



Updating the Baylor Pre-Law Community

Fall 2012

LSAC hosts law forum in Houston

As many of you already know, the Law School Admission Council (LSAC.org) is valuable resource for students applying to law school. Through LSAC, you can set up an account and register for the LSAT, research law schools, manage your application documents and apply to schools online.

If you are just thinking about law school, you can find out about law school forums hosted by LSAC. In fact, there will be a law forum in our area, the Houston Law Forum on Saturday, September 29. The Forum will include workshops and an opportunity to meet with law school recruiters from all over the country. The location for the Forum is the JW Marriott Houston on 5150 Westheimer. The forum is free, but you should preregister at LSAC.org. By preregistering, you can save time at the forum and receive reminders and updates about the forums, including other great things to do in the cities where forums are being held.

Houston Law Forum Schedule:

9:00 AM-10:00 AM	Diversity Information Panel			
10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Forum	101/	The	Application
Process				

Financing a Legal Education 11:00 AM–11:30 AM Forum 101 11:00 AM–NOON About the LSAT 12:15 PM–1:00 PM The Application Process 12:15 PM–1:15 PM Diversity Information Panel 1:15 PM–2:45 PM What Do Lawyers Do? 3:00 PM–4:00 PM Financing a Legal Education About the LSAT

UT Law holds open house

For those of you interested in UT Law or if you just want to sit in on a law school class, UT Law Day is coming up. UT Law Day is an annual open house for prospective applicants, prelaw advisors, and the public. In addition to tours and a mock class, Assistant Dean Monica Ingram will give

a presentation on the admissions process. Here's the schedule of events for the day:

Check-in – 8:45

- Admissions Q&A/Presentation 9:00
- Mock Class 10:30
- Tours 11:30
- Lunch 12:30
- Student Services Panel 2:00
- Student Panel 3:00

If you are interested, you should register at the University of Texas Law School website.



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LSAC offers new E- recommendation letters A Note from the Pre-Law Coordinator Julie King

Beginning August 19, candidates are now able to choose whether to

send their Letter of Recommendation (LOR) request forms via e-mail to their recommenders or print and mail them via postal mail.



Recom menders will also

be able to submit their letters and forms either electronically or by postal mail, regardless of how the candidate submits the request. To submit letters electronically, recommenders must set up an account on our new Applicant References website. Evaluator accounts are being automatically moved to the new site; evaluators are still required to submit their evaluations electronically.

What does this new process mean to you as an applicant? I've had a lot of questions just this week about this and the best way for lining up recommendations. First, it is important to choose a recommender who knows you well and can address your strengths beyond just the grade you earned in their class. If you have worked with a faculty member on a research project or studied abroad with them or just had some opportunity for them to get to know you, they would be a good candidate to recommend you for law school. Make sure to ask them in advance and in person if they would be willing to write you a letter for law school. If they are enthusiastic about recommending you, then let them know that you will bring them all the information

they need. I would recommend that you still print out the LSAC Letter of Recommendation form and bring that to them with an Academic Resume and give them some idea of when you'd like to have your letter submitted to LSAC. Although it is now possible to email the form, unless your recommender has set up an account, they may prefer to send the recommendation to LSAC through the mail. If they let you know that they would like to do it online, then you should email the form to them. However, don't neglect the personal interaction with your recommender. We all love that!

Phi Alpha Delta: new meeting time, same great resources

The Baylor University Pre-Law chapter of Phi Alpha Delta (P.A.D.) will meet at 6:30 p.m. every other Tuesday in 337 Draper this year. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 18. P.A.D. is an excellent resource for those considering applying to law school and/ or pursuing a career in law. Students will have access to networking opportunities with other Pre-Law students, law school admission counselors and professionals in legal fields.