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From the Editors

Dear ACLPA employee and external reader,

This is already the last newsletter of the academic calendar year. It's been an exciting few months with, among other things, the Higher Education Premium that we [won](#) with Amsterdam Law Practice. This prize is a nice recognition for ethics education at our faculty, which from 2023 will also be explicitly placed in the key to experiential education in the Bachelor's programme.

We also had a wonderful student meeting about the right of non-disclosure in the corporate legal profession. This meeting was conceived and organized by Master student's Roos de Rooij and Mika Hermans.

Unfortunately, the term for the Chair of Legal Profession for Diana de Wolff has now ended. We would like to enormously thank Diana for the fantastic way in which she has given substance to this chair in recent years and for her commitment to the ACLPA. We will of course also reflect on this during the ACLPA summer drinks that will take place on 1 July.

This is also the last newsletter provided by Mika because he will soon have successfully completed his master's degree and will therefore leave the ACLPA. Mika: many thanks for all of your fantastic work for the ACLPA! We would like to also raise a glass to you during our summer drinks event.

Then it remains up to us, if we no longer see each other on July 1st, to wish you a very nice summer!

The ACLPA Core Team,
Ruth de Bock, Iris van Domselaar, Rolf Ortlep, Rachel Rietveld and Anna van Duin

Centre Highlights



Amsterdam Law Practice Receives a Higher Education Premium

The [Amsterdam Law Practice](#) (ALP), an experiential education programme for Master's students of the UvA's Faculty of Law, has received a Dutch [Higher Education Premium](#) from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. The premium is intended as a sign of appreciation for educational teams that deliver a top performance. In addition, it is an

incentive for teachers to continue working on educational innovation and knowledge sharing. Many people from ACLPA are involved in the ALP: [Gerrit Jan Pulles](#), [Fleur Brockhus](#), [Rachel Rietveld](#), [Iris van Domselaar](#) and [Rosa Lokin-Möhrlein](#). Minister Robbert Dijkgraaf presented the prize on 12 May during the Comenius festival. The prize consists of a sum of money. This allows the educational program to be further developed. Congratulations, ALP team!

Symposium Legal Aid 2.0 - Towards a Digitization of Social Legal Services?

On 25 March, the ACLPA – in collaboration with the Amsterdam Law Hub – organised the Symposium Legal Aid 2.0, with the central question: What about the digitisation of social legal services? An [article](#) has appeared on our website in which we bundle various opinion pieces and take a look back on an inspiring symposium.

Legal Virtue Ethics in Institutional and Organizational Contexts Workshop

On 2 June, ACLPA and Edinburgh Law School organized a [workshop](#) entitled 'Legal virtue ethics in institutional and organisational contexts'. Speakers included Santiago Mejía (Fordham University), Edward Brooks (Oxford University), Boudewijn de Bruin (University of Groningen) and Richard Brooks (New York University).

Heidag Post-Initial Education

On 10 June, an ACLPA heath day was held on the development of post-initial education. The participants of this heath day were [Iris van Domselaar](#), [Rachel Rietveld](#), Nathalie Dijkman, Arnt Mein, Imber van Dijk and [Rolf Ortlep](#). Together they have taken concrete steps to develop a master class for government lawyers who are confronted with rule of law, legal, technological and professional ethical issues. It is expected that this masterclass will be put on the market in the autumn.

The Right of Non-Disclosure in the Corporate Legal Profession

On 14 June, the ACLPA – in collaboration with the Faculty Student Council – organised a student event about (the limits of) the right of non-disclosure of the corporate legal profession. First, a number of expert speakers from the practice gave a (short) lecture about their vision on the subject, after

which a discussion with the audience took place. Afterwards, drinks were shared. Speakers included Nathalie Fanoy (PhD, Van Rijckevorsel Mencke) and Jan Leliveld (Van Doorne).

Legal Profession & Professional Ethics

In block 2 of the second semester, the course [Advocacy & Professional Ethics](#) took place. In this course, which was taught by [Diana de Wolff](#), [Iris van Domselaar](#), [Tamara Butter](#) and [Gerrit Jan Pulles](#), studied the special role of the lawyer in the rule of law, the standards that apply to lawyers, the values to which they relate, and the ethical dilemmas they may face in daily practice. We would like to thank all students for their efforts. We also thank Robert Sanders, Sophie de Graaf, Paul Boontje, Daan Doorenbos, Joost Linnemann, Bernard de Leest and Jelle Klaas for their inspiring guest appearances.

Legal Tech Lab

The ALP course [Legal Tech Lab](#), taught by [Rachel Rietveld](#), has also come to an end. Legal Tech is a fast-growing development that stands for innovative, technological changes in the application and approach of the law. Both the practical and ethical side of the digitization of law are central to the profession. At the end of the plenary education, the students started working in groups on a digitization assignment for their client.

New Employee



The ACLPA recently welcomed a new member. Below, our future professor [Nadja Jungmann](#) introduces herself. Welcome Nadja!

My name is Nadja Jungmann. As of 1 September, I will be filling in the Bregstein Chair for the next three years. I will be taking over from Ruth de Bock. At the moment I am a lecturer in Debts and Debt Collection at the Hogeschool Utrecht. In the past ten years, I have been working on the question of how debt problems affect the behaviour of natural persons and how legislation aimed at tackling debts works out in practice. In combination with my research, I train professionals who work with people living in poverty and with debt from different capacities. The training courses bring me weekly to the work floors of debt assistance, the bailiff, ZBO's such as the SVB, and foundations like Achmea Legal Aid, among other things.

ACLPA in the Media



ACLPA Blog

As you know, this year we began a regular ACLPA Blog series. In the past months, we have formed a editorial board under the leadership of [Rolf Ortlep](#), which is made up of [Rolf Ortlep](#), [Fleur Brockhus](#), [Mika Hermans](#) en [Lindsay Morehouse](#).

- **ACLPA blog April**
[Marc de Werd](#) writes about the Polish rule of law crisis.

[Read more](#)

Marc also wrote an [opinion piece](#) in the NRC.

- **ACLPA blog May**

[Rolf Ortlep](#) write about the magic words of intellectual resilience and reflection.

[Read more](#)

- Recently, [Diana de Wolff's blog](#) (dated March 3) was also picked up in the [article](#) 'Lawyer who assisted Russia in infamous Yukos case at the Supreme Court' in the *Mr. Online*.

[Find the ACLPA blog here!](#)

Report District Court Eindhoven Mentioned in NRC

- An [article](#) has been written in the NRC in which reference is made to the report on the Eindhoven district court by [Nienke Doornbos](#) and Romy Hanoeman.

Publications



Kasper Krzemiński in Ars Aequi

In the [May issue](#) of *Ars Aequi*, [Kasper Krzemiński](#) provides a short tour of the legal and extra-legal information obligations in Dutch attachment and enforcement law. Can a debtor be obliged to disclose his income and capital position in the Netherlands and abroad? Or can the debtor refuse this with an appeal to privacy or a variant of the *nemo-tenetur* principle?

Mies Westerveld in NJB

What exactly do we mean by 'toegang tot het recht'? Mies is aware that this is a translation of the English 'access to justice' and that our 'law' seems less promising than the term 'justice'. But what about in countries where they have been using the term 'access to justice' for years? Is it clearer there or will access to justice remain 'a problematic concept'? You can read it in the [accompanying article](#).

Conclusion A-G Ruth de Bock – Criticism of 'Plain Legal Language'

In her [conclusion](#) on an employment law case, Advocate General [Ruth de Bock](#) openly expressed her doubts about the use of 'clear language' in court decisions: 'clear language' can make legal protection by the Supreme Court a lot more problematic. [On LinkedIn](#), this is supported, but also criticized. See also the [summary article](#) in the *Mr. Online*.

Contributions of Marc de Werd

[Marc de Werd](#) contributed to a draft for Opinion of the Council of Europe on the freedom of expression of judges in Berlin from 11-13 May as part of his membership of the Consultative Council of European Judges. On 22 May he gave a lecture in Gdansk (Poland) on the rule of law crisis in Poland and its consequences for the law of surrender. Furthermore, on 27 May, Marc gave a lecture for the University of Krakow on the consequences of the COVID regulations for fair trial in criminal law.

Rolf Ortlep Gives a Lecture for the Netherlands Authority for Consumers & Markets

On 9 May, [Rolf Ortlep](#) gave a lecture during the piling days for the employees of Legal Affairs of the Netherlands Authority for Consumers & Markets. In his lecture Rolf talked about how in current administrative law it is even more important for both administrative bodies and administrative judges to find a balance between regulation and empathetic legal application. Principles such as reasonableness and fairness, proportionality and service are leading. [Iris van Domselaar](#) and Rolf will provide an in-depth course on this subject on 3 October 2022 for the Academy of Legislation and the Academy for Government Lawyers.

Iris van Domselaar Gives a Workshop at the Court of Oost-Brabant

[Iris van Domselaar](#) gave a workshop on 17 June at the District Court of Oost-Brabant on the ethical aspects of clear language in court decisions.

New Works by Jacobine van den Brink

[Jacobine van den Brink](#) responds to the findings of a sample of Haute Equipe which shows that more than half of the municipalities in the

Netherlands are at risk when granting subsidies. On 20 May, Jacobine also gave a workshop on subsidising religious organisations during a symposium on religious freedom. Despite the secularization of Dutch society, religious and philosophical organizations receive subsidies with which socially desirable activities are carried out.

Masterclass Legal Management by Rachel Rietveld on YouTube

A new way of sharing knowledge: the AUAS Master's in Legal Management offers free masterclasses on its own YouTube channel. Inspiring speakers will address stimulating questions that are in-depth and relevant for anyone interested in the legal domain. Curious? Watch [Rachel Rietveld's masterclass](#) on 'why you shouldn't follow the rules.'

Upcoming Events



Talent Factory: A Tailor-Made Workshop on Career and Pitching Advice for PhD Candidates

Tuesday 21 June - Thursday 23 June (13.00)

[More information](#)



Summer Drinks ACLPA (internal)

Friday 1 July (15.30-18.00)



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