



THE
Comet Brief

Welcome to the March newsletter! As you continue your journey toward law school, we hope this newsletter will provide you with helpful resources to aid you in your pursuit. In this month's issue, we will highlight several programs, internship opportunities, and resources to help you stay informed.

We hope you find this month's issue informative and helpful in pursuing a legal career. As always, please get in touch with us if you have any questions or suggestions for future topics.

CENTER UPDATES

Our Alum, Stevin George

"You Aren't As Alone As You Think You Are: Stevin George Has Great Advice For Aspiring First Gen Lawyers"

The role models are out there, even if you have to look a little harder than the others.

[Read the article](#)



Colorado Regional Win for Moot Court

The UT Dallas Mock Trial Team earned one of only four bids (in Colorado) to the Open Round Championship Series!

In addition to the team win, two Comets won top Top Attorney awards!

- Sanjana Natarajan
- Grace Delaney

Congratulations and best of luck on their next tournament in Saint Paul, Minnesota, on March 9-12!



Save the Date!

The 2023 UTD Law Conference will be held on April 21st, 2023, at the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center. The conference will offer informative and practical sessions on topics relevant to pre-law students and attorneys.

Registration TBA.

Celebrating Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the countless contributions that women have made to our society, including the legal field. As you continue on your journey toward law school, it is important to acknowledge the significant role that women have played in shaping the legal profession.

From Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the second woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court, to Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female justice, women have made tremendous strides in breaking down barriers and paving the way for future generations of female lawyers.

In honor of Women's History Month, take some time to learn about the achievements and accomplishments of influential women in the legal field. You can do this by attending events or lectures, reading books or articles written by female lawyers or judges, or joining Women Pursuing Law.

Remember, as a pre-law student, you have the power to continue the legacy of women in law by pursuing your passion and using your voice to advocate for change. We encourage you to celebrate the accomplishments of women in law this month and every month.



Women Pursuing Law GBM

International Women's Day

March 8th, 2023, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

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A chat with Taly Goody: Personal Injury & Employment

Lawyer, Strong Leader, and TikTok Star

Now on Canvas!

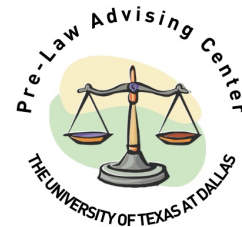
UTD Pre-Law 101 is your one-stop shop resource for finding law school-related information. Whether you have burning questions, want to know if you're "doing it right," or are interested in learning how to take your application portfolio to the next level, the links and resources will help you get where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

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

[Register Here](#)

Pre-Law Instagram

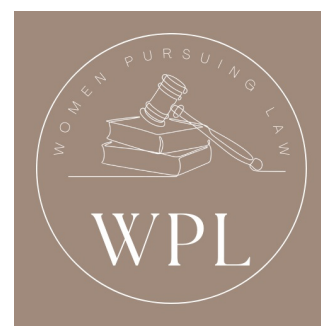
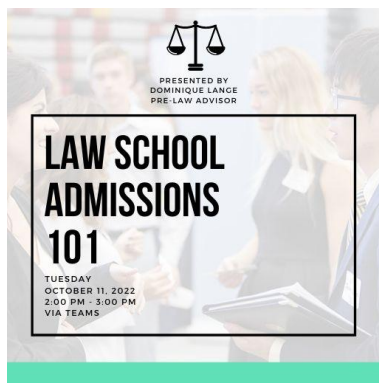
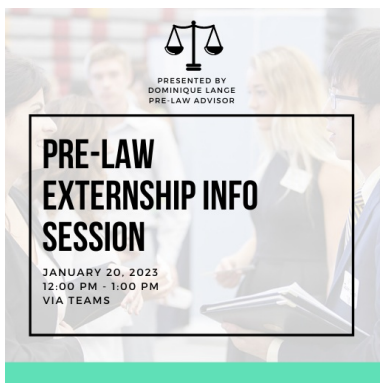
Take advantage of the crucial news and insights you need to make informed legal decisions!



Follow the Pre-Law Advising Center on Instagram to be the first to know!

[Follow Here](#)

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](#)



"EMPOWERING WOMEN LEADERS"

March 2023

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March 1
5-6 pm LSAT Study Circle GR 4.208
6-7 pm Coffee Chat FO 2.760 (Dean's Conference Room)

March 8
6-7 pm GBM A chat with Taly Goody: Personal injury & Employment Lawyer, Strong Leader, and TikTok Star
SSA 12.471

March 23
5-6 pm LSAT Study Circle GR 4.208

March 29
Coffee Chat - Tentative



The University of Texas at Austin
Pipeline Program
School of Law

2023-2024 COHORT PROGRAM

APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN



**APPLICATION WINDOW
CLOSES MARCH 19TH AT
11:59 PM CENTRAL TIME**

Cohort Program 2023-2024: The Cohort Program is a year-long test preparation and admissions support program designed for current-cycle law school applicants. Through its law school faculty and staff, law student and alumni mentors, and organizational partners, the Texas Law community will walk alongside cohort members through LSAT preparation and the entire law school admissions process. Cohort programming will include LSAT instruction, admissions coaching, law student and alumni mentoring, workshops presented by law school faculty and staff, and networking opportunities with practicing attorneys.

All cohort members will receive application and CAS Report fee waivers to apply to Texas Law. Individuals who successfully complete the Cohort Program and are admitted to Texas Law will be eligible for full-tuition scholarships designated specifically for Cohort participants. Up to five full-tuition scholarships will be awarded to Cohort members who join Texas Law's Fall 2024 entering class.

Interested applicants can learn more about the program and access the online application [here](#).

Texas Law Day

Texas Law Day will be **in-person** on **Saturday, March 11** beginning at 9:00 am CT. The agenda will consist of an optional tour of the Law School at 9 am, a student panel at 10 am, and an admissions overview with Q&A at 11 am.

You can view the agenda and register for this program **at this website**.



What We Do: We Create Access that Unlocks Employment Potential

Career Spring is a non-profit organization that aims to provide job training and career advancement opportunities to individuals from under-resourced communities. They offer programs and services such as job readiness training, career counseling, and job placement assistance to help individuals reach their full potential in the workforce.

Unlock your career potential.

[Get Started](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Health Law Week

April 10-14th 2023

Pre-registration required. The form to register will open on **March 6th**.

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.

Health Law Week Awareness

Wednesday, April 5th

12:4 – 4 PM

JSOM 13.501

Fundamentals of Health Law

Monday, April 10th

12:00 – 1:30 PM

JSOM Executive Ed Dining Room

Health Law Resource Fair

Tuesday, April 11th

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Founders 2nd Floor Atrium

How to Navigate a Mock Interview

Wednesday, April 12th

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Virtual

Professional Headshots
Thursday, April 13th
12:00 – 3:00 PM
JSOM Atrium

Mock Health Law Class
Thursday, April 13th
4:00 – 6:30 PM
Champagne Courtroom, FO 2.608

Mock Interviews
Friday, April 14th
Career Management Center

UTD Law Conference

April 21st, 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM
Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center.
Pre-registration required. Form to register TBA.

The 2023 UTD Law Conference will be held on April 21st, 2023, at the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center. 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.

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.

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

Under Law



The principal mission of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law is to secure equal justice for all through the rule of law, targeting, in particular, the inequities confronting African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities.

The Lawyers' Committee hosts undergraduate students and recent college

Nautilus Hyosung America, Inc.



Nautilus Hyosung America, Inc. (HYOSUNG) is a world leader in ATM self-service technologies.

Building a reputation for innovation by continually researching, developing, and delivering quality ATM products – flexible products that adapt to our changing world and our customers' changing needs, Hyosung is seeking a summer intern to work

graduates as interns in the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

part-time in the Legal Department.

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National Coalition for the Homeless



The National Coalition for the Homeless is a national network of people who are currently experiencing or who have experienced homelessness.

NCH is accepting applications for the following unpaid internships on an ongoing basis. All work is remote due to pandemic restrictions. To apply, email your resume, dates of availability, and a letter of interest to mhustings@nationalhomeless.org.

Fostering Change for Children



Fostering Change for Children, formerly known as CTWOCAT, was co-founded in 2005 through the passion and dedication of Barry Chaffkin, CEO, April Dinwoodie, CoFounder, and Doris Laurenceau, CoFounder.

Children's Corps is seeking applicants who are passionate about working with children and families, motivated to work hard, and ready to embrace the challenges of working on the frontline of child welfare.

[Learn More](#)

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Haynes and Boone, LLP have partnered with PracticePro and eight other law firms to form the Pre-Law Founding Circle, which will award at least nine Pre-Law Diversity Scholarships. The Founding Circle hopes these scholarships will support and guide underrepresented students looking to join the legal field.

Deadline to apply: March 31, 2023, 11:59 P.M. PST

[Learn More](#)

[Apply](#)


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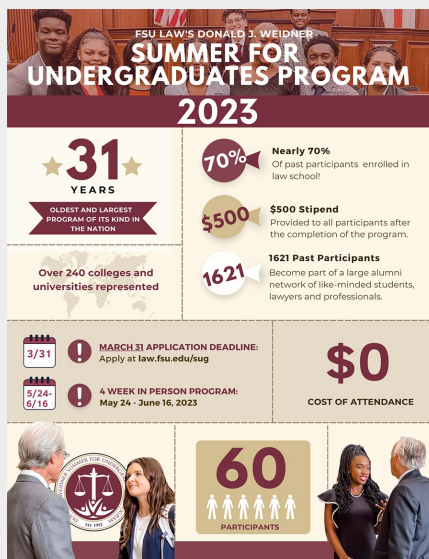
Part two of the student survey is live, and we want to hear about undergraduate and graduate student experiences with belonging and connection at UT Dallas.

Participants in the survey have the option to enter for a chance to win one (1) of 100 gift cards worth \$50 each.



Learn more at
utd.link/StudentSurveys

 THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



**FSU LAW'S DONALD J. WEIDNER
SUMMER FOR
UNDERGRADUATES PROGRAM
2023**

- 31 YEARS**
OLDEST AND LARGEST PROGRAM OF ITS KIND IN THE NATION
- Over 240 colleges and universities represented**
- 70%** Of past participants enrolled in law school!
- \$500** \$500 Stipend Provided to all participants after the completion of the program.
- 1621** Past Participants Become part of a large alumni network of like-minded students, lawyers and professionals.
- 3/31** MARCH 31 APPLICATION DEADLINE: Apply at law.fsu.edu/sug
- 5/24-6/16** 4 WEEK IN PERSON PROGRAM: May 24 - June 16, 2023
- \$0** COST OF ATTENDANCE
- 60** PARTICIPANTS

Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program

The 2022 Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program will take place in person from May 24 - June 16, 2023. This program brings undergraduate students from throughout the country together in person for a month-long immersion into the legal study.

[Learn More](#)

[Apply](#)

Dallas Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation

NTX CREATIVE ANTI- RACISM IN EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

April 4, 2023 | All Day
Southern Methodist University

*Interested in presenting? Apply at
tinyurl.com/MaladjustedCohort*

North Texas Creative Anti-Racism in Education Symposium

The NTX CARE symposium centers on a cohort of student leaders presenting projects that advance racial equity on their campus.

Interested students can apply to present, connect with Dallas Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation, and get compensated for their important work.

[Apply](#)



Adapting Successful Practices to foster an Inclusive, Respectful, and Equitable Environment
A National Science Foundation ADVANCE (Organizational Change for Gender Equity in STEM Academic Professions) Program

The ASPIRE² (Adapting Successful Practices to foster an Inclusive, Respectful, and Equitable Environment) **mentoring grant program** is designed to provide mentoring support activities for women, women of color, and underrepresented minority (URM) women STEM faculty at all career stages. Each faculty member is eligible to receive **up to \$1,500** to implement a project of their own design that engages at least one mentor, external to The University of Texas at Dallas, and represents a career development opportunity not otherwise possible without this funding.

Eligibility: Full-time tenure-track/tenured women, women of color, and URM women faculty members from an NSF-defined STEM field or research area are eligible to apply. Faculty are not eligible to apply if they received a grant in the previous cycle. If you have questions about your eligibility, please email Dr. Sheryl Skaggs at slskaggs@utdallas.edu.

Submit the application along with your proposal **by March 31, 2023**.
Send questions to facultymentoring@utdallas.edu



Visit aspire2.utdallas.edu to learn more about this project or **scan the QR code** to apply.

Words from our Spring 2022 Recipients



Dr. Nikki Delk
Associate Professor
Biological Sciences

In the US, Black women represent only around 2% of STEM leadership positions. I aspire to be part of STEM leadership to be a role model and have a positive impact on the education, training, and careers of future scientists, especially underrepresented groups. I applied for the ASPIRE Mentor Grant to travel to the historically Black university, Clark Atlanta University, to shadow and learn from a STEM leader and fellow cancer researcher, Dr. Cimona Hinton.



Dr. Lindsay King
Associate Professor
Physics

On receiving the email about the ASPIRE Mentoring grant, I was very motivated to apply because - if my application would be successful - it presents a great opportunity to support and further my career development. I plan to use the funds to visit my long-term mentor for in-depth discussions, at the Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge University, UK. This is one of the largest nexuses for astrophysics in the world, so I will also engage in the daily scientific activities there, learning about recent developments in research that complements mine. I also hope to assess and develop my own mentoring skills, and to build the networks of several recent women advisees who graduated from UTD.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Prioritize your LSAT preparation. The LSAT is a crucial component of the law school application process and can greatly impact your chances of getting into your dream law school. Therefore, it is essential to prepare thoroughly for the exam. Need help getting started? [Check out the Pre-Law Advising Center LSAT Guide.](#)

LATEST LEGAL NEWS



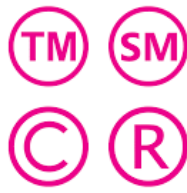
Missouri Court Limits Use of Waiting List for Public Defenders

The Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution says that a criminal defendant has a right to an attorney. Not everyone who is charged with a crime can pay for a lawyer, though. The U.S. Supreme Court has interpreted the Sixth Amendment to mean that an indigent person has a right to a free lawyer. Recognizing the importance of this right, the Supreme Court included it in the Miranda warnings that police must give a suspect during an arrest.

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Nike Sues Lululemon Over Flyknit Technology

Nike filed a patent infringement lawsuit against Lululemon in the U.S. District Court, Southern



District of New York, on Monday, January 30, 2023. Nike alleges that Lululemon's Chargefeel Mid, Chargefeel Low, Blissfeel, and Strongfeel shoes infringe on three of Nike's patents related to its Flyknit technology.

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No Relief for Debt Brought On by a Partner's Fraud, Supreme Court Rules

The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled that a woman could not discharge a \$200,000 debt through Chapter 7 bankruptcy stemming from her husband and business partner's fraudulent behavior in selling their home.

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LATEST PRE-LAW NEWS

Long live the LSAT: ABA keeps admissions test requirement

In a surprise move, the American Bar Association's House of Delegates rejected a proposed accreditation change on Feb. 6 to no longer require an entrance exam requirement.

The Law School Admissions Test has been the primary standardized test for more than 60 years, but many felt the ABA would ditch a test requirement, instead leaving it up to each school whether students needed to take an exam or not.

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"Most stressful occupation in America": Lawyers

Lawyers are among some of the most stressful occupations, according to a **recent analysis made by the Washington Post**, which used data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The study found that "a white collar [job] appears to come with significantly more stress than a blue one."

The Washington Post analyzed data obtained from four American Time Use Surveys conducted between 2010 and 2021.

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