



# ELLIOTT SCHOOL: PRE-LAW RESOURCES GUIDE

## Elliott School of International Affairs

This is a living document that compiles a list of resources for Elliott School students and alumni who are interested in learning more about law school. This guide is not an exhaustive list; however, it provides information about resources at GW, important associations as well as the application process. We understand this guide does not replace meeting with a pre-law advisor, we strongly urge students to attend workshops and panels that can provide further support.

The following information can be found on this guide:

- Resources at George Washington University
- Elliott School Pre-Law Mentors
- General Resources
- Application Process Support
- Personal Statement Examples and Guides
- Resume Guide
- Minority Pre-Law Resources



## Resources at George Washington University

- CCAS pre-law website has lots of [online resources](#), including a [pre-law timeline](#);
- [The Pre-Law Student Association](#) - GWU student org that presents programs regularly;
- [GW Mock Trial](#) - very popular among pre-law students;
- Subscribe to [Pre-Law Listserv](#) (CCAS listserv);
- [Washington DC Law School Fair at George Washington University](#) (Annually held in October);
- [GW Junior Early Action Program](#) - The GW Junior Early Action Program allows GW undergraduate juniors to apply to the law school one year in advance for deferred enrollment without the requirement of an LSAT score. This program is in accordance with [ABA Standard 503](#).

## Meet Our Pre-Law Mentors

If you are interested in discussing going into the field of law, please consider reaching out to one of our Elliott School affiliated faculty, staff or alumni. We have several people who have volunteered their time, please see their bios below and the best way to schedule a time to talk with them.

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[Link to bio](#)

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## General Resources

- [Law School Admissions Council \(LSAC\)](#) - a first and comprehensive stop for all pre-law students;
- [NALP Pre-Law portal](#) - basic information (what do lawyers do in what fields);
- [Law School Transparency](#) - a nonprofit that has a host of archived podcasts that discuss various legal professions, including [analysis of LSAT score and passing the Bar](#) on their [data dashboard](#);
- [American Bar Association](#) - compendium of information;
- [Stern-Wilson Book of Law School Lists](#) - 600+ pages of information about law schools;
- [PSJD](#) - public interest law;
- Career Services:
  - Internships
  - Career Services Center Connect (for seniors only receive invitation) with alumni in the legal profession;
- [AccessLex pre-law resources](#): free and well-constructed. Review Xplore JD and Financing Your Legal education;
- [MAX Pre-Law by AccessLex](#) pre-law student resource;
- [Ask EDNA](#) - another AccessLex resource;
- Fields of study within [Law](#);
- [Law School Scholarships](#);
- [Top 100 Law School Application Deadlines and Latest Acceptable LSAT](#).

## Application Process Support

- [7Sage LSAT Prep](#);
- [Lawschooli](#);
- [Khan Academy free LSAT prep](#);
- [GW Writing Center](#).

## Personal Statement Examples and Guides

- [University of Chicago personal statement advice](#);
- [University of Delaware compilation of multiple sources of advice](#);
- [BU Law personal statement examples](#);
- [New England Law Boston](#);
- [Berkley University Career Engagement](#);
- [7Sage LSAT Personal Statements](#).

## Resume Resources

- [UPenn](#);
- [UBuffalo](#);
- [Yale](#);
- [Indeed](#).

## Minority Pre-Law Resources

- [ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession](#)
- [Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund \(AALDEF\)](#)
- [Hispanic National Bar Association \(HNBA\)](#)
- [Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund \(MALDEF\)](#)
- [NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund](#)
- [National Asian Pacific American Bar Association \(NAPABA\)](#)
- [National Black Law Student Association \(NBLSA\)](#)
- [Native American Rights Fund \(NARF\)](#)
- [Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund \(PRLDEF\)](#)