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Subject: It's a New Year for Law School Applicants



A belated "Happy New Year" to CSULB prelaw students and alumni!

The beginning of the year is an exciting time for law school applicants. Some have already been accepted and are weighing offers and visiting schools; some are eagerly watching their emails and texts for messages from law schools where they applied; and others are anxiously eyeing those fast-approaching application deadlines!

Obtaining Prelaw Information and Resources



• No matter where you are in the law school application timeline — and whether you are a student or an alum --you can make an inperson or a phone appointment to receive <u>prelaw advising</u>. Whether you would like to discuss law school choices, LSAT preparation, getting great letters of recommendation, or even if you would like someone to review your personal statement or resume, <u>book an appointment</u>

now and get started.

- Also, both students and alum can find lots of helpful links and information on the new <u>Pre-Law Resources page</u>, where lots of internet and other resources are collected to answer pretty much any question you might have about law school, the legal profession, or applying to law school.
- If you are a current CSULB student, you might be interested in the Prelaw Preparation
 Course (C/LA 302). This course is open to students of any major and it is offered every semester. The first 5 weeks of the course cover legal careers, the realities of law school, and how to make yourself a good candidate for law school, including the LSAT. The second 5



weeks cover all the details of the application process, including writing a personal statement, getting letters of recommendation,

etc. The final 5 weeks cover law school admissions decisions, financial aid, and negotiating with law schools. Seats are still available for late adds this semester!

• If you are a current student, you should also consider joining the CSULB Law Society. This is a student-run organization that has been in existence for over 40 years. Its primary goal is to provide students the information they need about how to get into law school, LSAT preparation, and how to connect with law school representatives from all across California and the nation. Through weekly meetings and campus-wide events, Law Society invites attorneys, law school representatives, and prep course instructors to conduct workshops and discussions concerning the field of law. Join now and be a part of something great!

Summer Preparation Programs

Anyone planning to attend law school next year should think seriously about how to prepare themselves for the rigor of the first year. After all, it's going to be the toughest academic <u>experience of your life!</u> One great way to prepare is to participate in a summer law school prep program like one of the following:

The Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) runs a number of programs. In fact, they have helped more than 10,000 students prepare for the rigors of the first year of law school.

- CLEO's Pre-Law Summer Institute (PLSI) can give you the edge you need as a first-year law student. Held on a law school campus, the summer institute simulates the first year of law school and classes are taught by law professors.
- CLEO's Legally Inspired Cohort Program (CLIC) helps students gain access to law school in an innovative way. Using the PLSI as a foundation, the CLIC Program sends a group of five students together to tackle the law school maze.
- CLEO's Attitude Is Essential seminar is a two-day intensive experience taught by law professors that will prepare you for your first year of study through hands-on learning and introduce you to case briefing, note taking, issue spotting, outlining and more.

For those not quite that far along, you might consider a summer program that deals with legal careers and the law school application process....

UC Irvine School of Law's Pre-Law Outreach Program ("POP") is an amazing opportunity for students from

disadvantaged backgrounds to learn about the practice of law, and how to prepare a competitive application for law school. It consists of six Saturday sessions for undergraduate students, including those from universities and community colleges. Everyone selected and who completes the program will receive a **FREE Blueprint LSAT review course**, in addition to hours of learning about the law admissions process and law school generally. Students will also get great advice about excelling in law school from law students, faculty, and recent graduates. Limited scholarships for transportation and/or housing costs are available.

APPLICATIONS DUE: March 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.