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*Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisors, Inc.
37th Annual Conference*

A New Haven for Pre-Law Advising



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

June 10-13, 2009

**Yale Law School
New Haven, Connecticut**

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION OF PRE-LAW ADVISORS
A New Haven for Pre-Law Advising
37th Annual Conference ♦ JUNE 10 – 13, 2009 ♦ New Haven, CT

All sessions in the Sterling Law Building unless otherwise noted

Transportation is available between the Clarion Hotel and Suites, Premiere Hotel and Suites, and Yale Law School. Details are available at the front desk at the Clarion and Premiere Hotels.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. **Conference Registration/Check-in**
Room 122
- 10:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. **New Pre-Law Advisors Workshop**
Room 120 Designed as an introduction to pre-law advising, this workshop covers a range of topics and resources to help advisors who are new to the field.
Welcome and Overview (10:30 a.m.)
Coordinator: Heather Struck, Cornell University
NAPLA Web Resources (10:40 a.m.)
Dom DeLeo, Boston College
Overview of LSAC Services (10:45 a.m.)
Heather Struck, Cornell University
LSAC Candidate Assembly Service (CAS), formerly Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) (11:00 a.m.)
Todd Rothman, University of Pennsylvania
Law School Admission Test (LSAT) (11:30 a.m.)
Jon Bonebrake, University at Buffalo
- Dining Hall* **Lunch** (noon)
- Letters of Recommendation/Dean’s Letters** (1:15 p.m.)
Karen Whittet, Dartmouth College
Resources to Help Candidates Choose Law Schools (1:45 p.m.)
Johnny Pryor, Butler University
Personal Statements and Resumés (2:15 p.m.)
Karen Clemence, Lafayette College
Navigating the NAPLA Conference (2:45 p.m.)
Heather Struck, Cornell University
- Room 122* **Break** (3:00 p.m.)
- Questions and Discussion** (3:15 p.m.)
- Noon–1:00 p.m. **Welcome Lunch**
Dining Hall *Sponsored by Vermont Law School*
- 1:15–4:00 p.m. **Veteran Pre-Law Advisors Workshop**
Room 127 Veteran pre-law advisors will have an opportunity to consider and discuss a variety of relevant topics in this interactive workshop.
Coordinator: Gerald Wilson, Duke University

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Swap Shop (1:15 p.m.)

Veteran pre-law advisors know that we face many common challenges and problems in our roles as advisors to students. We also know that we are willing and eager to share our own experiences as a means of helping each other. Two veteran pre-law advisors will lead discussions on problems we face and make suggestions as to the best way to deal with these problems.

Moderators: Gregory Shaffer, Pre-law Advisor, University of Maryland College Park
Heather Struck, Pre-law Advisor, Cornell University

Mock Advising Discussion Groups (2:15 p.m.)

In small groups, participants will analyze real applicant data and summarize their discussions for the benefit of the larger group. How would they advise these students regarding overall strategy, and more specifically, with respect to suggesting schools, preparing essays, addressing misconduct issues, overcoming obstacles, etc.

Room 122

Break (3:00 p.m.)

Continuation of Mock Advising Groups (3:15 p.m.)

4:15–5:15 p.m.

Room 116

Levinson Auditorium

Joint Session with New and Veteran Pre-Law Advisors

Proving Your Worth: The Value of a Pre-Law Program to Your College or University

Marketing pre-law services to the students at our universities is vital. Perhaps just as important, but less discussed, is the need to market our programs to administration, faculty, and staff on our campuses. The benefits of internal marketing are twofold. First, the more administrators and others understand about what the pre-law program is the more likely the program is to get the needed resources. Second, there are many ways in which a pre-law program can contribute to the overall health of a university. The following topics will be included: how to make best use of pre-law data (LSAC, alumni records, etc.) to share with others; what should an annual report look like...with whom should it be shared; ways to market internally to admissions and alumni relations staff; how to raise the visibility of the pre-law program in the eyes of faculty, staff, and administration who make funding and resource decisions; and the relationship of your pre-law program to your university's mission.

Moderator: Michele DeMary, Pre-law Advisor, Susquehanna University

Panelists: Anne Harrington, Pre-law Advisor, St. Anselm College
Steven Lichtman, Pre-law Advisor, Shippensburg University
Yvette Simpson, Pre-law Advisor, Miami University

5:30–6:30 p.m.

Courtyard

Reception (The Lillian Goldman Law Library will be open for conference participants to view.)

6:30–8:30 p.m.

Dining Hall

Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Akhil Reed Amar, Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science, Yale University

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

8:00-10:15 a.m.
Room 122

Conference Registration/Check-in

8:15-9:00 a.m.
Dining Hall

Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:15 a.m.
Room 116
Levinson Auditorium

Workshop Session I

IA. Making Your Resources Work for You: Building a Comprehensive Pre-Law Program

Building a pre-law program can seem overwhelming. Where do you start? This workshop is designed for pre-law advisors who want to offer more to their students without spending more money. This workshop will address how you establish a strong advising program that addresses student needs from first-year through graduation, as well as how to assist transfer students and those who discover their passion for law later in their academic careers. It will also address how to complement your core advising services with workshops, seminars, and experiential programs that will provide to your pre-law students additional opportunities development. This session is led by advisors at very different institutions and will provide the nuts and bolts of establishing a pre-law program on any campus. It will also examine how to work through the obstacles one might face in developing a new program.

Panelists: Elayne Mazzarella, Pre-law Advisor, Yale University
Eileen Oswald, Pre-law Advisor, University of Virginia
Mary Tetro, Pre-law Advisor, North Carolina State University (unable to attend)
Yvette Simpson, Pre-law Advisor, Miami University

Room 128

**IB. Alternative Approaches: Tell Me, Show Me, Involve Me--
A Bold Direction in Legal Education**

Responding to the growing critique of the traditional law school model, Washington and Lee University School of Law is leading the national movement to reform legal education by dramatically revising its third-year curriculum. The reinvented third year creatively blends the intellectually rigorous study of legal theory and doctrine with the development of cognitive learning, practical skills, professional identity, ethical sensibilities, problem-solving and the exercise of judgment in action. Discussion topics will include the benefits of integrative learning, of balancing intellectual rigor with ethical values and the expression of considered judgment, and of student-centered learning methodologies.

Panelists: Angela Littlejohn, Washington and Lee University School of Law '09
Lesley Schless, Counsel, DayPitney LLP
Rodney Smolla, Dean, Washington and Lee School of Law

Room 127

IC. How Much Help is Too Much?: Ethics of Personal Statement Review

Where do you draw the line? Should pre-law advisors help students brainstorm personal statement topics? When is it appropriate to e-mail students a mark-up using track changes on a draft? Is there a difference between editing and reviewing? This session will explore the ethics of assisting students with their personal statements. The panelists will include two veteran pre-law advisors, a writing center staff member, and a law school admission officer. Panelists and participants will review personal statements, and discuss where pre-

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law advisors should draw the line when assisting students in preparing this important essay.

Coordinator: Johnny Pryor, Pre-Law Advisor, Butler University
 Moderator: Johnny Pryor, Pre-Law Advisor, Butler University
 Panelists: Craig Janecek, Director of Admissions, Yale Law School
 Consuelo Lopez-Springfield, Pre-Law Advisor,
 University of Wisconsin-Madison
 Suzanne Young, Assistant Director, Yale College Writing Center
 Lyon Zabsky, Pre-Law Advisor, Princeton University

Room 120

ID. Under 151: Advising Students with Below Average LSAT Scores

Every year the average LSAT score hovers around 150. Many students with an average score are as intent on attending law school as the students who score 170, and they may need our services even more. How can we provide each of these students with the best possible advice on making their application competitive? The panelists will share their insights on how to make each application as strong as possible and about alternative programs that may be available for these students. Attendees will be encouraged to share their strategies for advising this “other” half of LSAT takers.

Moderator: Michele DeMary, Pre-law Advisor, Susquehanna University
 Panelists: Richard Conley, Associate Cooperative Education Coordinator,
 Northeastern University
 Eric Kniskern, Director of Admissions, Widener University School of Law
 Katie McDonald, Assistant Dean for Admissions, Franklin Pierce Law
 Center
 Karen Romano, Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions, Western New
 England College School of Law

10:15–10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.

Buses depart for University of Connecticut School of Law

11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Lunch and NAPLA Business Meeting

1:15–2:00 p.m.

Tours of University of Connecticut School of Law

2:00–3:15 p.m.

Starr 204

Workshop Session II

IIA. Finding the Words: Writing Personal Statements, Addenda, Resumés, and Follow-up Letters

What are the important factors that make a difference in presenting written information to law schools? A panel of admission officers will discuss how *and when* applicants can use key documents to communicate effectively.

Moderators: Dom DeLeo, Pre-law Advisor, Boston College
 Gerald Wilson, Pre-law Advisor, Duke University
 Panelists: Therese Lambert, Director of Student Recruiting, University of Miami
 School of Law
 Ellen Rutt, Associate Dean for Admissions, Student Finance, and Career
 Services, University of Connecticut School of Law; Chair, LSAC Board of
 Trustees
 Julia Yaffee, Senior Assistant Dean for Student Services, Santa Clara
 University School of Law

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Starr 108

IIB. Reaching Out: Programs to Increase Diversity in the Legal Profession

Come learn about the many initiatives and programs sponsored by the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) and the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) to prepare and increase the number of applicants from underrepresented minority groups applying to law school and entering the legal profession. Participants will also receive a listing of additional programs that promote diversity within the legal profession.

Panelists: Lynda Cevallos, Pre-Law Coordinator Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO)
Kent Lollis, Executive Director for Diversity Initiatives Law School Admission Council

Chase 210

IIC. Becoming Credit-Wise and Credit-Safe: Understanding Credit Reporting and Credit Scoring – More Than Just the Basics!

Learn how to help your students make the most of their credit and protect their identity in this interactive presentation that focuses on: Why good credit is important, ways to develop and maintain good credit and how to protect oneself from identity theft.

Presenter: Lori Moore, External Account Executive, Access Group

Knight 115

IID. On-Campus Preparation for the LSAT

This session will examine what advisors can do on their own campuses to assist their advisees who are preparing to take the Law School Admission Test. Included will be a discussion of how advisors can develop on-campus LSAT preparation workshops that can provide students with an alternative to the often costly, commercial test preparation courses.

Presenter: Frank Homer, Pre-law Advisor, The University of Scranton

3:30 p.m.

Travel to Quinnipiac University School of Law

4:30–5:30 p.m.

Grand Courtroom

Plenary Session I

Law School is Expensive: Loan Repayment Assistance Programs and the College Cost Reduction and Access Act

Learn about the various Loan Repayment Assistance Programs available to law graduates including law school based, state based, and employer based programs. Get the scoop on the Public Service Loan Forgiveness and Income Based Repayment programs of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 and the Higher Education Reauthorization Act. The session will include recent data on the cost of attendance, average graduating indebtedness, and typical graduate salaries plus all the information you need to advise your students about post-graduate financial assistance programs.

Coordinator: Kathy Hartman, Associate Dean for Enrollment Management, Vermont Law School

Presenter: Heather Jarvis, Senior Program Manager, Law School Advocacy and Outreach, Equal Justice Works

5:30–6:30 p.m.

Reception and Tours of Quinnipiac University School of Law

6:30–8:00 p.m.

Dinner

8:15 p.m.

Buses depart for all hotels

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FRIDAY, JUNE 12

7:45-8:30 a.m.
Dining Hall

Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:30 a.m.
Room 122

Conference Registration/Check-in

8:30-9:45 a.m.

Mock Admissions Panels

(Choose One of the Two Concurrent Sessions Listed Below)

Admissions representatives from several law schools will discuss their respective review processes using two mock applications for admission. Panelists will describe their approaches to the admissions process and how their admissions committees review applications. They will also highlight how each component of the mock applications plays a role in their decision making process and how they contribute to the overall admissions decisions. Attendees will also be provided with copies of the two mock applications to review and then discuss with the panelists during the session. All panelists will also be participating in the Law Fair immediately following the session.

Room 120

Option A

Moderator: Todd Rothman, Pre-law Advisor, University of Pennsylvania

Panelists: Greg Canada, Director of Admissions, University of California Hastings College of Law

Jermaine Cruz, Assistant Director, The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law

Rebecca Dougherty, Associate Director of Admissions, Temple University-James E. Beasley School of Law

Peggy Garte, Assistant Director of Admissions, Brooklyn Law School

Room 127

Option B

Moderator: Elayne Mazzarella, Pre-law Advisor, Yale University

Panelists: Melissa Fruscione, Acting Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Notre Dame Law School

Barbara Guillaume, Senior Director for Admissions, Penn State University, The Dickinson School of Law

Jose Roman, Assistant Director for Admissions, Boston College Law School

Al Watson, Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions/Financial Aid, University of Cincinnati College of Law

9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Grove Street

Tour the Project SALUTE Mobile Veteran's Clinic

Project SALUTE salutes our war veterans. Take time to walk through this unique 31-foot classroom on wheels! Project SALUTE (Students and Lawyers Assisting U.S. Troops Everywhere) is a travelling veteran's clinic sponsored by University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. It will be conveniently parked for you to experience behind Yale Law School.

Coordinator: Linda Spicer, Pre-law Advisor, American University

10:00-11:15 a.m.
Dining Hall

Law School Fair

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11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
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Plenary Session II
LSAC Update

This session will review the latest developments at the Law School Admission Council, as well as what happened in law school admissions during the past year.

Coordinator: Jack Carter, Pre-law Advisor, Goucher College
Presenter: Anne Brandt, Executive Director for Education,
Prelaw Programs, and Member Support Services, LSAC

12:45–1:30 p.m.
Dining Hall

Lunch

1:30–2:45 p.m.
Room 116
Levinson Auditorium

Workshop Session III

IIIA. Full Disclosure: Are Disclosure Issues Black, White, or Shades of Gray?

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Moderator: Jonathan Lurie, Pre-law Advisor, Rutgers University–Newark
Panelists: Howard Blue, M.D., Associate Chief Psychiatrist
Department of Mental Health and Counseling, Yale University Health Services
Joe Champion, Director of Admissions, Duquesne University School of Law
David Swenson, George G. Kelly Professor of Law, Baylor University School of Law; Chair, LSAC Subcommittee on Misconduct and Irregularities in the Admissions Process
Kathleen Wood, Administrative Director, Connecticut Bar Examining Committee

Room 128

IIIB. Legal Internship Opportunities for Pre-Law Undergraduates

With so many legal internships going to law students, how can we, as prelaw advisors, help our students to find valuable and interesting legal internships? Panelists will discuss resources and programs that they have developed to maximize opportunities for undergraduate students as well as what legal internship supervisors look for in their undergraduate interns. Other topics to be discussed include: what students can do to prepare themselves before applying for internships; how to find legal internships in non-profit organizations and the private sector; strategies for prelaw students to obtain legal experience from non-legal internship positions; how students can create their own internships; and how to develop and nurture relationships with potential legal internship hosts, alumni or neighboring institutions to increase opportunities for our students.

Coordinator: Christina Kuan Tsu, Pre-law Advisor, Barnard College
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Panelists: Margaret (Maggie) Marron, Barnard College '09

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Will Simpkins, Program Director, Community and Diversity
Initiatives, Barnard College
Angela Tolosa, Project Director, Midtown Community Court

Room 120

IIIC. Faculty Focus: NAPLA/NACADA Survey of Pre-Law Advisors

If you are a rookie or a veteran pre-law advisor, come learn about the state of pre-law advising across the country. This 2008 national report includes information on advisor job titles and institutional contexts, advisee loads, services provided, and much more. After a brief presentation of this information, faculty panelists will lead a discussion with a special focus on the specific issues encountered by faculty advisors. Participation will be strongly encouraged.

Moderator: Kyle Kreider, Pre-law Advisor, Wilkes University
Panelists: Karen Clemence, Pre-law Advisor, Lafayette College
Michele DeMary, Pre-law Advisor, Susquehanna University
Daryl Fair, Pre-law Advisor, The College of New Jersey
Peter Ubertaccio, Pre-law Advisor, Stonehill College

Room 127

IIID. Early Awareness of Financial Planning for Law School: "If I only knew then what know now!"

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Odette Franceskino, Director of Financial Aid, Quinnipiac University
School of Law
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School of Law

3:00–4:15 p.m.
Room 120

Workshop Session IV

IVA. Advising Students with Learning Differences and Other Disabilities

How can we best support and advise our students with learning differences and other disabilities as they navigate their path towards a career in law? Our discussion will explore LSAT test accommodations, application strategies, personal statements, and communications with law schools.

Coordinator: Sandra Tomkowicz, Pre-law Advisor, West Chester University
Panelists: Jane Thierfeld Brown, Director of Student Services, University of Connecticut Law School; LSAC Accommodated Testing Work Group
Kim Dempsey, Manager of Accommodated Testing, LSAC
Michelle L. Rahman, Associate Dean for Admissions, University of Richmond School of Law; LSAC Accommodated Testing Work Group
Ellen Rutt, Associate Dean for Admissions, Student Finance, and Career Services, University of Connecticut Law School; Chair, LSAC Board of Trustees

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Room 128

IVD. Clinical Education in the Law School Curriculum

Clinical programs offer law students the opportunity to represent real clients with real legal problems. They assume this responsibility under the supervision of a practicing attorney. Why is this important? How does a prospective law student evaluate the quality of clinical programs, their various formats, and their chances of participating in the type of experience they seek? What are some of the various specialties of clinics, the basic ones and the more unique? Experts address these issues and share opportunities at their own schools. Participants will have a chance after the program to tour the University of Detroit Mercy's Project SALUTE Mobile Veteran's Clinic parked on Grove Street.

Coordinator: Linda Spicer, Pre-law Advisor, American University

Moderator: Linda Spicer, Pre-law Advisor, American University

Panelists: Michael Bryce, Associate Professor, Director of Clinical Programs, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
Robert Dinerstein, Professor, Director of Clinical Programs, American University Washington College of Law

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Andrew Horwitz, Professor of Law, Director of Clinical Programs, Roger Williams University School of Law
Susan Krinsky, Associate Dean for Admission, Financial Aid, Career Development, Lecturer in Law, Tulane University Law School

6:15 p.m. Buses depart from Yale Law School for the Gala

6:30-9:00 p.m. **Reception and Dinner at Amarante's Sea Cliff**
Sponsored by Roger Williams University School of Law

9:15 p.m. Buses depart for all hotels

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

8:15-9:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
Dining Hall

9:00-10:15 a.m. **Plenary Session III**
Law School Perspective
Room 127

This plenary is a Question and Answer format whereby admissions officers from local area law schools will discuss their admissions practices and then respond to questions posed by pre-law advisors. For example, wondering which is more important in an application, the LSAT score or GPA? Can applicants who have been put on hold, reserve, or waitlist request an evaluative interview? Get answers to these questions and come with your own questions!

Moderator: Lyon Zabsky, Pre-law Advisor, Princeton University

Panelists: Ellen Rutt, Associate Dean for Admissions, Student Finance, and Career Services, University of Connecticut School of Law; Chair, LSAC Board of Trustees

Katie McDonald, Assistant Dean for Law School Admissions, Franklin Pierce Law Center

Edwin Wilkes, Executive Dean for Admissions, Quinnipiac University School of Law

Michael Boylen, Assistant Dean for Admissions, Roger Williams University School of Law

Kathy Hartman, Associate Dean for Enrollment Management, Vermont Law School

10:30-11:30 a.m. **Plenary Session IV**
National Association for Law Placement (NALP) Update
Room 127

The Class of 2007 enjoyed the highest employment rate and the highest salaries of any law school class in the last twenty years, but the global economic collapse of 2008 changed everything. More than 21,000 legal sector jobs were lost between February 2008 and February 2009. Layoffs by law firms continue. Funding for many public service lawyers has evaporated. Many members of the class of 2009 have had their start dates pushed back by as much as a full year, and others have had offers of employment rescinded completely. What do pre-law students need to know as they begin to make decisions about attending law school? What kind of advice should pre-law advisors offer in the midst of such market uncertainty? These timely issues will be addressed by a representative of the National Association for Law Placement and by a law school career services representative who is working with students in the trenches.

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Presenters: James Leipold, Executive Director, National Association for Law Placement
Carlos Dávila-Caballero, Assistant Dean, Career Development & Diversity Initiatives, Tulane University Law School

11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Dining Room

Closing Brunch and Raffle

You're Not Going to Believe This ... Again and Again and Again!!!

Brunch sponsored by Franklin Pierce Law Center

This annual favorite deals with things to tell students NOT to do when they ask, "How can I make my application stand out from others?" A panel of experience law school admissions officers will discuss bizarre, tacky, tasteless, unbelievable communications and items that they have received from applicants. Though humorous, there is a message here for pre-law advisors to pass along to applicants.

Moderator: Gerald Wilson, Pre-law Advisor, Duke University
Noé Bernal, Assistant Dean for Admissions, Villanova University School of Law
Joe Champion, Director of Admissions, Duquesne University School of Law
Anne Richard, Associate Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid, The George Washington University Law School
Sarah Zearfoss, Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions, The University of Michigan Law School

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Conference Committee

*Many thanks to our hosts at Yale Law School: Asha Rangappa, Tracey Parr,
Michael Thompson, and James Barnett.*

Co-chairs: Barbara Landress (New York University) and Cindy Cogdill (Columbia University)
Conference Registrar: Frank Homer (University of Scranton)

Jack Carter (Goucher College)
Karen Clemence (Lafayette College)
Dom DeLeo (Boston College)
Michele DeMary (Susquehanna University)
Kyle Krieder (Wilkes University)
Christina Kuan Tsu (Barnard College)
Francis Graham Lee (St. Joseph’s University)
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Quinnipiac University School of Law
Roger Williams University School of Law
University of Connecticut School of Law
Vermont Law School
Yale Law School

Conference at a Glance

Wednesday, June 10		127 Wall Street
Enter Yale Law School at 127 Wall Street (between High and York Streets)		
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10:30 a.m.	Buses Depart for University Connecticut School of Law	
11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.	Lunch and NAPLA Business Meeting	
1:15-2:00 p.m.	Tours of University of Connecticut School of Law	
2:00-3:15 p.m.	Workshop Session II (four options)	
	IIA. Finding the Words: Writing Personal Statements, Addenda, Resumés, and Follow-up Letters	Starr 204
	IIB. Reaching Out: Programs to Increase Diversity in the Legal Profession	Starr 108
	IIC. Becoming Credit-Wise and Credit-Safe: Understanding Credit Reporting and Credit Scoring – More Than Just the Basics!	Chase 210
	IID. On-Campus Preparation for the LSAT	Knight 115
3:30 p.m.	Travel to Quinnipiac University School of Law	
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Plenary Session I: Law School is Expensive: Loan Repayment Assistance Programs and the College Cost Reduction and Access Act	Grand Courtroom
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Reception and Tours of Quinnipiac University School of Law	
6:30- 8:00 p.m.	Dinner	
8:15 p.m.	Buses depart for all hotels	
Friday, June 12		
7:45-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:30 -10:30 a.m.	Conference Registration/Check-in	Room 122
8:30-9:45 a.m.	Mock Admissions Panels (See Options A & B)	
	Option A: UC-Hastings College of Law, The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, Temple University-James E. Beasley School of Law, & Brooklyn Law School	Room 120
	Option B: Notre Dame Law School, Penn State University, The Dickinson School of Law; Boston College Law School, and University of Cincinnati College of Law	Room 127
9:30 a.m. -5:30 p.m.	Tour the Project SALUTE Mobile Veteran's Clinic	Grove Street
10:00-11:15 a.m.	Law School Fair	Dining Hall
11:30-12:45 p.m.	Plenary Session II: LSAC Update	Room 116
12:45-1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:30-2:45 p.m.	Workshop Session III (four options)	
	IIIA. Full Disclosure: Are Disclosure Issues Black, White, or Shades of Gray?	Room 116
	IIIB. Legal Internship Opportunities for Pre-Law Undergraduates	Room 128
	IIIC. Faculty Focus: NAPLA/NACADA Survey of Pre-Law Advisors	Room 120
	IIID. Early Awareness of Financial Planning for Law School: "If I only knew then what I know now!"	Room 127
3:00-4:15 p.m.	Workshop Session IV (four options)	
	IVA. Advising Students with Learning Differences and Other Disabilities	Room 120
	IVB. Early Awareness of Financial Planning for Law School: "If I only knew then what I know now!"	Room 127
	IVC. Full Disclosure: Are Disclosure Issues Black, White, or Shades of Gray?	Room 116
	IVD. Clinical Education in the Law School Curriculum	Room 128
6:15 p.m.	Buses depart from Yale Law School for the Gala	Yale Law School
6:30-9:00 p.m.	Reception and Dinner	Amarante's Sea Cliff
9:15 p.m.	Buses depart for all hotels	
Saturday, June 13		
8:15- 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00- 10:15 a.m.	Plenary Session III: Law School Perspective	Room 127
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Plenary Session IV: National Association for Law Placement (NALP) Update	Room 127
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Closing Brunch, Raffle & You're Not Going to Believe This ... Again and Again!!!	Dining Hall
	Have a safe trip home and we look forward to seeing you next June!	