Title of Talk: Domestic Violence Reform  
Speaker: Professor Deborah Epstein  
Room: MCD 206 | Time: 9:00 a.m.

Talk Description: Professor Epstein directs the Law Center’s Domestic Violence Clinic. She will describe groundbreaking reforms in the way the District of Columbia handles civil and criminal complaints about family violence and conduct a tour to observe hearings in the D.C. Superior Court’s Domestic Violence Unit.

Title of Talk: Law School for Libertarians and Conservatives  
Speaker: Professor Randy Barnett  
Room: MCD 200 | Time: 9:30 a.m.

Talk Description: Whatever school they attend, libertarian and conservative law students face special challenges. In this session, Professor Barnett -- who also directs the Georgetown Center for the Constitution -- will candidly identify these challenges, and offer tips for meeting them at Georgetown Law, so you can get the most from your law school experience.

Title of Talk: Public Interest Lawyering: Opportunities and Challenges  
Speaker: Professor Peter Edelman  
Room: MCD 205 | Time: 9:30 a.m.

Talk Description: In the world of Thurgood Marshall, simple justice was available by a vote of 9 to 0. (Or was it?) In the world of Clarence Thomas, lawyers who want to pursue the public interest (as defined by people like Justice Marshall) have to use multiple strategies, in multiple venues, involving multiple skills. What is justice – economic, social, or racial – is not so simple to articulate, and getting it actualized is not so easy (not that achieving Brown was so easy). This session will explore the evolution of public interest lawyering since Brown and what various public interest lawyering careers and roles look like in a new century.

Title of Talk: Seeking Political Asylum in America  
Speaker: Professor Philip Schrag and Gilbert Berinyuy  
Room: MCD 207 | Time: 9:30 a.m.

Talk Description: Professor Schrag directs the Law Center’s asylum law clinic, the Center for Applied Legal Studies (CALS). He is also the co-author of Asylum Denied: A Refugee’s Struggle for Safety in America (University of California Press, 2008). He will discuss the personal, historical, political and bureaucratic context of that book. Asylum Denied is the harrowing story of the Kenyan government’s persecution and torture of David Ngaruri Kenney in order to stop a peaceful protest that he had organized, Kenney’s astonishing escape to the United States, and his Kafkaesque encounters with U.S. immigration officials, in which he was represented by law students enrolled in CALS. Despite their efforts, he was ordered deported to Africa, where he came close to being murdered again before finally achieving safety in America. In this talk, Professor Schrag will connect Kenney’s extraordinary odyssey through the court system to the origins and development of the U.S. asylum process, its successes, and the unfortunate randomness of asylum adjudication, which he has called “refugee roulette.” Gilbert Berinyuy will discuss his persecution by the government of Cameroon, his escape, and his representation by students in the CALS clinic, which resulted, after a hard-fought case, in a grant of asylum by the federal immigration court.
Title of Talk: How Can You Represent Those People?  
Speaker: Professor Abbe Smith  
Room: MCD 203 | Time: 11:00 a.m.  

Talk Description: Professor Smith is Director of the Criminal Defense and Prisoner Advocacy Clinic, which offers students an intensive experience in indigent criminal defense and prisoner advocacy. She will discuss her latest book, which is a collection of essays on criminal defense, as well as her own evolution as a criminal lawyer.

Title of Talk: Network Neutrality: Whose Internet Is It?  
Speaker: Professor Andrew J. Schwartzman  
Room: MCD 205 | Time: 11:00 a.m.  

Talk Description: Professor Schwartzman of the Institute for Public Representation (IPR) will discuss the Federal Communications Commission's recently initiated proceeding to repeal the so-called Network Neutrality rules. The controversial rules were adopted in 2015 to prohibit Internet service providers from impeding users' access to websites. The IPR is a public interest law firm and clinical education program at Georgetown Law; attorneys at the Institute act as counsel for groups and individuals who are unable to obtain effective legal representation on matters that have a significant impact on issues of broad public importance, including work in the areas of first amendment and media law, environmental law, and civil rights.

Title of Talk: Leaving Transgender Students Vulnerable: The Rescission of Title IX Guidance  
Speaker: Professor Nan Hunter and Sandy E. James, L’13  
Room: MCD 207 | Time: 11:00 a.m.  

Talk Description: Professor Nan Hunter and Sandy James, L’13 will discuss the rights of transgender students under federal law. In May 2016, the U.S. Department of Education issued guidance directing schools to allow transgender students to use the bathroom and facilities corresponding with their gender identity. The DoE guidance was based on its interpretation that the prohibition of sex discrimination in Title IX covered discrimination based on gender identity. In February 2017, in response to a case then pending in the Supreme Court, the current Administration withdrew these protections for transgender students. Professor Hunter will address the legal and policy implications of broader interpretations of “discrimination based on sex.” Sandy James will focus on his work leading the research team that developed the U.S. Transgender Survey and the results of that survey.

Title of Talk: Defining Success in Law School: Your OWN Version  
Speaker: Professor Amy Uelmen  
Room: MCD 206 | Time: 12:30 p.m.  

Lunch will be served on first come, first served. This talk is only open to J.D. students.  

At the beginning of your first year of law school, it can be difficult to get past fixed definitions of what "success" might mean in this environment. This interactive workshop offers tools to develop your own vision of how to define success and to stay focused on the values, practices, resources and relationships that will keep you grounded in your own approach. Enjoy lunch and discussion with other incoming JDs who wish to delve into these questions.