



Pre-Legal Education and Admission to Law School Section Newsletter

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Introducing the Board

The Pre-Legal Education and Admission to Law School Section has an executive board to help represent the section's members and interests. This year's board members include:

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Sophia Sim, GWU Law

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Immediate Past Board Members

Matthew Kerns (Chair), Widener Law;

Kristine Jackson (Communications),

Colorado Law;

Mimi Huang (Nominating), Lewis & Clark

"February - it's busy but fruitful and rewarding for applicants who start diving in to make their dream a reality."
~Anthony

We asked the board, *What is your favorite month in admissions or pre-legal education?*

"September... applications go live and it's the kickoff to travel season. Everyone is excited."
~Preston

"August, when students finally arrive on campus. You can't help but feel the energy and excitement!"
~Sophia

"November - we start accepting students!"
~ Matt

Member Spotlight

Jay Austin

Executive Director of LSAC's Reaffirming Individuals Supporting Education ("RISE") Alliance



Favorite Month in Admissions?

The months of reading applications. I always thought of it as "I am reading someone's short story today". It was a privilege to be trusted with life stories. I never refrained from experiencing the joy or pain in their words. Laughter or tears. I was all in.

Favorite Work Trip Location?

As a school rep, I started attending the LSAC Law Forums sometime in the early 1990's. There was something very special about the Atlanta Forum. One, it was the forum that I could be assured of seeing so many faces on the other side of the table that looked like mine. Second, I could always count on seeing many colleagues especially the Black and Brown faces who may not attend any other forum. Lastly, family. I have family in the Atlanta area and this trip always meant I could connect with them.

Best part of the job?

The depth and breadth of my professional experiences has only confirmed a life lesson. I've accepted my joy is creating change for the people I care about. If I leave any legacy, I want my colleagues to know that I cared about them and used every resource within my capacity to support, amplify and uplift them.

Want to be featured or feature a colleague in our member spotlight? Email paged@stjohns.edu.

Upcoming Events

Virtual

In-Person

[Info Table at NAPLA](#)
Washington, D.C.
June 14, 2023
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Spring Section
Social
May 10, 2023
3 p.m. EST
[Join on Zoom](#)

Section Breakfast at
[LSAC Annual Meeting](#)
San Diego, CA
7:30 - 8:45 a.m.

Pre-Forum Session with
Art Coleman
LSAC in collab with AALS
Washington, D.C.
Details forthcoming

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