrey Omari](#), who teaches media law, in addition to administrative law and constitutional law. And [Assistant Professor Mark Verstraete](#) teaches privacy law as well as other technology law courses, in addition to property law. We are fortunate to have such a talented group of new professors join our already impressive roster of [TILE-affiliated faculty](#), both adjunct and career.

Deadline for Seattle IP American Inn of Court Applications:

The [Seattle Intellectual Property \(IP\) American Inn of Court](#) is an organization dedicated to improving the skills, ethics, and professionalism of the Seattle IP Bar, with participating law students, lawyers, academics, and judges. Members typically meet once per month during the academic year on Thursday evenings for networking and a continuing legal education (CLE) program focused on education and skills development.

Students who join the IP Inn of Court are required to attend monthly meetings and participate in presenting CLE programs. The law school underwrites students' membership fees. 2Ls and 3Ls may apply for membership by sending an updated one page resume and a thoughtful and compelling statement of interest (maximum 250 words) to [Matt Etter](#), Assistant Dean of the Center for Professional Development. Your statement should describe your interest in IP and why you wish to join the Seattle IP Inn of Court. Applications are due on **Friday, September 5 at noon**.

Tech Law Pro Bono Opportunity:

Law students who are interested in privacy, cybersecurity, and digital security can volunteer with [Opt-Inspire, Inc.](#), a newly formed non-profit that seeks to educate vulnerable communities to detect and avoid on-line scams. Interested students can [register here](#). Any questions should be directed to connect@optinspire.org or [Angie López Cardona](#) (LL.M. '25, CIPP/US).

IAPP Student Discounts:

The [International Association of Privacy Professionals \(IAPP\)](#) offers students a one-year membership and substantial discounts on the exams below.

- Certified Information Privacy Professional U.S. (CIPP/US)
- Certified Information Privacy Professional Europe (CIPP/E)
- Certified Information Privacy Professional Canada (CIPP/C)
- Certified Information Privacy Professional in Management (CIPM)
- Certified Information Privacy Professional in Technology (CIPT)

To obtain the discount on any of these exams, please contact Sophia Orlando at orlandosophi@seattleu.edu. Please note that the TILE institute is a liaison only and can only respond to logistical questions about student discounts. If you have further questions, please contact [Angie López Cardona](#) (LL.M. '25, CIPP/US), who passed the CIPP/US certifying exam and is willing to share her insights with students.

TILE Monthly Meetings

This semester, TILE monthly meetings will be held on the *third Tuesday* of each month in room 109 at noon, unless otherwise indicated. A light lunch will be provided for those who attend in person. If you cannot attend in person, [here is the Zoom link](#). All interested students, staff, and faculty are invited to attend.

The first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 16** at noon. There will be a brief meet and greet with TILE-affiliated student organizations, followed by a talk from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. by [Mary Fuller](#), Regional Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Western Regional Office. A licensed patent attorney and adjunct professor at Santa Clara Law School, Ms. Fuller will discuss careers in intellectual property law.

Student organizations interested in organizing speakers for the October or November TILE Monthly meeting can contact TILE Faculty Director and Professor [Maggie Chon](#).

Other Upcoming Events

Campus Discussion on AI, Emerging Technologies, and Spirituality:

On Monday **September 15**, the [Seattle University Technology Ethics Initiative](#) and Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement invite the university community to an evening with Fr. Paolo Benanti, Visiting Distinguished Scholar at Seattle University, for a presentation and discussion on Artificial Intelligence, Emerging Technologies, and Spirituality. [RSVP here](#).

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton "SEA-LE":

The Kilpatrick SEA-LE is a Seattle-based CLE program designed specifically for in-house counsel, with a focus on practical legal developments and peer discussion. Three Seattle U Law students are invited to participate, courtesy of Kilpatrick associate and TILE adjunct professor Jenny Goak ('SU 17) and managing partner Patrick Njiem ('11).

This year, the SEA-LE will be held at the Edgewater Hotel on Tuesday, **September 16** from 2 - 5:30 p.m. Topics include: Counterfeit Crackdown: Navigating IP Enforcement and Supply Chain Risks in China; Standing Firm Against Patent Trolls: Proactive Approaches and Preventive Measures; and Ethics in Patent Law. Interested students should contact TILE Faculty Director and Professor [Maggie Chon](#).

TILE Institute 2025 Symposium:

On **September 30** from noon to 3:30 p.m., the TILE Institute will host its [2025 Symposium on "Why Libraries Matter Now More than Ever to Democracy: Legal Issues Affecting the Future of Public Knowledge."](#) Co-sponsored by the Seattle University Law Review and the Seattle Journal of Technology, Environmental & Innovation Law, this timely symposium brings together national experts in copyright law, technology, and libraries to discuss key legal issues and propose sustainable future directions to steward the public knowledge that is one of the key pillars of a functioning democracy. The main program will be followed by a reception in the law school's second floor gallery. [RSVP here](#).

Did you know . . .

You can sign up to receive time-sensitive announcements from TILE through SU Connect. This will give you breaking news and announcements, in addition to this newsletter published at the beginning of each month of the school year. To connect to the TILE Institute, please follow these steps:

1. Navigate to the mySeattleU portal by visiting my.seattleu.edu.
2. Enter your SU username and password.

3. Once logged in, look for the link or tile for ConnectSU. The portal is sometimes listed under the name "Redhawk Connect" or is part of the Center for Student Involvement section.
4. Once here, search "TILE" in the top search bar. It should be the first option that pops up.
5. Click on this page and you should see a prominent "Join" button. By clicking this, your request will be submitted to the group's leadership.

TILE not only permits but encourages reposting of this newsletter and/or other TILE news on social media. If you see a TILE-related announcement here or elsewhere that you think would be of interest to others, please share the content with your networks! We appreciate your willingness to spread the word about the Program.

[Check here for other TILE Institute announcements and news!](#) And if you have announcements or news to include in next month's newsletter, or have taken any photos at a TILE event that you'd like to share with us, please contact TILE Faculty Director [Margaret Chon](#).

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