

Society of American Law Teachers—SALT

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SALT Files Amicus in CLS v. Martinez

On March 15th, SALT filed an amicus brief in the [CLS v. Martinez](#) case presently pending before the United States Supreme Court. Longtime SALT friend, Danny Greenberg, special counsel at Schulte, Roth & Zabel LLP, arranged for SALT to retain the firm as *pro bono* counsel. The Schulte Roth team, led by partner Mark Mandel, with senior associate Frank LaSalle as the primary author, worked with the SALT LGBT Committee and the SALT board to craft a filing that captures the unique interest that law faculty have in a non-discriminatory learning environment.

SALT thanks Richard Abrahams, co-chair of the Litigation Department, Danny Greenberg, special counsel, Mark Mandel, Frank LaSalle, Brian Kohn, Peter Lattanzio, Theresa Concepcion, Eliza Jacobs and Nicole Davidson for their expertise, generosity, and diligence despite a very narrow time frame in which to research, draft, edit, and finalize the brief for submission.

[Read the SALT amicus brief.](#)

SALT Criticizes Virginia Attorney General's Call to Suspend Public College and University Anti-Discrimination Policies for Sexual Orientation

Also on March 15th, SALT issued a Statement addressing the recent calls by Virginia Attorney General to suspend public colleges and universities anti-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation.

“Attorney General Cuccinelli’s letter is an affront to the ideals of equal protection under the law, established legal precedent recognizing constitutional protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation, and well-established principles of academic freedom. SALT calls on the Virginia General Assembly to condemn the Attorney General’s statement and to affirm the authority colleges and universities have to maintain their current non-discrimination policies.”

[Read SALT’s March 15, 2010 Statement.](#)

SALT Files Comments on ABA Presidential Diversity Initiative Preliminary Report

At its mid-winter meeting, the ABA Presidential Diversity Initiative issued its preliminary report [Diversity in the Legal Profession: The Next Steps](#), authored in part by SALT former co-president Margaret Montoya and SALT member Marc-Tizoc González. Comments were encouraged and SALT responded on March 15th. [Read SALT's Comments on the ABA Presidential Diversity Initiative.](#)

Membership—Why Join SALT?

On Monday, March 15th, through the extraordinary work of SALT committees and board members, three documents were released, each having an important impact on the legal profession, the legal academy, and the way we interact with each other in a civil society. Isn't this good reason to join SALT today?

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SALT Calendar

- **Last Chance!!! March 19-20:** San Francisco, CA [Vulnerable Populations and Economic Realities Conference](#), co-sponsored by SALT and Golden Gate University School of Law. [Last Chance to register!!](#)
- **March 19:** Washington DC, [Servicemembers Legal Defense Network Lobby Day](#). Buses leaving from Fordham University Law School for NY metropolitan students and faculty. [For more information, click here.](#)
- **Last Chance!!! March 21:** San Francisco, CA [Breaking In: On Becoming a Law Professor, Adjunct or Administrator](#), co-sponsored with Golden Gate University School of Law. [Last Chance to register!!](#)
- **March 25-28:** Columbia, [SC Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference](#)
- **New!!! April 15-16:** South Royalton and Burlington, VT: [The Law and Politics of Marriage & Equality: the Nation, Vermont & the World](#)
- **April 16:** Denver, CO, Deconstructing the Ballot Initiative: The Role of Citizens and Scholars. [Free registration!](#)

Calls for Papers and Proposals

- April 26—[LatCrit XV Conference](#)
- June 15—National People of Color Scholarship Conference, [Junior Faculty](#) and [Student Competition](#) Submissions

For your students: Summer Internship in Orange County, CA

Community Lawyers, Inc. (CLI), in association with the Legal Aid Society of Orange County and Community Legal Services, seeks law students for its summer internship program that focuses on providing legal assistance to low- and moderate-income clients. The internship program is structured to strengthen the relationships between the private bar and legal aid organizations in Los Angeles and Orange counties to increase the options available to legal services consumers.

The internship program will commence on Tuesday, June 1, 2010. If you are interested in participating in CLI's 10-week internship program, please email a cover letter indicating why you are a good candidate for this program, a resume and the contact information for three references to Brittney Coley at <mailto:bcoley@community-lawyers.org> by **Friday, March 19, 2010**. We intend to make our final selection by April 9, 2010. The size of our summer program depends on our fundraising efforts therefore only three students will be eligible for a stipend. Please indicate in your cover letter if you do not require a summer stipend or your law school provides you with a full stipend.