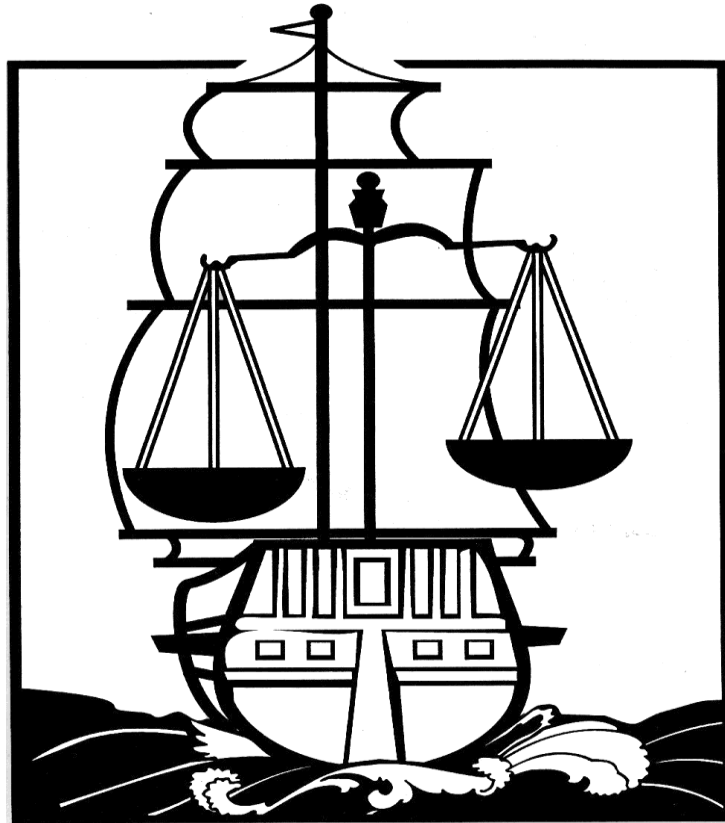


NAPLA

*Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisors
39th Annual Conference*

Something Extraordinary Right Next to the Common



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

June 7-10, 2011

**Suffolk University Law School
Boston, Massachusetts**

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION OF PRE-LAW ADVISORS
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TUESDAY, JUNE 7

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Suffolk University
Law School Atrium

Conference Registration and Check-in

10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Suffolk Room 235

New Pre-Law Advisor Workshop (*See next page for Veteran Pre-Law Advisor Workshop*)

Heather Struck, Cornell University, Coordinator

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

Heather Struck, Cornell University

NAPLA Leadership

NAPLA Web Resources (www.napla.org)

Dom DeLeo, Boston College

Pre-Law Advisors National Council

Overview of LSAC Services and LSAC Website (10:10 a.m.)

Karen Severn, Texas A&M University

Law School Admission Test (LSAT) (10:45 a.m.)

Benny Belvin, Harvard College

Letters of Recommendation and Dean's Letters (11:15 a.m.)

Karen Graziano, Villanova University

Heather Struck, Cornell University

11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Walk to Oceanaire Seafood Room

(From Suffolk, take a right on Tremont. Walk to Court Street. Take a right. Oceanaire is on right, 40 Court Street.)

12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Oceanaire Seafood Room

Welcome Lunch

Welcome from Conference Co-Chairs Karen Clemence, Senior Associate Dean of the College, Lafayette College and Johnny Pryor, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis

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

Speaker: Dennis Rendleman, Senior Counsel for Center for Professional Responsibility, American Bar Association

Topic: "Does Money Really Equal Character?"

Sponsored by Vermont Law School

Suffolk Room 235

Resources to Help Candidates Choose Law Schools (1:45 p.m.)

Ursula Olender, Colgate University

Personal Statements and Resumes (2:15 p.m.)

Michele DeMary, Susquehanna University

Alison Spada, Georgetown Law Center

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Navigating the NAPLA Conference (2:45 p.m.)

Outside Room 235

Dessert Break (3:30-3:45 p.m.)

Suffolk Room 235 and 295

Announcement of Mentors and Mentees (3:45 p.m.)

10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Suffolk Room 295

Veteran Pre-Law Advisor Workshop

Gerald Wilson, Duke University, Coordinator and Moderator

This interactive workshop will explore how pre-law advisors can best serve the needs of their advisees by giving them up-to-date information on procedures, assisting them in making good choices throughout the process and, alas, pointing out some of the pitfalls or no-no's to avoid.

Professors and Professionals (10:00 a.m.)

Pre-law advisors consist mainly of faculty members (especially Political Science) and professional counselors in Advising or Career Center Offices. Each type of advisor has his or her own approach, considerations, strengths, and problems. This panel, comprised of pre-law advisors from various sectors, will discuss their roles as advisors and provide an opportunity to learn from one another.

Panelists: Michele DeMary, Associate Professor of Political Science, Susquehanna University
Thomas Journey, Interdisciplinary Studies, Gettysburg College
Edward M. Stern, Assistant Dean for Pre-Professional Advising, Boston University
Mary Alice Tetro, University Coordinator of Pre-Law Advising, North Carolina State University

Swap Shop (11:15 a.m.)

Veterans are asked to bring with them one problem they have faced as pre-law advisors and one solution to another problem to share with those in attendance.

11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Oceanaire Seafood Room

Welcome Lunch (Noon-1:30 p.m.)

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Suffolk Room 295

“Good News, Bad News: It’s Not Just About the Numbers!” (1:45 p.m.)

There is a growing trend for law schools to combine the oversight of Admission and Career Services and/or Student Services departments. Deans of Admission who also oversee these additional functions have a unique perspective. Three such individuals will discuss the ways in which their career services and/or student services perspectives inform their review of student files. In addition to evaluating applications as to the applicants’ potential for success in law school, applicants may also provide clues as to the kind of lawyer the candidate is likely to be.

Panelists: Janet Bolin, Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services, Washington University School of Law
 Susan Krinsky, Associate Dean for Admission, Financial Aid, and Career Development, Tulane University School of Law
 Ellen Rutt, Associate Dean for Enrollment Management and Strategic Planning, University of Connecticut School of Law

“What on Earth ARE THEY Telling Pre-Law Students!” (2:35 p.m.)

As pre-law advisors, our task often seems to be two-fold: giving good advice and dealing with bad advice our applicants receive from peers, various internet sources, and alas, some pre-law advisors! A panel of experienced law school admission officers will discuss some of the bad – really bad! (“take the LSAT cold and see how you do, you can always take it again”) – pieces of advice they have heard about from applicants.

Panelists: Katie McDonald, Assistant Dean for Admissions, University of New Hampshire School of Law
 Michelle Rahman, Associate Dean for Admissions, University of Richmond School of Law
 Anne Richard, Associate Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid, The George Washington University Law School
 Robert Schwartz, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid, UCLA School of Law

Outside Room 295

Dessert Break (3:30-3:45 p.m.)

Suffolk Room 235 and 295

Announcement of Mentors and Mentees (3:45 p.m.)

4:00-5:15 p.m.

Suffolk Room 235 and 295

Joint Session with New and Veteran Pre-Law Advisors
Mock Advising Discussion Groups

In small groups, a mix of new and veteran advisors will analyze mock applications and summarize their discussions for the whole group. Groups will be asked to discuss how they would advise applicants regarding overall strategy, choosing schools, preparing essays, addressing misconduct issues, and overcoming obstacles.

5:15-5:30 p.m.

Walk to New England School of Law (Take a left out of Suffolk on Tremont Street. Go right on Stuart Street. New England Law is on your left, 154 Stuart Street.)

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Cherry Room, Library

Reception and Tour
 Sponsored by New England School of Law

7:00 p.m.

Suffolk Function Room

Lobster Fest
 Sponsored by Suffolk University Law School

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

7:00-8:00 a.m.
Suffolk University
Law School Function Room

Continental Breakfast and Suffolk Tours (*additional seating for continental breakfast is available in the fourth floor cafeteria*)

8:00-9:15 a.m.
Suffolk Law School Atrium

Conference Registration and Check-in

8:00-9:15 a.m.
Suffolk Law School

Workshop Session I (four options)

Room 235

IA. Reading for the Law

As pre-law advisors, we are frequently asked by our applicants to suggest readings that might help them understand the law school experience and what the practice of law is really like. Likewise, applicants ask about films and TV shows and their relationship to reality. A panel of experienced pre-law advisors and law school admission officers will suggest books and films to read and view – and perhaps some NOT to read or see – to get a more accurate view of the law school experience and the real world of lawyers.

Coordinator: Gerald Wilson, Pre-Law Advisor, Duke University

Panelists: Steven Lichtman, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Shippensburg University
Stephen Shafer, Pre-Law Advisor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Edward M. Stern, Assistant Dean for Pre-Professional Advising, Boston University
Wendy Vonnegut, Director of Legal Studies, Methodist University

Room 285

IB. Roundtable: Moving Beyond Challenging Conversations: Developing Successful Strategies for Advising the Non-Traditional Law School Applicant

This program will be an audience-engaging roundtable on developing successful strategies for non-traditional applicants. Participants from urban liberal arts and law school institutions provide their approaches that help to prepare, admit, or redirect students, with academic and life challenges, for whom law school is possible with appropriate guidance and planning. Roundtable moves to a facilitated audience interaction to strategize best practices for working with a variety of populations: women, minorities, students with exceptional or high-consequence circumstances, first-generation and/or adult learners, academically-challenged students, and academically gifted students from limited resource institutions. Workshop outcome: development of a strategies tipsheet for distribution through NAPLA post conference website and emails.

Coordinator: Allyson Lowe, Pre-Law Advisor, Carlow University

Panelists: Joe Campion, Director of Admissions, Duquesne University School of Law
Sandi DiMola, Director, Center for the Study of Conflict, and Pre-Law Advisor, Chatham University
Vielka Holness, Director, Pre-Law Institute, John Jay College, CUNY
Allyson Lowe, Pre-Law Advisor, Carlow University

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Room 295

IC. Financing a Legal Education: How to Finance Law School as a Long-Term Investment

Law school is a long-term investment – not all lawyers are rich and famous! This session will look at some trends in costs of legal education and borrowing. Then we will get into the nitty gritty of how students finance law school and repay their loans after graduation. Income Contingent Repayment and the Federal Loan Forgiveness Program will be presented. Learn the answers to the critical questions your advisees are asking about how to finance their education during law school – and how they will repay those loans upon graduation.

Coordinators: Benny Belvin, Assistant Director of Career Counseling and Pre-Law Advisor, Harvard College
Karen Graziano, Assistant Professor of English and Pre-Law Advisor, Villanova University

Panelists: Stephen Brown, Assistant Dean of Enrollment Services, Fordham University School of Law
Michele Kaminski, Director of Financial Aid, Touro Law Center

Room 425

ID. Reflections on Pre-Law Advising: A Look Back from Law School

As committed professionals we always want to find new ways to better serve the needs of our students. Unfortunately, those who can best provide us with the insights we need move on to law school and in most cases are never heard from again. No matter how good we are at pre-law advising, we could always provide better services by simply asking our alumni. This panel of law students will provide their perspectives on pre-law advising. They will tell us what they learned from their pre-law programs that has proven most beneficial, what was not as helpful and, most importantly, what they wish they had known before starting on this path.

Coordinator: Michele DeMary, Pre-Law Advisor, Susquehanna University

Moderator: Carl Bonomo, Pre-Law Advisor, Queens College, CUNY

Panelists: Students from Boston area law schools

9:15-9:30 a.m.

Short Walk to Board Buses

(Follow NAPLA guides. Please move to buses as efficiently as possible.)

9:30-10:15 a.m.

Park and Beacon Streets

Buses depart to Boston College Law School

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10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Boston College Law School
Stuart Room 315

Workshop Session II (four options)

IIA. How Do Admission Officers Evaluate Our Most Challenging Advising Cases?

When we, as pre-law advisors, advise our more challenging applicants about how to best represent themselves to admission staff, are we giving them the soundest and most appropriate advice? Four law school admission officers, joining forces as the Admission Committee of Fictitious Law School, will provide their perspectives on some of the more controversial and thought-provoking questions that pre-law advisors grapple with in their advising: criminal records, academic integrity violations, classroom and LSAT accommodations, and issues of student diversity. Through a variety of case studies and supplemental materials, panelists will present from the viewpoint of any law school, enabling advisors to gain broad-based knowledge about how law school admission officers tackle these often contentious issues in an application.

Coordinator: Karen Graziano, Assistant Professor of English and Pre-Law Advisor, Villanova University

Moderators: Kim Parent, Assistant Director, Professional Preparation and Pre-Law Advising, Career Development Center, Mount Holyoke College
Todd Rothman, Associate Director of Career Services and Pre-Law Advisor, University of Pennsylvania

Panelists: Alexandra Linsenmeyer, Director of Admissions, University of Pittsburgh School of Law
Joan Metzler, Associate Director of Law School Admissions, Quinnipiac University School of Law
Ann Perry, Assistant Dean for Admissions, University of Chicago Law School
Tracy Simmons, Assistant Dean of Admissions, Financial Aid and Diversity Initiatives, Chapman University School of Law

Stuart Room 402

IIB. Alternative Tracks to Law School Admissions

Discussions about applying to law school often assume that students will be entering a traditional full-time program during the fall semester and much of our advising is focused on these students. There are other types of programs, however, which may be better for some of our students. The purpose of this panel is to broaden our discussion to include a variety of other admissions tracks and to review the advantages they provide for students. These programs include: provisional acceptance programs, part-time programs, January admissions, and Junior admissions programs.

Coordinator: Michele DeMary, Pre-Law Advisor, Susquehanna University

Panelists: Renee E. Alten, Director of Admissions, Florida Coastal School of Law
Gail N. Ellis, Dean of Admissions, Suffolk University Law School
Cari L. Haaland, Assistant Dean of Admissions, University of St. Thomas School of Law (Minneapolis)

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East Wing Room 200

IIC. The Personal Statement: What Is Our Responsibility as Pre-Law Advisors?

As pre-law advisors, we are routinely faced with advisees who vary in the amount of assistance they ask for with their personal statements and supplemental essays. Have you ever wondered just how much help is too much – or, too little? When does our responsibility as pre-law advisors go beyond what we should be providing, and how do we know when guidance becomes too much direction? Panelists include two pre-law advisors (one a faculty member) and two law school deans of admission. Come hear their advice and join in the discussion.

Coordinator: Lyon Zabsky, Pre-Law Advisor, Princeton University

Panelists: Sandi DiMola, Pre-Law Advisor, Chatham University
William Hoye, Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs, Duke University School of Law
Rita Jones, Assistant Dean for Admissions, Boston College Law School
Lyon Zabsky, Pre-Law Advisor, Princeton University

East Wing Room 400

IID. Perspectives on Breaking Barriers for Underrepresented Pre-Law Students

The panel offers the perspectives of professionals working on three distinct aspects of the challenges of getting students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds into law school. The panel features a grassroots organization working with students from the middle school years onward using the context of legal careers to prepare students for college careers and professional school, a college-based pre-law center that focuses on early academic intervention and wraparound pre-law advisement, and a law professor whose research supports the need for diversification of the legal profession. This panel will provide pre-law advisors with opportunities to examine academic, policy, and applied diversification efforts.

Coordinator: Vielka Holness, Director, Pre-Law Institute, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Moderator: Sandra Tomkowicz, Professor and Pre-Law Advisor, West Chester University

Panelists: Vielka Holness, Director, Pre-Law Institute, John Jay College
Conrad Johnson, Professor, Columbia University School of Law
Sandy Santana, Deputy Director and Managing Director of Academic Programs, Legal Outreach

11:30-12:00 p.m.

Tour of Boston College Law School (*Tours begin from workshop session rooms*)

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Lunch

The Commons

Remarks from Norah Wylie, Associate Dean and Dean for Students, Boston College Law School
Sponsored by Boston College Law School

1:30-1:45 p.m.

Board Buses (*Please move to buses as efficiently as possible*)

1:45-2:30 p.m.

Buses depart to Harvard Law School

(Upon arrival, short walk to Austin Hall. Follow Harvard guides.)

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2:45-4:00 p.m.
*Harvard Law School
Ames Courtroom*

Plenary Session I: *Born Digital*

The Born Digital generation has come of age. Is it a generation or in fact a population? Are these young people really different from their parents and grandparents? And what will the world look like if shaped in their image? Based upon original research and interviews with Digital Natives around the world, John Palfrey will offer insights on how living digitally is globally transforming how people relate to information and to one another, and how the now ubiquitous and ever-evolving internet is fundamentally changing behavior relating to information.

Coordinator: Johnny Pryor, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis

Speaker: John Palfrey, Professor of Law and Vice Dean for Library and Information Resources, Harvard Law School

4:00-4:15 p.m.

Board Buses (*Please move to buses as efficiently as possible. Follow Harvard guides.*)

4:15-5:00 p.m.

Buses depart to Boston University School of Law

5:15-6:30 p.m.

*Barristers Hall
First Floor*

Reception

Remarks from Dean Maureen O'Rourke

Sponsored by Boston University School of Law

6:30-6:45 p.m.

Board Buses (*Please move to buses as efficiently as possible*)

6:45-7:15 p.m.

Buses depart to Omni Parker House Hotel

7:30 p.m.

*Omni Parker House
Rooftop Ballroom*

Swanky Comfort Food Dinner

After a long day of traveling and programming, unwind with your fellow NAPLA members at this casual buffet dinner with swanky versions of some of your favorite comfort foods.

Remarks from Dean John Broderick

Sponsored by University of New Hampshire School of Law

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

7:00-8:15 a.m.

*Suffolk University
Law School Function Room*

Breakfast

Sponsored by Quinnipiac University School of Law

(Pick up your roundtrip MBTA ticket for travel to Northeastern University School of Law.)

8:00-9:30 a.m.,

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Suffolk Law Atrium

Conference Registration and Check-in

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8:30-9:45 a.m.
Suffolk Law School

Workshop Session III (four options)

Room 425

IIIA. Who Gets Off the Waitlist?: A Mock Admissions Panel Discussion

Admissions officers from four law schools will review and discuss three law school applicants to shed light on their respective decision-making processes. Full mock applications for three candidates will be provided, as the panelists describe their unique approaches to the waitlist selection process, what components factor more or less prominently, and how their respective admissions committee might come to final decisions. The mock applications are designed to address some prevalent issues and recurring concerns that pre-law advisors often face as they work with advisees. This should prove to be a candid discussion with a behind-the-scenes perspective into how admissions offices consider and evaluate law school applications. All panelists will be participating in the Law Fair later in the day as well.

Coordinator: Kim Parent, Assistant Director of Professional Preparation and Pre-Law Advisor, Mount Holyoke College

Moderators: Karen Graziano, Assistant Professor of English and Pre-Law Advisor, Villanova University
Todd Rothman, Associate Director of Career Services, Pre-Law Advisor, University of Pennsylvania

Panelists: Michelle Rahman, Associate Dean for Admissions, University of Richmond School of Law
Ellen Rutt, Associate Dean for Enrollment Management, University of Connecticut School of Law
Alexander Schultes, Assistant Director of Student Recruitment, University of Miami School of Law
Johanne Johnston, Associate Director of Admissions, Temple University Beasley School of Law

Room 295

IIIB. Hot Topics in Law School Admissions

This session will cover a range of "Hot Topics" related to law school admissions. The panel will discuss (1) advisement of pre-law students given the current financial environment in law, (2) accommodations for students with disabilities who are taking the LSAT or taking a bar exam after law school, and (3) the impact of immigrant status on law school admission. A substantial block of time will be reserved for audience questions and comments.

Coordinator: Jack Carter, Pre-Law Advisor, Goucher College

Panelists: Katrin Hussman, Assistant Director of Admissions, University of Maryland School of Law
Kristine Jackson, Assistant Dean for Admissions, University of Colorado Law School
Jonathan Lurie, Professor Emeritus, Department of History, Rutgers University

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Room 285

IIIC. Advising Students With Disabilities: Taking the Long View

This panel will explore the legal rights and obligations of our students with disabilities who seek to pursue a career in law. A disability rights attorney and a law school admission officer will provide insight into the challenges our students confront from the LSAT to the Bar Exam. Our panelists will offer strategies to enhance our advising efforts.

Coordinator: Sandra Tomkowicz, Pre-Law Advisor, West Chester University

Panelists: Salome Heyward, Salome Heyward & Associates (Disability Management Consultants)

Ellen Rutt, Assistant Dean for Enrollment Management and Strategic Planning, University of Connecticut School of Law

Room 235

IIID. New England Exposure

Come hear from admissions representatives from New England law schools. Learn more about the specialties and exciting opportunities that are available to law students who prefer to be out of the city lights but still close to the Boston market.

Moderator: Kim Parent, Associate Director and Pre-Law Advisor, Mount Holyoke College

Panelists: John Miller, Jr., Associate Director of Admission, Vermont Law School

David Pallozzi, Assistant Dean for Admissions, University of Maine School of Law

Karen Romano, Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions, Western New England College School of Law

9:45-10:00 a.m.

Suffolk Law Atrium

Break and Walk to Park Street MBTA Station (The "T")

Sponsored by Western New England College School of Law

Pick up your MBTA ticket in Atrium, courtesy of The George Washington University Law School.

****Please follow NAPLA guides to the Park Street Station. Take the Green Line Outbound E Train to Northeastern Station.*

10:00-10:45 a.m.

Travel to Northeastern University School of Law

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Northeastern University

School of Law

Dockser Room 220

Workshop Session IV (four options)

IVA. A Best Practices Presentation – Developing Workshops, Creating Events, Hosting Law Fairs, and Formulating Procedures: Learning Strategies to Help You Manage and Meet the Needs of Your Pre-Law Advisees

The needs of pre-law advisees – to identify appropriate schools, understand the process, and refine their writing – are great and time-intensive. To meet the demands, pre-law advisors can develop workshops, host events and fairs, and institute procedures to streamline the process and effectively meet the needs of a large and demanding group of students. Panelists will describe the strategies they have used to manage challenges and share lessons they have learned. The goal of this workshop is to create a discussion in which panelists and attendees share best practices for educating their pre-law advisees and managing responsibilities and demands.

Coordinator: Karen Graziano, Pre-Law Advisor, Villanova University

Panelists: Jennifer Barr, Pre-Law Advisor, Haverford College, Bryn Mawr Colleges
Pamela Bloomquist, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid,
Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Grant Keener, Pre-Law Advisor and Mock Trial Coach, Drexel University

Karen Graziano, Pre-Law Advisor, Villanova University

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Dockser Room 250

IVB. Finding the Words: Writing Personal Statements, Addenda, Resumes and Follow-Up Letters

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

Coordinator: Dom DeLeo, Pre-Law Advisor, Boston College

Panelists: Greg Canada, Assistant Dean of Admissions,
University of California-Hastings College of Law
Jason Dugas, Director of Admissions, University of Virginia School of Law
Abigail Fitzgerald, Associate Director of Admissions, Northeastern
University School of Law
Kimberlee Gardner, Associate Director of Admissions, Boston College Law
School
Therese Lambert, Director of Student Recruiting, University of Miami
School of Law

Dockser Room 230

IVC. Social Media in Law School Admissions

Law schools around the country now use a variety of social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) to facilitate interaction with prospective applicants. This panel will discuss how pre-law advisors can help their advisees use social media and other online tools to better access information about law schools.

Coordinator: Jack Carter, Pre-Law Advisor, Goucher College

Panelists: Eric Aden, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid, University of
Arizona College of Law
Katrin Hussman, Assistant Director of Admission, University of Maryland
School of Law
Elisabeth Steele Hutchison, Director of Admissions and Special Projects,
University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Law

Dockser Room 240

IVD. The Legal Job Market: A View from the Trenches - Perspectives of Law School Career Development Directors and Law School Recruitment Professionals

This panel will offer the perspectives of law school career development deans and law school recruitment professionals working with law students and young lawyers in the metropolitan Boston area. The panel will feature a discussion of the current employment market for graduating and more junior law students. This panel will provide pre-law advisors with information and resources that will help pre-law students explore diverse practice areas (especially those exhibiting growth) and appropriately position themselves given market-wide challenges.

Coordinator: Vielka Holness, Director, Pre-Law Institute, John Jay College of Criminal
Justice

Panelists: Maris Abbene, Assistant Dean for Career Services, Boston College Law
School
Bronagh Fay, Holland and Knight, Attorney Recruiting Manager and
President, Massachusetts Legal Recruiters Association
Randi Friedman, Assistant Dean, Career Services, Northeastern University
School of Law

12:15-12:45 p.m.

Dockser 2nd Floor Lounge

Tour of Northeastern University School of Law

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12:45-2:30 p.m.
Curry Student Center
West Addition

Lunch (*Follow Northeastern guides to Curry Student Center*)
Remarks from Dean and Edwin W. Hadley Professor of Law Emily A. Spieler
Sponsored by Northeastern University School of Law

NAPLA Business Meeting

2:45-3:30 p.m.

Walk to Northeastern MBTA Station and Travel to Suffolk University School of Law
Take the Green Line Inbound E Train to Park Street Station. Follow NAPLA Guides.

3:30-3:45 p.m.
Suffolk Law Atrium

Break
Sponsored by Western New England College School of Law

4:00-5:30 p.m.
Suffolk Law
Function Room

Law School Fair
Coordinator: Benny Belvin, Assistant Director of Career Counseling and Pre-Law
Advisor, Harvard College
Anne Richard, Associate Dean of Admissions, George Washington
University Law Center

5:30-6:30 p.m.
Suffolk Law
Fourth Floor

NAPLA Reception
Meet your colleagues on the 4th Floor for Mediterranean and antipasto platters and passed
hors d'oeuvres including shaved sirloin, spinach and Asiago stuffed mushrooms, shrimp,
scallops wrapped in bacon and more.

6:30 p.m.

End of Thursday NAPLA Programming

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

7:00-8:30 a.m.
Omni Parker House
Rooftop Ballroom

Breakfast
Remarks by Michael Donnelly-Boylan, Assistant Dean for Admissions
Sponsored by Roger Williams University School of Law

8:30-9:45 a.m.
Omni Rooftop Ballroom

Plenary Session II: Law School Admission Council Update
Learn about the latest developments at the Law School Admission Council and what
happened in the 2010-2011 law school admissions year. Bring your questions or submit
them, prior to the plenary, to Jack Carter (jcarter@goucher.edu) or to any other member of
the conference committee.
Coordinator: Jack Carter, Pre-Law Advisor, Goucher College
Presenter: Anne Brandt, Executive Director for Education,
Pre-Law Programs, and Member Support Services, LSAC

9:45-10:00 a.m.
Omni Rooftop Ballroom

Coffee Break

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10:00-11:30 a.m.
Omni Rooftop Ballroom

Plenary Session III: Is the Legal Education Bubble Bursting?

There is growing frustration among law students and recent law school graduates about the lack of opportunities for legal employment during the current economic downturn. Many are demanding greater transparency in the availability of legal employment information, so that the decision to invest in legal education can be made with full disclosure of employment opportunities. The American Bar Association's Questionnaire Committee is considering recommendations on how the ABA law school questionnaire can be used as a tool to require disclosure of employment data for recent law school graduates. This panel of leading experts will discuss questions that go to the core of how pre-law advisors advise students and alumni who are considering the legal profession:

- How would you describe the current job market for recent law graduates?
- How has the marketplace for legal services changed during the current economic recession?
- What legal employment information will the ABA require law schools to disclose in future years and how will this information be shared with general public?
- What advice would you give to a person considering law school?
- What are the factors prospective law students should be weighing in considering whether and where to go to law school?
- How should law schools change to better prepare students for the changing legal employment economy?

Coordinator: Heather Struck, Assistant Dean and Pre-Law Advisor, Cornell University

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Camille A. Nelson, Dean of Suffolk University Law School

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Omni Rooftop Ballroom

Closing Lunch and Raffle

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

This session, now a staple of the conference, 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 seasoned law school admissions officers will discuss bizarre, tacky, unwanted communications and items they have received from applicants. Though humorous, there are serious lessons in these comments that pre-law advisors can pass along to their applicants.

Moderator: Gerald Wilson, Pre-Law Advisor, Duke University

Panelists: William J. Hoyer, Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs, Duke University School of Law
Ellen Keane Rutt, Associate Dean for Enrollment Management and Strategic Planning, University of Connecticut School of Law
Edward G. Tom, Assistant Dean for Admissions, University of California, Berkeley School of Law
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Conference at a Glance		
Tuesday, June 7		
9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Conference Registration and Check-in	Suffolk Atrium
10:00-11:45 a.m.	New Pre-Law Advisor Workshop	Suffolk Room 235
10:00-11:45 a.m.	Veteran Pre-Law Advisor Workshop	Suffolk Room 295
11:45 a.m.	Walk to Oceanaire Seafood Room	
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Welcome Lunch	Oceanaire
1:30 p.m.	Walk to Suffolk	
1:45-3:30 p.m.	New Pre-Law Advisor Workshop: continues	Suffolk Room 235
1:45-3:30 p.m.	Veteran Pre-Law Advisor Workshop: continues	Suffolk Room 295
3:30-3:45 p.m.	Dessert Break	
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Announcement of Mentors and Mentees	Suffolk Room 235 & 295
4:00-5:15 p.m.	Joint Session with New and Veteran Advisors: Advising Discussion Groups	Suffolk Room 235 & 295
5:15-5:30 p.m.	Walk to New England School of Law (.5 mile)	
5:30-6:30 p.m.	New England School of Law Reception and Tour	Cherry Room, Library
6:30-6:45 p.m.	Walk to Suffolk Law School (.5 mile)	
7:00 p.m.	Suffolk University Law School Lobster Fest	Suffolk Function Room
Wednesday, June 8		
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast and Suffolk Tours	Suffolk Function Room
8:00-9:15 a.m.	Conference Registration and Check-in	Suffolk Atrium
8:00-9:15 a.m.	Workshop Session I	Suffolk
	IA. Reading for the Law	Room 235
	IB. Roundtable: Moving Beyond Challenging Conversations: Developing Successful Strategies for Advising the Non-Traditional Law School Applicant	Room 285
	IC. Financing a Legal Education: How to Finance Law School as a Long-Term Investment	Room 295
	ID. Reflections on Pre-Law Advising: A Look Back from Law School	Room 425
9:15-9:30 a.m.	Board buses	
9:30-10:15 a.m.	Buses depart to Boston College (8.4 miles)	
10:15-11:30 a.m.	Workshop Session II	Boston College Law School
	IIA. How Do Admission Officers Evaluate Our Most Challenging Advising Cases?	Stuart Room 315
	IIB. Alternative Tracks to Law School Admissions	Stuart Room 402
	IIC. The Personal Statement: What is Our Responsibility as Pre-Law Advisors?	East Wing Room 200
	IID. Perspectives on Breaking Barriers for Underrepresented Pre-Law Students	East Wing Room 400
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Tour of Boston College Law School	
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Lunch at Boston College Law School	The Commons
1:30-1:45 p.m.	Board buses	
1:45-2:30 p.m.	Buses depart to Harvard Law School (6.3 miles)	
2:45-4:00 p.m.	Plenary Session I: <i>Born Digital</i>	Harvard Ames Courtroom
4:00-4:15 p.m.	Board buses	
4:15-5:00 p.m.	Buses depart to Boston University School of Law (3.6 miles)	
5:15-6:30 p.m.	Boston University School of Law Reception	Boston University Barristers Hall, First Floor

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6:30-6:45 p.m.	Board buses	
6:45-7:15p.m.	Buses depart to Omni Parker House Hotel (3.6 miles)	
7:30 p.m.	Swanky Comfort Food Dinner	Omni Rooftop Ballroom
Thursday, June 9		
7:00-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Suffolk Function Room
8:00-9:30 a.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m.	Conference Registration and Check-in	Suffolk Atrium
8:30-9:45 a.m.	Workshop Session III	Suffolk
	IIIA. Who Gets Off the Waitlist?: A Mock Admissions Panel Discussion	Room 425
	IIIB. Hot Topics in Law School Admissions	Room 295
	IIIC. Advising Students With Disabilities: Taking the Long View	Room 285
	IIID. New England Exposure	Room 235
9:45-10:00 a.m.	Break and Walk to Park Street MBTA Station (“The T”)	
10:00-10:45 a.m.	Travel to Northeastern University School of Law (2 miles)	
11:00 a.m.-12:15p.m.	Workshop Session IV	Northeastern University School of Law
	IVA. A Best Practices Presentation - Developing Workshops, Creating Events, Hosting Law Fairs, and Formulating Procedures: Learning Strategies to Help You Manage and Meet the Needs of Your Pre-Law Advisees	Dockser 220
	IVB. Finding the Words: Writing Personal Statements, Addenda, Resumes and Follow-Up Letters	Dockser 250
	IVC. Social Media in Law School Admissions	Dockser 230
	IVD. The Legal Job Market: A View from the Trenches – Perspectives of Law Career Development Directors and Law School Recruitment Professionals	Dockser 240
12:15-12:45 p.m.	Tour of Northeastern University School of Law	Dockser 2 nd Floor Lounge
12:45-2:30 p.m.	Lunch and NAPLA Business Meeting at Northeastern University School of Law	Curry Student Center West Addition
2:45-3:30 p.m.	Walk to Northeastern MBTA Station and travel to Suffolk Law School (2 miles)	
3:30-3:45 p.m.	Break	Suffolk Atrium
4:00-5:30 p.m.	Law School Fair	Suffolk Function Room
5:30-6:30 p.m.	NAPLA Reception	Suffolk 4 th Floor
6:30 p.m.	End of Thursday NAPLA Programming	On Your Own
Friday, June 10		
7:00-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Omni Rooftop Ballroom
8:30-9:45 a.m.	Plenary Session II: Law School Admission Council Update	Omni Rooftop Ballroom
9:45-10:00 a.m.	Coffee Break	Omni Rooftop Ballroom
10:00-11:30 a.m.	Plenary Session III: Is the Legal Education Bubble Bursting?	Omni Rooftop Ballroom
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Closing Lunch, Raffle, and You’re Not Going to Believe This...Again and Again and Again!	Omni Rooftop Ballroom