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The Notre Dame Pre-Law Student Board welcomes you back to campus for this spring semester! In this edition of the Pre-Law Newsletter, you'll find important information on preparing for law school, scholarship opportunities, job and internship applications, on campus events, and so much more.
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.

Recently, we have held several events, covering topics such as the LSAT, personal statement, and choosing a law school. Additionally, we are trying to provide students interested in law with the opportunity to explore and engage with their future, whether it be through the Law School Fair, a live NDLS Zoom Class, or a Q&A Panel with current NDLS students. With this being said, we would like to hear more from you, the students, on what you want to see in the future. Don't hesitate to reach out to prelaw@nd.edu with any suggestions!
Law School Preparation

**CLEO: College Scholars Program**

**Virtual Pre-Law Programs**

- Hosted by University of Pittsburgh | School of Law
- When: Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021; 9:00am-4:30pm
- Where: On-line/Nationwide
- How: [Register online](#)

Freshmen: [The Road To Law School seminar](#) aims to provide freshmen an overview of the key components of the law school application process.

Sophomores: [The Sophomore Super Saturdays](#) seminar aims to help students further develop logical reasoning, reading comprehension and writing skills - the skills needed to become a competitive law school applicant.

Juniors/Seniors/Post Graduates: [Juniors Jumpstart the LSAT](#) seminar aims to help participants understand the importance of systematic and timely preparation for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

**Law School Diversity Resources**

Summer 2021 LSAC Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program Online at St. John’s Law - Feb 16 Application Deadline

- An award-winning pipeline initiative of the [Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights](#), LSAC PLUS Online serves college students from historically underrepresented groups who want to pursue a career in the law.
- Programming will begin on June 7th, 2021, and end on July 30th, 2021. It will be full-time, and all virtual.
- The applications and instructions are available at our [website](#). We invite you or your students to learn more about us by visiting our [website](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

[ IU Maurer School of Law Diversity in Law Series - Feb 6, 11, 16, 26](#)

NC Diversity Law Day on February 13th, from 9am-1pm
The Schedule will include a law school fair as well as panels providing great information. The Diversity Law Day is open to all students, not just NC students. This is an opportunity to learn about diversity in NC Law Schools. Participating law schools include Campbell University School of Law, Duke University School of Law, Elon University School of Law, North Carolina Central University School of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law at Chapel Hill and Wake Forest University School of Law.

- Zoom link to join the Diversity Law Day:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JmctM2nITEmXS5nUxmNjAA

General Preparation

White and Case Virtual Learning Program

- White and Case offers free, online learning programs that give students a look inside the world of law.
- Explore available programs
Upcoming Notre Dame Pre-Law Student Board Website
Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for the launch of the Notre Dame Pre-Law Student Board Website. This website will highlight useful law school preparation resources, highlight important tips and strategies, and feature on-campus opportunities to become more involved in pre-law.

Law Student Office Hours for Undergraduates
Starting this semester, Notre Dame Law School Students will be holding office hours intended for undergraduate questions. Look out for a separate announcement in the next few days for more information!
Notre Dame LSAT Prep Database

The Pre-Law Student Board is working to compile a database of LSAT preparation services. **If you've utilized LSAT preparation resources or taken the LSAT, please consider filling out a short questionnaire about your experiences as the database rolls out in the next few days.** This information will be shared with students looking for the best way to prepare for the LSAT in the future.

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### Missed Out On Past Events?

Check out the recorded versions on Zoom!

- LSAT-Flex Preparation: Inside Changes to the LSAT ([click here](#))
- Choosing a Law School Presentation ([click here](#))
- Writing the Law School Personal Statement ([click here](#))
- NDLS Student Q&A Panel ([click here](#))
- Should I Be a Lawyer Presentation ([click here](#))
- Intro to Thinking About Law ([click here](#))
- Exploring Law with ND Alumni: Panel ([click here](#))
OPPORTUNITIES

Internships
In Handshake search "legal;" under Job Type, select "Internship;" under School Year, select year or all four undergrad years (even with this search, still check qualifications to ensure opportunity is for an undergraduate student)

- Summer Intern – Latin America & the Caribbean – [ABA Rule of Law Initiative](#) (Application due February 15)
- Undergraduate Summer 2021 Intern — [U.S. Dept. of Justice, Environmental & Natural Resources Division, Law & Policy Section](#) (Application due February 19)
- Honors Program for College and Graduate Students – [Dept. of Homeland Security](#) (Application due February 26)
- Legal Internship – [Reckitt Benckiser](#) (Application due April 1)
- Student Mediator (Paid) – [New York State Office of the Attorney General](#) (Application due April 16)

*Although applications aren't due until the dates listed, it's always best to apply early rather than waiting until the deadline. Applying early also shows keen interest and if the firm reads applications as they are submitted, then you may be considered ahead of other applicants and before the deadline.*

Full-Time
In Handshake, search “legal;” under Job Type, select “Job;” under School Year, select “Senior”

- Division of Criminal Justice Medicaid Fraud Control Unit – Buffalo Forensic Accountant/Auditor – [New York State Office of the Attorney General](#) (Application due February 19)
- Legal Analyst – [Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP](#) (Application due March 31)
- Corporate Paralegal – [GESS International U.S., LLC](#) (Application due June 30)
- Client Protection Associate – 2021 Graduates (Legal & Compliance) – AlphaSights (Application due February 28)
- 2021-2023 Civil Rights Paralegal – Relman Colfax PLLC (Application due March 15)

Find more Law-Related Internships and Jobs on Handshake
Check out the Job/Internship databases listed at the Law Career Path under Find Opportunities

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**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

Brenna Keane is a Notre Dame graduate from the class of 2019 who is currently working as a Paralegal Specialist for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice in Chicago before she plans on attending law school at the University of Michigan next fall. After conducting her senior thesis on the role of the special counsel during the Nixon, Clinton, and Trump administrations, Brenna took her current position to see if a legal career was right for her before she made the commitment to law school. Brenna was kind enough to share some of her experiences and advice with us below!

**Question:** Can you give a brief description of your work?
**Response:** My role is a hybrid of a junior investigator and traditional paralegal. I do a lot of background research to start investigations, find evidence through document review, and maintain the case files.

**Question:** What experiences and studies helped you land this opportunity?
**Response:** I had conducted a Directed Readings my junior year on the Nixon and Trump administrations and wrote my senior thesis on the role of the special counsel during the Nixon, Clinton, and Trump administrations. I was able to demonstrate experience in legal research and a strong interest in the justice system. My job now has led to my acceptance to law school! I will be starting law school at the University of Michigan in the Fall.

**Question:** What are two or three important career steps/experiences you took that made you competitive and qualified for your current position?
**Response:** I previously interned for a US Senator and for a tech start-up. Two very different things, but gave me an interesting background. I know how to work effectively in the government and work with other federal agencies. I also gained management skills through working for a small start-up where I was in charge of off-shoring data collection.

**Question:** What’s your one key tip to students hoping to direct their careers in a direction similar to yours?

**Response:** Pursue research and learning opportunities in which you are genuinely interested. I did not plan my research projects to lead me to the DOJ and law school, but they led me to realize my interest in the law and are solid interview talking points. Also, talk to the Career Center early!

**Question:** What’s one thing you’ve learned in your professional experiences that you would share with your college self if you could?

**Response:** Do not be afraid to talk to people! Alumni are always willing to talk to you. When I first started my job I was scared to ask the attorneys I work with questions that did not directly relate to my responsibilities. Now I am comfortable asking questions about strategy decisions and even law school advice. I would be happy to talk to anyone interested in the position or contemplating law school.

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**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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Know anybody else who may be interested in pre-law information? SEND THEM THIS LINK TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE PRE-LAW NEWSLETTER