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Welcome to the Pre-Law Newsletter! The newsletter is a great way to stay informed on all things Pre-Law at Notre Dame. Here, you can learn more about upcoming events and key information regarding Notre Dame's Pre-Law Community.
The Pre-Law Newsletter is prepared by the Pre-Law Student Board under the direction of the Meruelo Family Center for Career Development as part of the Notre Dame Pre-Law Program to help students explore law, determine if it is the career they want to pursue and have the tools, resources, and knowledge for applying to law school.

Studying for the LSAT and Want to Form a Study Group? Click the link to fill out this interest form!

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Law School Resources

Ready for 1L Year & Financing Your Legal Education

Ask EDNA! – the Education Network at AccessLex
Download the School Cost Comparison worksheet from MAX Pre-Law and learn the lingo with the First Year Law School Glossary within the Welcome to Law School lesson from the Student Success collection. You can even schedule time with an Accredited Financial Counselor to get help with any financial question they may have! It’s all free!

AccessLex Pre-Law Workshops

Choosing a Law School    Wed, Feb 3, 2:00 pm ET Register
Applying to Law School: A Strategic Approach for Underrepresented Students
Th, Feb 4, 5:00 pm ET Register

Hearing Back From Law Schools

It’s beginning to be that time – Hearing Back from Law Schools
You’ve been Accepted! Congratulations!

Before you make your decision between the law schools that have accepted you, take a look at the best tips for Choosing A Law School, presented by Notre Dame Law School Recruiting Program Manager

You’ve been waitlisted. Don’t despair. Some things you can do:

1. Follow the directions the schools provides regarding how they want you to follow up after being placed on the waitlist
2. If the school allows, send a letter of continued interest
   1. tell them anything new that strengthens your application, such as GPA from Fall 2021 or a new experience you may have had over winter break or a spring opportunity you have.
   2. Something new has come to your attention why that school is a top priority
   3. Don’t reiterate information in your original application
3. Attend a virtual applicant or prospective student webinar that the school is offering

You weren’t accepted.

This is tough, but there are many excellent law schools out there. This is why you applied to several. Don’t interpret this one rejection as a sign that you are going to be rejected at all the other schools to which you applied. There are alternatives. Most likely going to law school in Fall 2022 is not your only option. If you aren’t accepted at the schools that were a priority for you, you could choose to reapply next year and build your resume this coming year. Not sure what you could/want to do if you decide to wait on going to law school – there are options. Schedule a time to talk with the Pre-Law Advisor through Handshake.
Should I Be A Lawyer: The Experience

Are you considering law school? Curious as to what it is that lawyers actually do? Come spend a morning in a unique, hands-on workshop “Should I Be A Lawyer: the Experience”.

The workshop will follow a legal issue from start to finish. Participants will be divided into two teams to assist an attorney in representing either the Plaintiff or Defendant throughout the day. You will help gather facts, conduct legal research and analysis and develop a plan for fact-finding in discovery. Each team will prepare a plan for advocating their position and negotiating a resolution through a simulated mediation. The day includes a discussion of law school, legal careers, and positions of your future career as an attorney at the highest aspirational levels.

The Workshop will be held on March 20th from 9 am to 1 pm at the Notre Dame Law School.

Registration is limited to the first 24 respondents. Please fill out the interest form linked below if you are interested in this event!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc55M9JYf9MT03PsDgLOG7ZcWiBVsJ0CjV27oDYh_orKRT03A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Internships
Check out the internship search resources and some law-related internships at [Law Career Path](#), under Find Opportunities.

Most importantly seek an internship that involves a topic, an industry, a function of specific interest to you.

Some ideas: Public Policy; Government - federal, state or municipal; risk analysis; due diligence investigation; consulting; advocacy; human resources; intelligence & national security; etc. – what interests you!

Additional internship resources: Brad Traverse, UCAN, Idealist, CareerShift - access [here](#).

**Summer 2022 Internships**, American Bar Association

**Intern - Legal & Compliance**, National Life Group

**ML, NLP, and Algorithmic Fairness Internships**, Princeton Legal Tech Spinout - Claudius Legal Intelligence, Inc.

**2022 Summer Internships – Compliance & Legal**, Invenergy

**Legal - Compliance & Ethics Group Summer Intern**, Seagate Technology

**2022 Summer Analyst Internship (Global Offices)**, Kobre & Kim, LLP

**Summer 2022: D. E. Shaw Renewable Investments: Compliance Intern – Denver**, The D.E. Shaw Group

Full-time

**Legal Assistant/Paralegal - Commercial Litigation**, White & Case - also posted [here](#)

Maria Orellana Muniz, ND’ 20, is a Litigation Legal Assistant at White & Case LLP in Los Angeles. Her team will have 3-4 openings for a June 2022 start. She wants to ensure graduating ND seniors looking to gain legal experience before law school here about this opportunity! She provides a few details about the position:

1. **Entry-level position for recent college grads looking to gain experience before applying to law school/who are trying to figure out if law school is the right path for them**

2. **Looking for a 2-year commitment**

3. **Based out of the Los Angeles, CA office**

4. **Opportunity to work for a large social media tech client (so this is a great match for students with interests in media and tech law, but**
previous experience in this field is not required)

5. Work directly with distinguished attorneys

She’s been in the position for a year and a half and loves it thus far. It is a lot of work but she states she’s learned so much and feels very prepared for law school. She invites you to contact her via email or LinkedIn (https://www.linkedin.com/in/maorellanamuniz/) if you want to learn more.

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For the following two positions, it is recommended that you prepare a “federal resume” (see tips and a sample here). Utilize the Resume Builder on USAJobs to build your federal resume

Paralegal Specialist, U.S. Army and Army Reserve

Paralegal, U.S. Department of Justice - Antitrust Division (Full-time, San Francisco)

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Appeals Paralegal, New York County District Attorney’s Office Appeals Division

Litigation Junior Paralegal, Kirkland & Ellis LLP  (Note: LinkedIn shows 56 Notre Dame Alumni working here)

Trial Preparation Assistant / Paralegal, Special Victims Bureau at Queens District Attorney’s Office

Intellectual Property Paralegal and Pre-Law School Internship, Leading-Edge Law Group

(Note: This is a full-time, paid, 1-year commitment)

Trial Skills for Diverse Talent Pre-Law Program, The Lightfoot Academy

A number of other paralegal opportunities are posted on Handshake. Search for “paralegal.”

Also search for “legal assistant.” There are a number of legal assistant postings with application late January and early February deadlines.

SEO Law Fellowship

SEO Law Fellowship Program
The SEO Law Fellowship is the only program of its kind to offer talented, historically excluded, incoming law school students the opportunity to work at a top law firm during the summer before law school.

SEO Law Fellows have access to an academic and career prep training program, academic tutoring and career support throughout the first year of law school, the opportunity to win a $10,000 or $5,000 scholarship and access to a network of over 1,700+ alumni, including judges, former U.S. Cabinet members and members of Congress, partners at law firms, and General Counsels.

SEO Law Fellowship Application is open now through Friday, February 25, 2022.

APPLY to the SEO FELLOWSHIP

QUESTIONS

Have law career questions or seeking pre-law advising? Contact Anita Rees arees@nd.edu Meruelo Family Center for Career Development

Have questions? Check out our website http://prelaw.nd.edu. It has lots of information on our key steps for a prelaw student: Discern, Explore, Apply as well as links to other resources.

Know anybody else who may be interested in pre-law information?