

## **Free Legal Consults to Help Entrepreneurs and BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and Women-Owned Small Businesses Navigate Corporate Law, Employment Law, and Intellectual Property Law Issues**

### **Starting July 29**

Professor Jennifer Fan from the University of Washington's School of Law and Professor Elizabeth Umphress from UW's Foster School of Business have partnered to help entrepreneurs and BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and women-owned small businesses and non-profits mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. Their initiative, "Helping BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and Women-Owned Small Businesses Survive and Thrive Post-COVID-19," is funded by UW's Population Health Initiative and will feature five virtual negotiation trainings led by Professor Umphress as well as several one-on-one free legal consults for small business owners.

Free one-on-one legal consults will be offered virtually every other Wednesday evening beginning July 29, 2020 from 4-6 p.m. throughout the next several months. During each 30-minute consult, Professor Fan or a volunteer attorney will assist entrepreneurs or BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and women small business owners navigate corporate law, employment law, and intellectual property law issues. Reference librarians from The Seattle Public Library will also be available during these consults to help with resources.

Although the consults are free, registration through The Seattle Public Library is required. Please register for a consult by clicking the event that you are interested in. Legal consults and topics fall on the following dates:

#### **Virtual Office Hours—Employment Law Consults:**

- [Wednesday, July 29 4-6 p.m.](#)
- Wednesday, September 9 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 21 4-6 p.m.

#### **Virtual Office Hours—Intellectual Property Law Consults:**

- [Wednesday, August 26 4-6 p.m.](#)
- Wednesday, October 7 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 18 4-6 p.m.

#### **Virtual Office Hours—Corporate Law Consults:**

- [Wednesday, August 12 4-6 p.m.](#)
- Wednesday, September 23 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 4 4-6 p.m.

If you have questions about this initiative or your small business needs help with trademark, patent, or company formation issues, please [reach out to the University of Washington's Entrepreneurial Law Clinic](#) or [learn more here](#).

In addition to free legal consults, the initiative will also provide negotiation trainings throughout August and September to help entrepreneurs and BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and women-owned businesses learn more about negotiation tactics. You can learn more about the negotiation trainings **here**.