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Pre-Law Advisors National Council



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Dear Pre-Law Advisors and Colleagues,

I am writing to share the exciting news that this summer the Pre-Law Advisors National Council (PLANC) will return to hosting its first in-person conference in eight years. From June 10-13 pre-law advisors, law school admission deans and directors, and exhibitors from across the country will come together to learn from each other, network, and build community, all with the goal of better supporting our students and alumni. We would love for the pre-law advisor(s) or a designated representative from your institution to join us in New Orleans.

The law school admissions process has experienced significant change in the past year let alone since the last national conference in 2016. PLANC 2024, "Predicting Pre-Law", will feature presentations and panels by subject matter experts highlighting critical updates and new research that are crucial for pre-law advisors to understand in order to accurately advise their students. Among the emerging and hot topics:

- how generative AI is impacting the application process and the practice of law;
- the SCOTUS decision prohibiting race-conscious admissions and the impact on students one year later;
- law schools' stance on the USNWR rankings and the subsequent revision of its formula;
- changes to the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and resources to prepare for it;
- the introduction of the NextGen Bar Exam in 2026 and what it means for today's law school applicants;
- updates on the use of the GRE and the introduction of JDNext as alternatives to the LSAT; and
- the most recent data on job and hiring trends around the country.

These are in addition to dozens of workshops, panels, and plenary sessions focusing on everything from best practices in pre-law advising to new approaches for preparing students for the future of the legal profession. Additional information can be found on the [PLANC 2024](#) website, including the [Conference Schedule and Content](#).

To keep costs manageable PLANC is offering a [Pre-Law Advisor Early Bird Registration Special](#) at \$449.00, available through March 3, 2024, while our conference hotel, the [InterContinental New Orleans](#), has agreed to honor the original discounted rate from 2020. These are significantly lower than the costs to attend many similar academic and professional association conferences, giving pre-law advisors a high value experience for a moderate expense.

Because the regional Associations of Pre-Law Advisors (APLAs) do not hold conferences during a PLANC conference year, PLANC 2024 is the only national-level professional development opportunity for pre-law advisors this year. Whether the faculty and staff at your institution are new or experienced, they will leave New Orleans with crucial information and contacts and be better prepared to advise students in the coming academic years. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are excited to connect in June.

Sincerely,

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