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Welcome back to fall semester classes! New courses and developments in the TILE Program are already underway (for example, see Dean Varona's recent post [here](#)). Over the summer, TILE offered another wonderful iteration of our [SITIE initiative](#) along with the [Seventh Annual Law and Innovation Conference](#) on the impacts of generative AI. And we've been busy planning more activities and events for this academic year. So please stay tuned!

Note to readers: We are sending just this September 2024 issue to all Seattle U Law faculty, staff, and students. If you have not received this newsletter in the past and would like to keep receiving it, please contact our new TILE assistant [Sophia Orlando \(orlandosophi@seattleu.edu\)](#) and let her know you'd like to be added to our TILE mailing list for future mailings.

NEWS

TILE Annual Celebration of Alumni: The TILE Program welcomes the university community, alumni, and friends to the Program's Annual Celebration of Alumni, on Monday, **September 30 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** This year's event will feature keynote remarks from [Gaia Bernstein](#), a renowned thought leader on the regulation of addictive technologies and the Technology, Privacy and Policy Professor of Law at Seton Hall University School of Law. Please join us – it will be not only informative but also a valuable and energizing opportunity to make new connections in our growing TILE community. [RSVP here](#).

Mark your Calendars: The TILE monthly meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month in **room 110 at noon**. A light lunch will be provided for those who attend in person.

- On **Tuesday, September 10**, TILE faculty directors and TILE-affiliated student organization representatives will share their plans for the upcoming academic year. These include the following TILE-affiliated student organizations:
 - [Artificial Intelligence Law Society](#)
 - [Business and Entrepreneurship Law Association](#)
 - [Intellectual Property Law Society](#)
 - [Privacy Law Student Association](#)
 - [Seattle Journal of Technology, Environmental & Innovation Law](#)
 - [Space Law Society](#)
 - [Technology, Media, and Telecommunications Law Association](#)

If you cannot attend in person, the Zoom link [is here](#).

On **Tuesday, October 8**: If you are a student with a degree (or at least two years of coursework) in engineering, computer sciences or the hard sciences (chemistry, biology, physics, or related fields), and are interested in becoming a Patent Agent or Attorney, [Practising Law Institute \(PLI\)](#) invites you to a presentation by [Mark Dighton, PLI's Director of Law School Relations](#) and Administrative Director of their Patent Office Exam Course. Mark will discuss: the latest info on the Patent Office Exam, who can take it, how it works (it's on computer and "on demand"), when you should take it (you don't need to and probably shouldn't wait until you graduate), and recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam. Scholarships to PLI's other IP programs will also be discussed. If you cannot attend in person, the Zoom link [is here](#).

- Our event on **Tuesday, November 12** is under construction and tba.

New TILE Certificate Program Reminder: As announced in the summer TILE newsletter, the TILE Program now offers a new TILE Certificate for graduating J.D. students. If you are in your final year of law school, please consult the information [provided here](#) for important information on how and when to apply.

International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) Discount Available: Students interested in getting an [IAPP certificate](#) qualify for a discounted fee for any of the IAPP exams. Enrolled students pay only \$100 for each exam. Ever since the

TILE Program announced our collaboration with IAPP last September, about two dozen Seattle U Law students have signed up for this program. And we are pleased to congratulate LL.M. student [Esther Arokun](mailto:earokun@seattleu.edu) (earokun@seattleu.edu) for passing the CIPP exam this summer! Esther is happy to talk to any student who would like more information about her tips on passing this challenging exam. If you would like to take advantage of this student program, please contact our new TILE assistant [Sophia Orlando](mailto:orlandosophi@seattleu.edu) (orlandosophi@seattleu.edu) by e-mail. (Note that you must take the exam within one year after the TILE program submits your name and you pay the fee.)

From 2L Darian Mullen: [Law School Link](#) is a program that is available through the American Intellectual Property Law Association ([AIPLA](#)) and that provides its student members with access to [mentoring](#), networking, and [education](#) opportunities across the country in both in-person and online formats. [Membership](#) in Law School Link is only available to student members of the AIPLA, and is free for the first time this year to students currently enrolled in law school.

Students may be assigned directly to a mentor in a 1-on-1 or in small group format. These mentors will guide students throughout their law school careers and beyond. The AIPLA maintains a strong relationship with recent graduates, supporting them through the [new lawyers](#) division until they are ten years out of law school. Additionally, the AIPLA focuses strongly on networking, by hosting several events throughout the country. Student rates are available for those who decide to travel to conferences. Finally, the AIPLA supports students with [scholarships](#) and awards through application or placement in moot court competitions.

If you have an interest in intellectual property law and would like the support of a national organization throughout law school and beyond, consider becoming a member of the AIPLA and joining the law school link program at Seattle University. Please direct any questions to your student liaison, Darian Mullen (dmullen@seattleu.edu).

Washington State-TILE Patent Pro Bono Hub: The TILE Program is pleased to announce the launch of the [Washington State-TILE Patent Pro Bono Hub](#), in collaboration with the [U.S. Patent and Trademark Office](#). This Hub connects qualified low-income inventors in Washington state with experienced patent

attorneys, offering inventors *pro bono* assistance in preparing and filing both provisional and non-provisional patent applications. Information and application forms can be [found here](#). Patent attorneys or agents interested in volunteering are encouraged to visit [this page](#) for more information on how to get involved. TILE is currently working on opportunities for student involvement; if interested, please e-mail [Professor Margaret Chon](#).

Quotes from our Adjunct Professors: TILE is extremely fortunate to have a terrific group of knowledgeable, experienced, and generous practitioners who also serve as [adjunct professors](#) associated with the Program. Over the summer, TILE Research Assistant and 3L [Ania Smeraldo](#) interviewed some of our adjuncts and visiting professors, to get their perspectives on what their courses offer students. Here are a couple of quotes from Professors [Katherine McDaniel](#) and [Chuck Cosson](#) on their [Cybersecurity](#) course (to be offered again in Spring 2025):

- There will be a scenario in which every head in the room will turn and look at you and ask [if they must comply with certain privacy laws. We're] getting [students] prepared so they not only know the law but have a sense of how to manage one's own emotions in that moment, remember the facts, and think about the arguments for business people besides saying "it's the law." This class is meant to be useful not just as an academic exercise, but a passing of the torch, in a sense. (Chuck)
- The most important skill a lawyer can have is the ability to understand the big picture, and what the client's ultimate goals are, and translate the legal risk into practical advice. This is true in all areas of the law, but it takes a lot more practice in the cyber area because legal risks and cyber risks are one and the same, and some technical concepts can be more challenging to boil down for a business audience. There's a lot of value add for individuals who can both understand the legal side and technical side, and translate all of that into business language. (Katherine)

And congratulations to Professor [Maja Thompson](#), who received the adjunct professor of the year this summer! Professor Thompson teaches one of our SITIE courses, [The Role of In-house Counsel: Lawyering Within an Organization](#).

We plan to feature different adjuncts in each newsletter, to showcase their wealth of information for students.

Did you know . . .

- that 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 announcements and news!](#) If you have announcements or news to include in next month's newsletter, please contact TILE faculty co-directors Professors [Steven Bender](#) and/or [Margaret Chon](#).