

THE RE-UP

Your monthly fix on all news: drug, policy, and law related.

Highlights from LSSDP's Drug Use & Knowledge Survey

- ✦ 71 total student responses
- ✦ Cannabis was the most commonly used recreational drug (80.3% of students have used it), followed by psilocybin mushrooms (43.7%), and cocaine (40.8%).
- ✦ Most students know someone, friend(s) (83.1%) and/or family member(s) (76.1%), who have struggled with substance use.

Drug Myth of the Month

Myth: It is safe to self-medicate with Ivermectin to treat Covid-19.

Fact: Ivermectin has not been approved by the FDA to treat Covid-19.

Mental Health/ Substance Use Resource

If you, a fellow law student, or an attorney you know is struggling with mental health, substance use, or other challenges, Oregon Attorney Assistance Program (OAAP) has counselors available 24 hours a day by email, phone, and video teleconference. Please visit oaap.org or call (503) 226-1057 for assistance.



Challenges to Roe v. Wade

On September 1, 2021, Texas's Heartbeat Act went into effect. This Texas law bans abortions at the "first detectable heartbeat" which usually happens around 6 weeks into the pregnancy, when many persons don't even know they're pregnant yet. There are no exceptions for rape or incest, only for medical emergencies that put the pregnant person's health at risk. The Act also provides for a private cause of action that allows private individuals to enforce the law. It allows anyone to sue a Texas doctor who performs or intends to perform an abortion, or anyone who aides a woman in receiving an abortion. Anyone who successfully sues an abortion provider will be entitled to at least \$10,000 and a court order preventing the abortion provider from providing abortions in the future. Abortion providers filed an emergency appeal with the United States Supreme Court, but on a 5-4 vote the Court denied the emergency appeal. On September 9, 2021, the U.S. Department of Justice filed suit against Texas claiming the Act is invalid under the Supremacy Clause and is



Oregon Legislative 2021 Update

SB 397: Modifies procedures for motions to set aside conviction, arrest, citation, charge, finding of contempt of court, or judgment of guilty except for insanity. Effective January 1, 2022.



The Spike in Drinking & Recreational Drug Use During the Holidays

- ✦ Drug and alcohol relapse rates spike 150% during the holidays.
- ✦ In surveys conducted by the American Addiction Centers, 29% of people report drinking more during the holidays, over 84% of respondents were more stressed during the holidays, and 25% of respondents reported higher levels of depression.
- ✦ Causes of the spike in substance and alcohol use:
 - ✦ Stress
 - ✦ Isolation
 - ✦ Holiday Grieving
 - ✦ Lack of Support

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preempted by federal law.

SCOTUS' next session begins on October 4, 2021, and the Court is set to hear oral arguments on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* on December 1, 2021. *Dobbs* poses a serious threat to *Roe v. Wade* because the Mississippi law bans most abortions after 15 weeks, while *Roe* declared a right to terminate a pregnancy, with few state restrictions, in the first 6 months of pregnancy. Mississippi and Texas are not the only states that have limited or attempted to significantly limit the right to have an abortion; almost half of the states place some sort of restrictions before viability.

Due to the uncertainty around the abortion rights in the United States, and the continuing attack on women's reproductive rights, ACS is hosting a happy hour and fundraiser event for the law school and business school. This event will take place on **October 2, 2021** from **1PM-4PM** at **Redhawk Winery** in Salem. This will be a place for students to mingle and talk about the looming challenge to the right to abortion. ACS will also be fundraising for the Lilith Fund, which is an organization that provides financial assistance and emotional support for persons who need abortions in Texas. If you're unable to attend the event but still want to donate, please use the **QR code below** to donate to the Lilith Fund's cause. (In the additional information section please write: "ACS Willamette Fundraiser.") There will also be a limit on the number of students allowed to attend the event, so RSVP sooner rather than later.

DID YOU KNOW?

Campus Safety has NARCAN (Naloxone) on site in the case of an overdose on campus.



LSSDP's Next Event:

LSSDP is hosting a "Drug Jeopardy" event on **October 12, 2021** from **12:25-1:30PM**. The game will include questions on the War on Drugs, Oregon Drug Policy, and Drug Facts. Participants will get prizes, and the overall winner will receive some free merch!

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