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## **Greetings for the last time in 2022!**

As we move into this holiday season, we at the Pre-Law Advising Center wish you joy, peace and, much-needed rest over this break. Good luck with all of your final exams, Happy Holidays to all, and we look forward to seeing you in 2023!

## **CENTER UPDATES**

### **Now on Canvas!**

UTD Pre-Law 101 is your one-stop shop resource for finding law school-related information. Whether you have burning questions, want to know if you're "doing it right," or are interested in learning how to take your application portfolio to the next level, the links and resources will help you get where you want to go.

**Students must register with a non-UTD email, preferably their LSAC account email.**

[\*\*Register Here\*\*](#)

## Are you applying to the 2023-24 Law School Admission Cycle?

The Pre-Law Advising Center has application fee waivers for the following schools:

- William & Mary Law School
- Southwestern Law School (Valid until December 31, 2022)
- Kansas University School of Law

Fee waivers are valid for this cycle only. Contact Dominique Lange at [dominique.lange@utdallas.edu](mailto:dominique.lange@utdallas.edu) to receive one!

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## Advocacy Teams Year In Review

This competition season, members of the three pre-law advocacy teams raised the bar, advancing several rounds and winning multiple awards.

### Mock Trial



### Rice University Invitational

Top Attorneys:

- Zane Alsalih
- Top Witness
- Feryal Saqib
- Zane Alsalih

### University of Houston Tournament

Top Attorneys:

- Rahmah Isa
- Kaia Helmer
- Christopher Babineaux

### Mediation

#### Top Performers at the Brenau Tournament in Georgia:

##### Teams:

**2nd Team Advocate/Client**

- Sanjanaa Chandrasekar
- Michelle Elele



- Oday Khader

### 3rd Team Mediators

- Kim Chapel
- McKenna Potter
- Zach Shanker

### 4th Team Mediators

- Sanjanaa Chandrasekar
- Michelle Elele
- Oday Khader

### Individuals:

#### 3rd Advocate/Client

- Sanjanaa Chandrasekar
- Oday Khader

#### 4th Advocate Client

- Michelle Elele
- Oday Khader

#### 5th Mediator

- Zach Shanker



## Maharishi Invitational in Iowa:

### Team:

#### 3rd Mediators

- Riya Chakraborty
- Carollynn Tran
- Aisha Qazi

### Individuals:

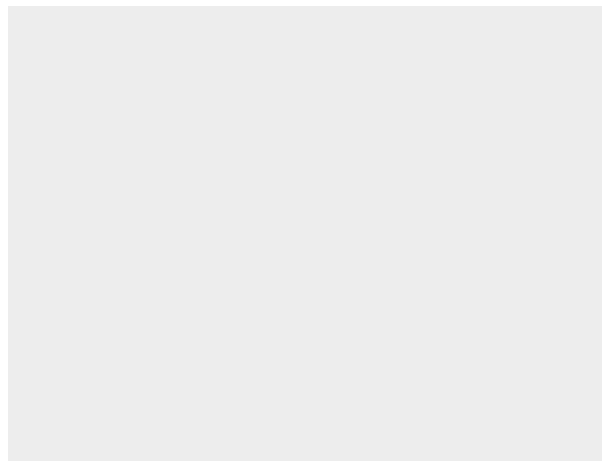
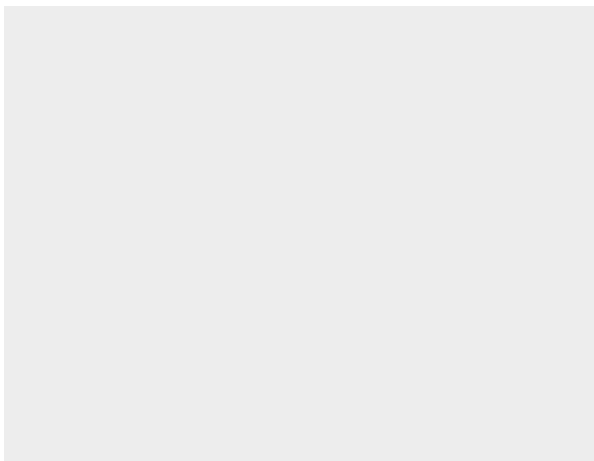
#### 1st Mediator

- Aisha Qazi

#### 5th Mediator

- Edward Zhang

## Moot Court





## Texas Tech Law School Regional

### Advanced to Sweet 16 Elimination Round:

- Alex Lemma
- Gowri Nair
- Insha Mitha
- Camila Estrada
- Neha Thomas
- Roger Davis-Jahnel



## Capital Law School Regional

### Mooters:

- Travis McCasland
- Sadaf Islam
- Davis Frodsham

### Top Orator:

#### 10th Speaker

- Devin Schwartz



## Texas A&M Law School

### Regional

### Top Orators:

#### 2nd Speaker

- Paulina Hruskoci

#### 3rd Speaker

- Olivia Cooper

#### 7th Speaker

- Kara Curtis

### Advanced to Sweet 16

#### Elimination Round:

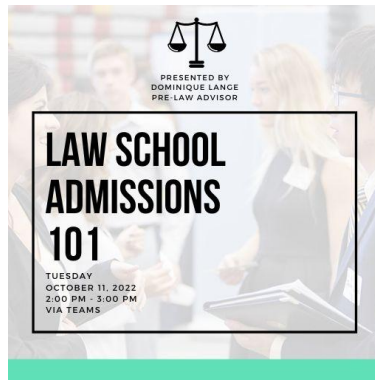
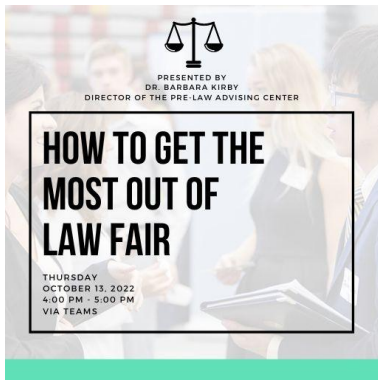
- Paulina Hruskoci
- Olivia Cooper
- Ashith Regi
- Ethan Seo
- Kara Curtis
- Kavya Venugopalan



Paulina Hruskoci and Olivia Cooper won **2nd** place.

Moot Court has completed its competitions for the year. We are excited to have a team, Paulina Hruskoci and Olivia Cooper, qualify for the national moot court tournament in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Have you missed recent pre-law events? View the session recordings to gain insight and find out what you missed!



### John Marshall Pre-Law Society

Join JMPLS, an official Pre-Law organization that promotes understanding of the law, helps members enter the legal profession, and encourages scholarship and leadership.

Note: In addition to signing up, prospective members must submit a one-time payment of \$20.00 to finalize membership.



### Women Pursuing Law

Join WPL, an official student organization whose goal is to provide resources specifically geared towards empowering women in law, politics, and social justice.

Note: To become an official member, you must pay dues. Dues are \$8.00 for the semester or \$12 for the academic year.

[JMPLS Sign Up](#)

[JMPLS Email](#)

[WPL Sign Up](#)

[WPL Dues](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Pre-Law Externship Program Information Sessions

January 20, 12:00-1:00 PM | Virtual  
February 1, 1:00-2:00 PM | Virtual

Learn more about the new pre-law externship program by attending an information session. This program will provide students with short-term shadowing experiences in which a student follows a professional to observe the day-to-day activities in a particular legal field.

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## **Pre-Law Resume Workshop**

February 10, 12:00-1:30 PM  
Student Services Building 3.300  
Pre-registration required. Form to register TBA.

Join the Pre-Law Advising Center and University Career Center for a resume workshop led by esteemed Career Consultant Candida Pouchie and Pre-Law Advisor Dominique Lange. In this workshop, students will learn to include the essential elements that highlight qualifications, accomplishments, and what makes a resume stand out in the law school application process!

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## **LinkedIn for Pre-Law Students**

February 15, 12:00-1:30 PM  
Student Services Building 3.300  
Pre-registration required. Form to register TBA.

LinkedIn provides quick access to members of the legal community that can help you foster connections throughout your pre-law journey. This session will offer insight into strengthening your profile and building your network.

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## **Health Law Week**

April 10-14th 2023  
Various Locations  
Pre-registration required. Form to register TBA.

In partnership with JSOM Healthcare Management, the Pre-Law Advising Center will host several events geared toward students interested in health law. We will introduce the breadth of the field through events teaching the fundamentals— careers, practice settings, job outlook, and academic and personal preparation for law school, through interactions with professionals.

### **Fundamentals of Health Law**

Monday, April 10th  
12:00 – 1:30 PM

### **Health Law Resource Fair**

Tuesday, April 11th  
1:00 – 3:00 PM

### **How to Navigate a Mock Interview**

Wednesday, April 12th  
1:30 – 2:30 PM

### **Professional Headshots**

Thursday, April 13th  
12:00 – 3:00 PM

### **Mock Health Law Class**

Thursday, April 13th  
4:00 – 6:30 PM

### **Mock Interviews**

Friday, April 14th  
12:00 – 3:00 PM

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## UTD Law Conference

April 21st, 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Various Locations

Pre-registration required. Form to register TBA.

The 2023 UTD Law Conference will be held on April 21st, 2023. The conference will offer informative and practical sessions on topics relevant to pre-law students and attorneys. Speakers will share their expertise and insights on high-profile legal issues, and the program will include several breakout sessions that provide attendees with more insight into various legal fields.

Additional events for Spring 2023 TBA.

## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

According to the National Associate of Colleges & Employers (NACE), an internship is a form of experiential learning that integrates knowledge and theory learned in the classroom with practical application and skills development in a professional setting.

Every month this section will feature great opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience and explore areas of practice in legal and legal adjacent fields.

### Collin County DA Internship



The Collin County District Attorney's Office welcomes students to apply for legal or non-legal unpaid internship positions.

Applications for the 2023 Internship Session are open.

[Learn More](#)

### Marshall-Motley Scholars Program



Named in honor of the legendary civil rights attorney, LDF founder Thurgood Marshall, and iconic civil rights litigator Constance Baker Motley, the Marshall-Motley Scholars Program (MMSP) is a groundbreaking commitment to endow the South with the next generation of civil rights lawyers trained to provide legal advocacy of unparalleled excellence.

Applications are now open!

[Learn More](#)

## Handshake

Handshake is the University of Texas at Dallas' career services platform. Schedule virtual appointments, browse upcoming events, and search for jobs and internships.

[Learn More](#)

## TIP OF THE MONTH

Law school applications require letters of recommendation from your professors. Building relationships with your professors will give you better recommendations when applying to law school. Additionally, your professors can provide mentorship and help you hone your academic skills.

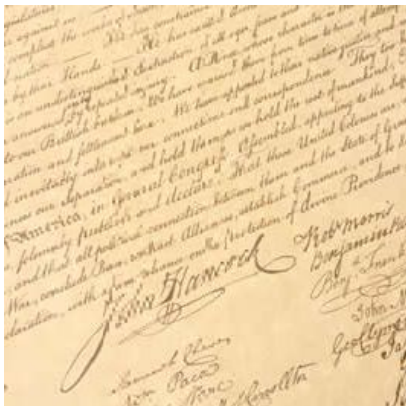
## LATEST LEGAL NEWS



### Supreme Court to Hear Jack Daniel's Case Involving Trademark and Free Speech Rights

On Monday, November 21, 2022, the United States Supreme Court granted a petition for a writ of certiorari in *Jack Daniel's Properties, Inc. v. VIP Products LLC*. The lawsuit seeks to clarify whether VIP's Jack Daniel's themed dog-toys are protected from trademark infringement claims due to VIP's First Amendment interest in using Jack Daniel's trademarks on the toys.

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### Settlement to Cancel \$6 Billion in Federal Student Loans

A federal judge approved a \$6 billion settlement on Wednesday for student borrowers who alleged they had been greatly misled by their schools.

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### **Supreme Court Prepares to Review Identity Theft Sentencing Rule**

A defendant convicted of Medicaid fraud argues that the two-year sentence enhancement for identity theft under federal law should not apply to his case, which did not involve misrepresenting another person's identity.

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## **LATEST PRE-LAW NEWS**



### **Georgetown and Columbia Law Schools Withdraw From U.S. News Rankings**

Four schools joined Yale and Harvard's rebellion against U.S. News.

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### **American Bar Association panel votes to drop LSAT, standardized test requirement**

An American Bar Association panel voted to drop the requirement that law school applicants take the Law School Admissions Test and other standardized tests.

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