Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Pre-Law Newsletter! In this issue you will find information on upcoming events, opportunities over break, and other ways to stay involved with the 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.

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!

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**IMPORTANT INFO**

**Law School Resources**
Application Tips and FAFSA Information

- MAX Pre-Law offers two lessons related to law school financing—Understanding Law School Admissions and Financial Aid and Paying for Law School—that walk your students through the financial aid application process and make sure they understand key concepts such as cost of attendance and student loan borrowing.
- Our Financing Your Legal Education webinars discuss the cost of pursuing legal education, describe the financial aid application process, review available financing options and identify the ways your students can prepare financially for law school.
- And if your students have specific questions about applying or financial aid and/or understanding scholarships, grants, and loan terms, they can contact AccessConnex by AccessLexSM, our free student loan helpline, to speak with one of our Accredited Financial Counselors (AFC®).

Law School Diversity Resources

LSAC offers several scholarship opportunities for diverse applicants

In addition, check out the Diversity Pipeline Program Directory—a database searchable by class year, type of program, when it occurs and area of the country.

Choosing the Right Law School

XploreJD by AccessLex® - online search tool to find schools that best meet your criteria for a successful law school journey. XploreJD is a data-based approach to finding law schools and being comprehensive in your law school search.

Ways to prepare for the LSAT over Break

- LSAT-Flex Preparation: Inside Changes to the LSAT
- Common LSAT Flaws
- Tournament of Flaws

Early Law School Preparation
First Years and Sophomores – If you are interested in law school, check out these FREE summer programs. Bookmark LSAC.org/PLUS program and check back for up-to-date application information.

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**UP-COMING EVENTS**

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**Should I Be a Lawyer?**
Thinking about law? Explore if this career fits you -- your values, skill sets, and the "work" you want to do every day. Notre Dame Alumnus and attorney, John Moore, ND '82; JD '86 (UVA), provides tools & tips to help you decide.

Tuesday, December 8 • 4-5pm ET

[REGISTER ON HANDSHAKE](#)
Intro to Thinking About Law
What are the steps, the process, the timeline to planning a career in law? What can help you be a competitive applicant to law school? Learn about all of these important factors and considerations during this session!

Tuesday, December 15 • 4-5pm ET
REGISTER ON HANDSHAKE

Last LSAC Online Forum
These forums attract nearly every law school! Still not convinced?

- They provide a great way to learn to talk with law school admissions representatives and better understand the kind of candidate their law school is seeking.
- Even though we just completed the Notre Dame Virtual Law School Fair, these Forums can help you complete making rounds to all the law schools that interest you!
- The same law school fair preparation and tips still apply to the Forums. (Scroll down to this section and the How to Prepare video, including several question suggestions.)

Saturday, December 12
REGISTER BY DECEMBER 10

Deep Dive into Law and a Variety of Practices
Presented by Notre Dame Alumni Lawyers
Thursday, January 14 • Time TBD
MORE INFO WILL BE AVAILABLE ON HANDSHAKE SOON

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)
Winter Session Projects

- Winter Session Project (Paid remote and/or in person) – O'Brien Legal Services, LLC Marketing Management and Social Media Optimization (Application due December 3)
- Winter Session Project – Elica Health Centers, Immigrant Resource Center Project (Application due December 6)

Internships

- Three Undergraduate Internships – Environmental Crimes Section, U.S. Department of Justice (Application due December 20)
- Compliance Summer Intern 2021 – BNSF Railway (Application due December 31)
- Compliance Summer Intern 2021 for those with an interest in finance, laws and regulations – VanEck (Application due December 31)
- Legal Summer Intern 2021 – VanEck (Application due December 31)
- Spring Internship – Second Amendment Project (Application due January 1)
- Constitutional Studies Internship – Independence Internship (Application due January 1)
- American Bar Undergraduate Internships (Application dates vary)

Full-Time

- Legal and Creative Writing Specialist – Hudson - Business Immigration (Application due December 31)
- Jesuit Volunteer/AmeriCorps member – Jesuit Volunteer Northwest (Application due January 1)
- Paralegal Administrative Assistant – Warner Music Group (Application due January 31)
Morgan Peck is a Notre Dame graduate from the class of 2020 who is currently working for the Northwest Justice Project before she plans on attending law school next year. Morgan's current position is a post-graduate opportunity offered by Jesuit Volunteer Corp Northwest (information about this opportunity can be found in the "Full-Time" section). Now serving as a Legal Rights Educator in Yakima, WA, Morgan was kind enough to share her experiences and discuss how Notre Dame helped her get to where she is now.

**Question:** Can you give a brief description of your work?

**Response:** I assist attorneys with tasks around their cases, ranging from housing law to family law to employment and benefits law. I primarily help with outreach efforts to local and migrant farmworkers, and I'm currently coordinating an outreach partnership with the local school districts to better distribute information to families working in food production during the pandemic.
Question: What experiences and studies helped you land this opportunity?
Response: The summer after my junior year, I interned at the American Bar Association's Detainee Hotline, run through their Commission on Immigration. I heard about this opportunity very serendipitously: another ND student with whom I was interning at the time connected me with a friend of hers at an on-campus event about planning for a summer in D.C. who had just finished a semester internship at the hotline. As a hotline intern, I took calls from people in immigration detention facilities, sometimes in Spanish; assembled research on their countries of origin to send them so that they could use it in their cases; and also sent callers' complaints about negligence in the facilities to the proper authorities. That internship helped me discern that I did want to pursue a legal career, and that I felt confident in pursuing a post-undergraduate legal opportunity serving clients with limited to no proficiency in English. It also gave me a clear view into the significant impact even limited assistance can have for a person with limited resources. This insight made the opportunity to serve at Northwest Justice Project, which provides its services for free to low-income or otherwise eligible clients, a no-brainer.

Question: What are two or three important career steps/experiences you took that made you competitive and qualified for your current position?
Response: I completed a semester-long internship with Indiana Legal Services in South Bend that helped me develop interview intake skills and gain exposure to a wide variety of civil legal issues. My internship with the ABA also greatly improved my confidence and ability in speaking Spanish with clients who are native speakers. I know this made me a competitive applicant for the position, as competency in Spanish is a requirement and was tested during my interview.

Question: What's your one key tip to students hoping to direct their careers in a direction similar to yours?
Response: Gain experience in a legal office, whether the work is legal services or advocacy about legal rights. You'll learn very quickly what parts of the work appeal to you, or if none of it appeals to you, which will help you shape your next steps.
Have law career questions or seeking pre-law advising? Contact Anita Rees arees@nd.edu Meruelo Family Center for Career Development

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

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