

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 18

11:00-5:00 Registration and Check-In

Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Mezzanine
Dockser Hall is located at the corner of Forsyth and Greenleaf
Luggage storage available.

12:00-5:00 Exhibition Tables Open

Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Mezzanine and First Floor
Please stop by and meet our Exhibitors who will be with us throughout the Conference.

1:00-2:00 New Pre-Law Advisor Lunch and Conference Overview

Lunch Sponsored by St. Thomas University School of Law
Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Commons

New Pre-Law Advisors registered for the New Pre-Law Advisor Training will join Training presenters and NAPLA Board members for lunch. Welcome by Conference Co-Chairs

- Rita Ralston, Pre-Law Academic Advisor, Boston University
- Nancy Gibson, Pre-Law Advisor & Director of Career Advising, Bowdoin College

2:00-4:00 New Pre-Law Advisor Training

Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Room 220

The training will provide new advisors with the essential resources necessary to help students prepare for the admissions process. In our first session, a representative from the Law School Admission Council will explain how to access the wealth of information for advisors and students on the organization's newly designed website. Other Tuesday sessions will address how law schools utilize the Credential Assembly Service materials, the timing of applications and the application cycle, and the challenges our students face when taking the Law School Admissions Test. On Wednesday, we will discuss how to write compelling personal and diversity statements and best practices for those writing letters of recommendation. We will close with a group discussion of disclosure, negotiating merit aid, getting off waitlists, deciding which school to attend, and other essential issues. Those attending these NAPLA sessions will develop the tools necessary to become better advisors, so, if you are an advisor with three years or less of experience, we strongly encourage you to join us.

- Lauren Dropkin, Assistant Director of Pre-Law & Graduate School Advising, Brandeis University
- Heather Frederick, Associate Professor of Political Science, Prelaw Program Coordinator, Slippery Rock University
- Sabrina Huffman, Director of Admissions, George Mason University Antonin Scalia School of Law
- Lily Knezevich, Senior Vice President for Learning and Assessment, Law School Admission Council
- Alexandra Linsenmeyer, Director of Admissions, University of Pittsburgh School of Law

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- Joan Metzler, Director of Admissions, Quinnipiac University School of Law
- Phillip Mink, Director of Pre-Law Advising, Assistant Professor in the Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University
- Isabelle Ramos, Assistant Director for Diversity Initiatives, Law School Admissions Council
- Thomas Rozinski, Associate Professor of Political Science and Pre-Law Advisor, Touro College
- Gregory Shaffer, Associate Director of Pre-Law Advising, University of Maryland
- Michelle Yingling, Pre-Law Advisor and Career Consultant for Social Sciences, University of Pittsburgh

4:00-4:15 Break

Snack Sponsored by Seton Hall | Law

4:15-5:00 New Pre-Law Advisor Training

Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Room 220

5:00-5:15 Bus Transportation from Northeastern Law to Boston Park Plaza

Buses will depart from Dockser Hall entrance on Forsyth between Huntington and Greenleaf

6:30-6:45 New Pre-Law Advisors meet Law School Dinner Hosts to Travel to Dinners

Lobbies of Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Northeastern University East Village Dormitory

7:00 -? New-Pre Law Advisor Dinners at Various Boston Restaurants

Sponsored Baylor | Law, Hofstra University Maurice A. Deane School of Law, Penn State- Dickinson Law, Pitt Law, Quinnipiac University School of Law and Vermont Law School. Transportation back to Boston Park Plaza and Northeastern University East Village Dormitory provided after the dinner.

Wednesday, June 19

8:00-5:00 Registration Table Open

*Boston University School of Law, Barristers Hall
Luggage storage will be available, please ask at the Registration Table.
Need a quiet place to relax and recharge? Head to the Charles River Room on the 5th Floor of the Law School Building.*

8:00-5:00 Exhibition Tables Open

Boston University School of Law, The Atrium

8:00-8:30 New Pre-Law Advisor Breakfast

*Boston University School of Law, The Atrium
Sponsored by Boston University School of Law*

8:30-10:00 New Pre-Law Advisor Training continues

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Boston University School of Law, Room 605

Personal Statements, Diversity Statements, Addenda; Letters of Recommendation

10:00-10:15 Break

*Snack Sponsored by Boston University School of Law
Charles River Room, 5th Floor*

10:15-11:00 New Pre-Law Advisor Training

Boston University School of Law, Room 605

Disclosure, Negotiating Merit Aid, Getting off Waitlists, Deciding which School to Attend, and other Essential Issues

11:00-11:45 Gerald Wilson's You're Not Going to Believe This: A Dive into the Surprising World of What Admissions Officers See and Hear

Boston University School of Law, Room 101

This presentation by seasoned admissions professionals will illustrate the puzzling and sometimes humorous communications received from law school applicants. While the presentation may be light-hearted, this session is intended to instruct pre-law advisors on what to advise their students NOT to do!

- Moderator: Gerald Wilson, Senior Associate Dean, Duke University
- Stephen Brown, Assistant Dean for Enrollment, Fordham University School of Law
- Michelle L. Rahman, (ret.) Dean of Admissions, University of Richmond School of Law
- Brooke W. Sandoval, Associate Director of Admissions, American University Washington College of Law

11:00-11:30 Optional Tours of Boston University School of Law

Meet in The Atrium

12:00-1:30 Lunch & Plenary 1

Boston University, Metcalf Trustee Center 9th Floor, 1 Silber Way- see walking map.

Sponsored by Boston University School of Law

New Directions in Legal Education

- Dean James Hackney, Dean of Northeastern University School of Law
- Dean Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Dean of Boston University School of Law
- Dean Vincent Rougeau, Dean of Boston College Law School
- Moderated by Fiona T. Hornblower, Assistant Dean for Career Development & Public Service

1:30-1:45 Break

Make your way to Boston University School of Law –*see walking map*

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1:45-3:00 Concurrent Session 1

A. Compliance as a Purposeful Path for Law Students

Boston University School of Law, Room 101

This presentation will address the question, “What exactly IS Compliance?”, as well as survey programs currently offered and emerging at law schools across the country. Learn how careful planning can properly position students interested in Compliance, and how Compliance can be an ideal role for those interested in Corporate Law, who do not want, or are not qualified for, a big firm career and lifestyle. Pre-law advisors can play a crucial role in exposing pre-law students to the area of Compliance as a realistic space for a successful law career.

- Peggy Garte, Esq., Associate Director of Admissions, St. John's University School of Law
- Gisele Joachim, Dean of Enrollment Management, Seton Hall Law

B. Advising the Applicant with a Disability

Boston University School of Law, Room 413

As more people with physical, mental, and learning disabilities seek a career in law, what should a pre-law advisor know about helping applicants with disabilities navigate the application process? How might a pre-law advisor work with an applicant to assure that their needs are met in law school as well as for the bar exam? Is law school a good investment for those with disabilities, and what should be taken into account in guiding the applicant through this consideration? This panel discussion will cover these areas and explain how accommodations and services might differ in law school from undergraduate school. Advisors will increase their understanding of the process for obtaining accommodations as well as understand the variety of approaches law schools take in handling accommodations so that they are better equipped to provide relevant advice.

- Jennifer Cerny, Executive Director of Student Affairs and Assistant Dean of Students, UConn Law School
- Leander A. Dolphin, Partner in the School Law practice group of Shipman & Goodwin LLP
- Karen DeMeola, Assistant Dean for Finance, Administration, and Enrollment, UConn Law School

C. Adapting to the Digital LSAT

Boston University School of Law, Room 605

This summer marks the end of an era for law school admissions. Students registered to take the July 2019 LSAT will either take the traditional pencil-and-paper LSAT or be one of the first to take the new digital LSAT on a tablet. All exams afterward will be fully tablet-based....and that's only the tip of the iceberg. Learn about all the changes coming to the LSAT this summer and how they will affect your students at this session led by an expert LSAT instructor.

- Kevin Lin, LSAT Test Preparation Instructor, Blueprint Test Preparation

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D. Understanding the Different Ways in Which Prospective Law Students Navigate the Decision of Whether and Where to Go to Law School: Exploring Before the JD and Other New Research

Boston University School of Law, Room 212

The *Before the JD* Research Project from the Association of American Law Schools, was carried out by Gallup, Inc. and made possible by support from the AccessLex Institute, the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education, the American Bar Foundation, the National Association for Law Placement, the Law School Admission Council, and more than 18 leading law firms and corporate legal departments. It provides unique insights into the decision-making processes of prospective law students with emphasis on motivations, sources of information on which prospective students rely in making decisions, as well as the factors that carry the most weight in making decisions about whether and where to attend law school. A slightly different research project conducted by CJ Ryan, looks at the extent to which students at four different “types” of law schools approach decision-making regarding law school from different perspectives. This presentation will combine these perspectives and offer pre-law advisors new insights on the extent to which differently situated pre-law students approach the decision-making process regarding law school differently.

- Jerome M. Organ, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership in the Professions, University of St. Thomas School of Law (Minnesota)
- C. J. Ryan, Associate Professor of Law, Roger Williams School of Law, Affiliated Scholar—American Bar Foundation

3:00 Quick meet-up for Mentors/Mentees

Boston University School of Law, Charles River Room, 5th Floor

Meet up with your mentor/mentee and tour the law school fair together!

3:00-4:30 Law Fair

Boston University School of Law, McCausland Commons, 2nd Floor

Law Fair snacks sponsored by Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law and New York Law School

Meet with representatives from law schools in an informal setting allowing for networking discussion, and building/maintaining relationships. All law schools registered for the conference are provided a table and pre-law advisors are encouraged to walk through the room to meet with representatives. Be sure to have your business cards on hand, as NAPLA will be raffling off hundreds of dollars in prizes after the Fair. The winners will be announced at dinner this evening. You must be present to win. Each business card you hand to a law school representative becomes an entry in the raffle! If you forgot your business cards, stop by the Registration Table and we can assist you to ensure your participation in the raffle.

4:30-5:00 Optional Tours of Boston University School of Law

Meet in The Atrium by the Exhibition Tables

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5:00 Meet-up to take public transit to New England Law

During rush hour, the “T” provides the quickest way to get to New England Law. The T stop inbound is conveniently located right outside Boston University’s front door. Meet your guide in The Atrium and travel as a group using your Charlie Card which you received at Registration.

Charlie Cards sponsored by Syracuse University College of Law

5:00-6:00 Reception at New England Law | Boston

Cherry Room, 2nd Floor

Sponsored by New England Law | Boston

- Dean John F. O’Brien, New England Law | Boston

6:00 Travel in Groups on foot or by “T” to Suffolk University School of Law

A 12 minute walk or 1 subway stop by “T”, take the Green line to Park Street. See the Maps page for directions.

6:30 Dinner: A Night in The North End at Suffolk University School of Law

Great Hall

Sponsored by Suffolk University School of Law and Kaplan Test Prep

Enjoy delicious North End cuisine and the company of friends and colleagues new and old! The 2019 Slate of NAPLA Officers and Board members will be introduced.

- Dean Andrew Perlman, Suffolk University School of Law
- Jay Thomas, Kaplan Test Prep
- NAPLA Business Meeting & Introduction of Board Candidates

Evening on your own

Looking for ideas to explore Boston? Check out the Boston Visitor’s Guide in your conference tote bag. *Tote bags sponsored by LSAC.*

Thursday, June 20

7:45-8:00 Board buses

Boston Park Plaza & Northeastern University East Village Dormitory-meet in the lobbies

8:00-8:45 Travel by Bus to Boston College Law School

8:45-9:30 Breakfast

Sponsored by Boston College Law School, Law School Commons

- Dean Vincent Rougeau, Boston College Law School

8:00-10:30 Registration and Information Table

Boston College Law School, Atrium outside the Law Library

9:30-10:45 Concurrent Session 2

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A. GRE® 101

Boston College Law School, East Wing Conference Center, First Floor Room 115A

This panel discussion will advance the understanding of the GRE® General Test and how GRE scores are used for law school admissions to foster diverse backgrounds to improve the legal profession. The discussion will review what the test measures, resources available to advise students and the tools available for potential candidates to prepare for the GRE General Test. Attendees will hear from admission officers who have been using the GRE scores for admissions and learn:

- Why law schools are accepting the GRE General Test as an alternative to the LSAT
- How the GRE General Test provides law students with flexibility
- What critical skills the GRE General test measures that are important for law programs
- What resources are available to advisors and test takers

Julie Shurts, Associate Director, Global Client Relations at Educational Testing Service-GRE

Eulas Boyd, Dean of Admissions, Brooklyn Law School

Alex Feinson, Assistant Director of Admissions, Harvard Law School

Alissa Leonard, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid, Boston University School of Law

B. Not in it for the Money: Public Interest, Debt, and Loan Repayment

Boston College Law School, East Wing Conference Center, Room 115B

Although many prospective applicants say they are interested in public service work, are they fully informed and prepared for these careers? What do public interest lawyers really earn, and can graduates really service law school loans on those salaries? Who has the temperament for long-term public interest work – and who is at risk of burning out? What should applicants know about LRAPs, income-driven loan repayment, and public service loan forgiveness before they choose a law school? What keeps financial aid officers and law school public interest professionals up at night, and what do they wish students would do differently to increase their chances of a fulfilling and financially secure future?

Sherry Mason, Director Pre-Law Services, AccessLex Institute

Dr. Angela Joseph, Director, Financial Aid, CUNY School of Law

Laurie Barron, Director, Feinstein Center for Pro Bono & Experiential Education, Roger Williams School of Law

Shelly Barron, Clinical Instructor & Supervising Attorney, Tenant Advocacy Project, Harvard Law School

C. Beyond the Do's and Don'ts of Personal Statements: Partnering with the Experts to Help Students Create Strong Personal Statements

Boston College Law School, East Wing Conference Center, Room 120

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As pre-law advisers, we know that personal statements are an important part of the law school application process and we can easily rattle off the list of Do's (i.e. "Do follow the instructions") and Don'ts (i.e. "Don't summarize your resume"). Partnering with the experts at law schools and with the English Departments/writing experts at our institutions can help us create tools beyond these Do's and Don'ts to help students generate strong topics and write more effective personal statements. In this session, we will share the strategies and resources that we have developed through these partnerships and discuss how pre-law advisers can use them in their personal statement workshops and personal statement reviews.

Katherine E. Garren, J.D, Senior Undergraduate Studies Adviser, Penn State University, University Park
Amanda DiPolvere, Assistant Dean for Admissions & Financial Aid, Penn State Law

D. Co-curricular Prelaw Preparation: Debate, Moot Court, and Mock Trial Teams

Boston College Law School, East Wing Conference Center, Room 100

Advising prelaw students on how to get into law school is great, but that in conjunction with preparing them to succeed once they get to law school is even better! Co-curricular activities such as debate teams, mock trial team, and moot court teams can provide students with research, critical thinking, argumentation, speaking, and presentation skills needed to succeed in law school. This panel will focus on discussing the benefits of these co-curricular activities as well as advice on how to encourage your school to support these activities and how to recruit students to participate.

Dr. Heather Frederick, Associate Professor of Political Science, Prelaw Program Coordinator, Slippery Rock University

John Katsulas, Director of Debate, Boston College

Michael Vitlip, Director of Legal and STEM Professions Advising, Office of Student & Post-Graduate Development, Franklin & Marshall College

Dr. Paul Weizer, Professor of Political Science, Fitchburg State University

10:45-11:00 Board Buses

Boston College Law School

11:00-11:30 Travel to Harvard Law School

11:30-12:30 Clinical Education at Harvard Law: The Crimmigration Clinic

Harvard Law School, Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East

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Law students are increasingly interested in learning substantive law and practical lawyering skills simultaneously through experiential learning opportunities, such as law school clinics. Harvard Law School offers a wide range of clinical offerings, including the only Crimmigration Clinic in the country. Crimmigration law (the legal field at the intersection of criminal law and immigration law) is currently one of the most dynamic and omnipresent fields of legal study. There is a growing demand from law students to more fully understand this unique area of law, which includes aspects of criminal law, immigration law, constitutional law, and administrative law. Join Phil Torrey, Managing Attorney of the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program and Lecturer on Law, to learn about Crimmigration Law and the Harvard Crimmigration Clinic that he directs.

- Dean Kristi Jobson '12, Assistant Dean for Admissions, Harvard Law School
- Phil Torrey, Managing Attorney, Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program and Lecturer on Law

12:30-12:45 **Snack and Board Buses**
Snack Sponsored by Harvard Law School

12:45-1:30 **Travel to Northeastern University School of Law**

1:30-5:30 **Registration & Check In**
Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Mezzanine

1:30-2:30 **Lunch**
Northeastern University School of Law, East Village, 17th Floor
Sponsored by Northeastern University School of Law

- Named Partner Sponsor - Amanda DiPolvere, Assistant Dean for Admissions & Financial Aid, Penn State Law – University Park
- Welcome by Northeastern University School of Law

2:45-4:00 **Plenary 2**

Supporting Well-Being: Helping Prospective Law Students Find Healthy and Helpful Ways to Manage Mental Health Issues and/or Substance Use

Thursday, June 20, Northeastern University, East Village 17th Floor
2:45-4:00 pm

How do pre-law advisors and law schools recognize and help their students meet the challenges presented by mental health and alcohol/drug issues? This plenary is moderated by Professor Jerry Organ of University of St. Thomas School of Law, and co-author of *Suffering in Silence: The Survey of Law Student Well-Being and the Reluctance of Law Students to Seek Help for Substance Use and Mental Health Concerns*. It will present results of the law student survey; address fears, founded and unfounded, that keep students from seeking help; discuss how to advise students on the issue of disclosure of mental health issues as it relates to law school and bar admission, and examine how this relates to character and

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fitness questions. In addition, it will offer insight into best practices in pre-law advising as it relates to mental health concerns.

- Karen DeMeola, Assistant Dean for Finance, Administration and Enrollment at UConn Law School and Immediate Past-President of the Connecticut Bar Association
- Martha Kirby, Senior Academic Advisor at The University of Iowa and President-Elect, Midwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors
- Geraldine Muir, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Boston University School of Law, Member, Massachusetts Supreme Court Steering Committee on Lawyer Well-Being
- Jerome Organ, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership in the Professions, University of St. Thomas School of Law

4:00-4:15 **Make your way back to Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall**

4:15-6:15 **Exhibition Tables Open**
Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Second Floor

4:15-5:30 **Concurrent Session 3**

A. Looking Beyond Application Mainstays: Understanding the Résumé and “Off-book” Application Pieces

Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Room 220

Every school has a published list of application requirements and frequently provides detailed information about those requirements. However, schools also have optional or even unspoken “application pieces” that might have an impact on an applicant’s success. These pieces include additional addenda, resumes, impressions from campus visits, impressions from meetings with alumni, and interviews. A pre-law advisor and law school admissions deans will explain ways which these pieces are used and how applicants can best utilize these optional “admissions pieces.”

Jenny Branson, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Baylor Law

Erin Van Dorn, Director of Admissions, USC Gould School of Law

Michael Vitlip, Director of Legal and STEM Professions Advising, Office of Student & Post-Graduate Development, Franklin & Marshall College

B. Supporting the Mental Health of Pre-Law Advisees

Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Room 240

We know that our pre-law students experience high levels of stress as they prepare for law school and go through the application process. Once they become law students, the situation will be exacerbated, as rates of depression, anxiety, and substance use explode in law school and persist in the profession. How can pre-law advisors, who are not mental health professionals, support our students and alumni in addressing the stressors associated with law school and the legal profession in healthy and productive ways? What

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resources can we guide them to, and what kinds of advising would help them identify and address vulnerabilities before they embark on the road to this profession?

Diane Curtis, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science

Dr. Kathryn Young, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Assistant Professor, Sociology

Dr. Katherine Bender, Programming Director, Dave Nee Foundation

C. Service Learning in Pre-Law Programming

Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Room 230

Pre-law service learning is a powerful tool to help students gain professional experience and skills by working with attorneys, promote social justice in the community, and develop as civically engaged citizens. This presentation will provide an overview of service learning, which is distinct from other types of experiential education such as volunteerism, field education, internships, or community service. Participants will learn best practices in identifying reciprocal community partnerships, designing and implementing service learning experiences, guiding student reflection, and assessing projects. We will provide ideas for implementing service learning in pre-law programming, and discuss a recent project at Kansas State in which pre-law students assisted Kansas Legal Services and our local bar association to host a successful one-day community-wide expungement clinic.

Dr. Chance Lee, Assistant Professor, Staley School of Leadership Studies, Kansas State University

Tracey Lee, Coordinator of the Pre-Law Office, Kansas State University

D. Law Degree Versatility: Careers Beyond the Courtroom & Boardroom

Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Room 250

The face of the legal hiring market is changing rapidly, and an ever-increasing number of law school graduates are entering into legal careers not even fathomed a generation ago. Given this, you may be asking: What does that legal landscape look like now? What are the jobs of the future? How do I advise my students on how to prepare themselves for being a lawyer in these new practice areas? This program will present a data and anecdotal driven picture of the present status of legal hiring; discuss the legal careers that are on the rise and that will continue to grow as our millennial students enter the workforce; and then offer some best practices and identify some resources that can help your students remain knowledgeable about all aspects of the legal employment market.

Jeff Becherer, Associate Dean for Admissions and Professional Development, New York Law School

Karen Reagan Britton, Ed.D., Assistant Dean of Admissions, University of South Carolina School of Law

5:30-6:00 Snack Break

Sponsored by Albany Law School

Optional Tours of Northeastern University Law School, meet at Dockser Hall, Second Floor classrooms

6:00-6:15 Board buses at Northeastern University School of Law, on Forsyth between Huntington and Greenleaf

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6:15-7:00 Travel to Boston Harbor Cruises, 1 Long Wharf, Boston, MA

7:00-10:00 Boston Harbor Cruise with Dinner – *aboard The Majesty*
Sponsored by Roger Williams University School of Law

10:00 Board buses to return to Boston Park Plaza and Northeastern University Dormitory

Friday, June 21

7:30-7:45 Board Buses with Luggage to Travel to Northeastern University School of Law
Meet in Boston Park Plaza Hotel Lobby. Check out time is 12:00 noon. You may bring your luggage with you to store at Northeastern University School of Law, or you may store it at the hotel.

8:00-8:45 Breakfast Buffet
Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall Commons, Lower Level

8:00-10:30 Registration/Info Table Open
Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Mezzanine Level

8:00-10:30 Exhibition Tables Open
Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Mezzanine Level

9:00-10:15 Concurrent Session 4

A. Utilizing Engaged Learning to Develop and Enhance Pre-Law Curriculum: Best Practices in Building Experiential Learning Opportunities for Students
Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Room 230

Experiential learning moves students toward an immersive method of instruction. Students “learn by doing,” applying knowledge to experience to develop skills or new ways of thinking. Students must learn subject matter content, build professional skills through the experience and recognize how and when they can apply this knowledge in a professional setting. During this session, experienced faculty mentors and advisors will share insights about building experiential learning opportunities for students and the significant educational value these programs provide for a pre-law student. This session will help faculty and advisors understand best practices when it comes to leading and mentoring students as they participate in real world challenges that enhance learning. We will discuss two popular and successful programs: Furman University’s Medical Legal Partnership (MLP) which formally connects the University, the Greenville Health System, and South Carolina Legal Services in work to improve health outcomes for people throughout the region and St. Thomas Aquinas College’s IACBE Case Study Competition team, where students analyze a business case study (including legal and ethical analysis) and present critical analysis both orally and in written form.

- Participants will understand best practices when it comes to leading and mentoring students as they participate in experiential learning opportunities.

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- Outcomes associated with these programs that contribute to student success will be shared.
- Participants will have the opportunity to discuss issues on their campuses with presenters and the group to develop strategies and generate ideas.

Maya Russell, Pre-Law Advisor, Furman University

Kirby Mitchell, Senior Litigation Attorney at South Carolina Legal Services/MLP MayExperience
Instructor/MLP Attorney and Internship Supervisor

Christine Cahill, Pre-Law Advisor and Assistant Dean, St. Thomas Aquinas College

B. Stats, Reports and Hunches – How Do Trends Impact Admission Decisions?

Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Room 240

Prelaw advisors and admission officers have access to abundant amounts of quantitative and qualitative information in the form of statistics, graphs, detailed reports and summary reports. This information can be further analyzed for us to recognize, justify, declare and predict trends. Do trends shape the strategy of the law school admission office? Do trends impact admission and scholarship decisions? Do prelaw advisors use trends to advise advisees? Are new variables introduced into the process which affect trends? Join a panel of experienced law school admission officers and prelaw advisors as we explore the bounds of admission trending and its impact on admission office strategy, application strategy, timing, scholarship offers, scholarship reconsideration and wait-list strategy.

Joseph G. Kenny – *Moderator*, St. John's University

Dorothy Moran, Associate Director of Admissions, St. John's University School of Law

Michael States, Assistant Dean for Admissions & Financial Aid, The Ohio State University Moritz
College of Law

Yvonne Cherena-Pacheco, Associate Director of Admissions, University of Denver Sturm College of
Law

C. Preparing Undergraduates for 1L: Hitting the Target or Missing the Mark?

Northeastern University School of Law, Dockser Hall, Room 220

This panel will focus on how prelaw advisors and professors prepare undergraduates for law school. This includes implementing a deliberate prelaw curriculum; best practices in teaching legal research and writing to undergraduates; and the results of a survey of law school faculty concerning the skills, knowledge, and preparation law professors believe are important for prelaw students' overall success in law school. Ultimately, the goal of this panel is to discuss how advisors, professors, and universities can best prepare undergraduates to succeed once they are in law school.

Scott Boddery, Assistant Professor, Political Science, Gettysburg College

Brad Deel, Assistant Professor, Political Science Program Director, University of Charleston,

Heather Frederick, Associate Professor of Political Science, Slippery Rock University

10:15-10:30 Make your way to East Village, 17th Floor

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10:15 – 1:00 Information Table

Northeastern University, East Village, 17th Floor

10:30-12:15 LSAC Update & Plenary 3 Working with LSAC Reports and Data

Northeastern University, East Village, 17th Floor

LSAC will provide crucial up-to-the minute information that every pre-law advisor needs to know. Hear the latest about the upcoming digital administration of the LSAT and new test prep materials. A new offering, *important to both new and veteran advisors*, will focus on using LSAC data in pre-law advising. If you have been wondering about the reports in the Prelaw Advisor Information Center and the Data & Research areas of the LSAC website, this session will guide you through using those resources. We will discuss the information they provide and how pre-law advisors from institutions both large and small actually use this information in their work.

Vivian Bowden, Senior Vice President for Schools and Institutions, LSAC
Lauren Dropkin, Assistant Director of Pre-Law & Graduate School Advising, Brandeis University
Lily Knezevich, Senior Vice President for Learning and Assessment, LSAC
Rita Ralston, Pre-Law Academic Advisor, Boston University
Isabelle Ramos, Ambassador, LSAC
Sue Trimble, Coordinator, Prelaw Advisor Services, LSAC

12:15-1:00 Boxed Lunch

Northeastern University, East Village, 17th Floor

Sponsored by Northeastern University School of Law

1:00 pm Conference Adjourns!

Safe Travels and we hope to see everyone at PLANC in New Orleans in June 2020