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PRE-LAW NEWSLETTER

Meruelo Family Center for Career Development
Pre-Law Student Board

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The Notre Dame Pre-Law Student Board is excited to share the first edition of the Pre-Law Newsletter for the Fall Semester of 2021. In this newsletter, you can find information on upcoming events, learn more about available Pre-Law resources, and discover ways to engage with the Notre Dame Pre-Law Community.

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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.

Notre Dame Pre-Law Website - Click here to see even more resources

Pre-Law Kick Off Event Highlights

The Pre-Law Student Board would like to thank everyone who attended the Pre-Law Community Kick Off Event. It was wonderful to see such a large and energetic community of students, and we look forward to working with you throughout the year. The powerpoint slides from the event can be found posted on our website, and we're currently working to create additional opportunities

with Notre Dame Law School students in the future.



UP-COMING EVENTS

Law School Presentations

*These schools are presenting specifically for Notre Dame students

Tuesday, September 21, 12pm-1pm – [University of Virginia School of Law Information Session \(Virtual\)](#)

*This session is primarily intended for students to ask questions. Consider reviewing UVA's [most recent class profile](#) and [employment outcomes](#) before the session to see what questions you may have.

Thursday, September 23, 5pm-6pm – [Cornell University School of Law Information Session \(Virtual\)](#)

Thursday, September 30, 5pm-5:45pm – [Harvard Law School Admissions Q&A Session \(Virtual\)](#)

Wednesday, October 6, 5pm-6:30pm – [Yale Law School Information Session \(In-person\)](#)

Law School Events

[Law School Connections Day](#) - September 24, 12pm-3pm - 512 Duncan Student Center

- 9 high-ranking law schools will be **here on campus** to meet and casually talk with you
- each school will explain what makes their school unique and provide tips for preparing a competitive application
- Register on Handshake under Fairs or Events

[Virtual Law School Fair](#) - October 8, 12pm-2:30pm

- Sign up for 1 on 1, 10 minute conversations (with no line, no noise from other conversations going on around you!)
- Sign up for group sessions where admissions reps will talk about their school, the types of applicants they seek, and field questions

Other Events to Look Out For

Choosing a Law School - October 4, 6:30pm

- You do not want to miss this section if...
 - You are applying to law school this fall and will face the decision to accept or decline an acceptance
 - You aren't applying now but have questions about how to select law school to which to apply
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IMPORTANT INFO

Tips for Applying to Law School During Fall 2021

- Apply as early as you can with the ultimate goal of applying by Thanksgiving.
- Review 5 1/2 personal statement tips provided by Georgetown Law School Dean (see below)
- Connect with admissions representatives of the schools to which you are applying. See the law school events coming up at Notre Dame (listed above) and check out the schools participating in the [LSAC Law School Forums](#)
- Admissions representatives note when candidates are expressing genuine interest in their school and are making the additional effort to talk with them
- It is perfectly acceptable, if you are seriously considering that school, to ask the admissions representative if they offer application fee waivers
- Join the [Law School Connections Day](#) for the admissions representatives panel on Tips for Preparing a Competitive Law School Application

5 1/2 Personal Statement Tips from Georgetown Law School Dean:

1. Be brief and focused (aim for 2 pages)
2. Make sure your first sentence immediately captures the reader's attention and draws them in (admissions reps read thousands of essays, separate yours right away)
3. Make sure the essay is about you (topic can be about anything, but it needs to say something about you)
4. Tell a story (have a beginning, middle, and end)
5. Show don't tell

*5 1/2: not required, but can mention why you want to go to Georgetown specifically

Internships

- Spring 2022 - [Health Policy Intern](#) (Remote) - Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- Spring 2022 - [Housing Policy Intern](#) (Remote) - Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- Spring 2022 - [Federal Fiscal Policy Intern](#) (Remote) - Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

*Law Related Summer Internships (Consider applying in the Spring)

- [Investigative Internship Program](#) - Georgetown Law Criminal Justice Clinic
- [Criminal Law Internship Program](#) - The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
- [Internship Program](#) - The U.S. Supreme Court (summer applications open Oct. 16, 2021)

Post-Graduate Opportunities

- [Project Analyst](#) - Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. - two year program at an AmLaw top 100 law firm
- [Stanford Law Research Fellow](#), Stanford University - one year fellowship with option to renew
- [Law Clerks](#) - Berry Appleman & Leiden
- [Protection of Civilians/International Humanitarian Law Intern](#) - InterAction - Fall Internship for recent graduate; probably also offer Spring Spring and Summer as well
- [Capital Fellows Program](#) - 10-11 month fellowships, cohort working in a Legislative, Executive or Judicial Branch office (Applications open early October)
- [Lead4America Fellows](#) - two-year, paid, full-time fellowships in local public-serving institutions (Local governments, nonprofits, community foundations, etc) working toward national community revitalization (Applications open in Fall)
- [Coro Fellowship](#) - Fellow participates in a series of full-time projects across a variety of sectors in public affairs, including a final independent project of the Fellow's choosing (Applications currently open)

Find more law-related opportunities on Handshake

See resources at Law Career Path under Find Opportunities

QUESTIONS

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

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