In the News
It seems like everyday news is released that impacts students looking to pursue a legal education. As summer conferences approach, we look forward to discussing these updates with colleagues and section members.

Member Spotlight
Tina Coco
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2022 AALS Section Excellence in Prelaw Advising Award Winner

Best part of your job?
Hearing the excitement from student and alumni applicants about their law school admissions and scholarship awards. Many of our students are first-generation, coming from diverse cultures and backgrounds. I enjoy finding new ways to support undergraduate students and expose them to the legal profession, assisting with their law school application process.

What challenges do you see students facing in the future?
I see three challenges: 1) Many students may not be ready for the academic rigor and demands, the vast amount of reading, writing, and memorization. The race for top grades and competition for jobs are also a source of stress. 2) The cost of a legal education and high debt after graduation is daunting. 3) The competition for meaningful full-time legal employment after graduation.

What is the most effective way pre-law advisors and admissions officers can connect?
Joining and being an active member of your local APLA, of course! Participation and attendance at several APLAs annually, has allowed me to meet and partner with admissions professionals and expose my students to law schools across the country.

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