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## Law School Fair

**Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the ARC**

On Tuesday, October 23, **from 11am-3pm**, we will host over 125 law schools at the ARC who are here to speak with Illinois students! Many of you have asked us for "Dos and Don'ts" for this event. (Also see our Sample Questions for Law School Reps on page 2—you can even cut it out and bring it with you!) See you at the Fair!!

### **DO:**

- ◆ **BRING YOUR I-CARD** — that is how you will check in!!!
- ◆ **Dress business casual:** no jeans or tennis shoes please!
- ◆ Greet the law school representatives with a smile and introduce yourself
- ◆ Research the law school in which you are interested before coming to the fair (check out pages 3-6 for lists of schools attending to get you started).
- ◆ Bring paper to take notes
- ◆ Thank the representatives for answering your questions
- ◆ Be proactive: speak to many different law schools and find out what they have to offer
- ◆ Prepare a basic list of questions for the law schools you may want to speak to (look at page 2 for some suggestions)

### **DON'T:**

- ◆ Interrupt other students who may be asking questions
- ◆ Some reps may prefer not to shake hands to prevent spreading viruses; don't be offended if the rep does not offer to shake hands with you
- ◆ Eat while you are speaking with the representatives
- ◆ Cut in front of other students who were clearly waiting to speak to a school's representatives before you
- ◆ Expect to hand out resumes at this event; you are filling out the sign-in sheets to show interest and make contact with each individual law school
- ◆ Be argumentative: If a representative gives you an answer you don't like, thank them and move on, or politely continue to ask other questions

Lots more details about participating schools are on pages 2-6!

## Mark Your Calendars



Inside Law School Admissions — Monday, October 22, 6pm, 1027 Lincoln Hall. Deans and Directors of Admission from Saint Louis University School of Law, DePaul University College of Law, and the University of Wisconsin College of Law will walk you through the process and give you an “inside peek” at the other side of the law school admissions process. They will share what impresses them, what gives them second thoughts, what common errors they see, and what leads them to decide among a sea of highly qualified candidates. This is a must-see event for any student considering law school! Please join us as we get an up-close view of law school admissions --from the inside. No registration necessary for this event.

Tuesday, October 23 is the Law School Fair at the ARC from 11am-3pm. For more information, check out the rest of this newsletter, or our most recent blog posts at <http://publish.illinois.edu/prelawadvising/>



### **Sample Questions for Law School Representatives—**

**Feel free to bring this with you to the Law School Fair!**

- How much debt do students from your law school usually incur?
- Where do most of your graduates work— big firms, private practice, government, public interest, academia? What states or cities do they work in?
- Does your school offer any open houses this year? Can I make arrangements to sit in on a class?
- What do you look for in a prospective law student?
- Are there scholarships available at your school? Are they based on merit or need? How do I qualify for a scholarship? Are applicants automatically considered for scholarships or do I need to fill out a separate application?

## Law School Fair: Which Schools to Visit?

The Law School Fair will be held **Tuesday, October 23, from 11am-3pm at the ARC**. Over 125 law schools will be there! The updated list of attending schools is on Pages 5 & 6 of this newsletter. **For more information on the fair**, including how to prepare and why you should attend, **go here:**

**<http://www.prelaw.illinois.edu/lawschoolfair.html>**.

**With such a large group of schools, how do you target the school representatives that you would like to visit? Here are some suggested "target lists" for the fair:**

### **"BIG TEN" SCHOOLS**

1. University of Illinois
2. University of Michigan
3. Penn State University
4. University of Minnesota
5. Michigan State University
6. University of Nebraska
7. Ohio State University
8. Northwestern University
9. Indiana University (Bloomington)
10. University of Iowa
11. University of Wisconsin

### **ILLINOIS SCHOOLS**

1. University of Illinois
2. Northwestern University
3. University of Chicago
4. DePaul University
5. Illinois Institute of Technology – Chicago/Kent
6. John Marshall
7. Loyola University
8. Northern Illinois University
9. Southern Illinois University

### **NEW YORK SCHOOLS**

1. Albany Law School
2. Brooklyn Law School
3. Buffalo Law School (State Univ. of New York)
4. Cardozo School of Law
5. Columbia University School of Law
6. Cornell Law School
7. Fordham University
8. Hofstra University
9. New York Law School
10. New York University School of Law
11. Pace Law School
12. St. John's University School of Law
13. Syracuse University School of Law

### **WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA SCHOOLS**

1. American University
2. Catholic University of America
3. University of the District of Columbia

### **BOSTON SCHOOLS**

1. Boston College
2. Boston University
3. New England Law – Boston
4. Northeastern School of Law

### **MIDWEST SCHOOLS** (*excluding the "Big Ten"*)

1. Case Western School of Law
2. Drake University
3. Indiana Tech Law School
4. Indiana University – Indianapolis
5. Marquette
6. Notre Dame
7. Ohio Northern University
8. Saint Louis University
9. Thomas M. Cooley Law School
10. University of Dayton
11. University of Detroit Mercy
12. University of Kansas
13. University of Missouri – Columbia School of Law
14. University of Missouri – Kansas City
15. University of Nebraska
16. University St. Thomas School of Law – Minneapolis
17. Valparaiso University
18. Washburn University
19. Washington University in St. Louis

**MORE TARGET LISTS ON THE NEXT PAGE!!**

## More Target Lists for the Law School Fair

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### **WEST/SOUTHWEST/WEST COAST SCHOOLS**

1. Arizona State University – Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
2. California Western School of Law
3. Chapman University
4. Gonzaga University
5. Lewis and Clark
6. Loyola University – Los Angeles
7. Phoenix Law School
8. Santa Clara University
9. Seattle Univ. School of Law
10. SMU Dedman School of Law
11. South Texas
12. Southwestern University
13. University of California — Berkeley, Davis, Hastings and Los Angeles campuses
14. University of Colorado
15. University of Denver – Strum College of Law
16. University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law
17. University of San Francisco
18. University of Southern California
19. Whittier College of Law
20. Willamette Univ. College of Law

### **EAST COAST SCHOOLS (excluding Boston, DC, & NY area schools)**

1. Drexel Univ. Earle Mack School of Law
2. Florida Coastal
3. Florida International Univ.
4. Florida State University College of Law
5. Regent University
6. Roger Williams University
7. Seton Hall University
8. Stetson University
9. University of Florida
10. University of Miami
11. University of Pennsylvania
12. University of Pittsburgh

### **SOUTHERN SCHOOLS**

1. Duke University
2. Emory University
3. Northern Kentucky University
4. Tulane University
5. University of Kentucky
6. University of North Carolina
7. University of Richmond
8. Wake Forest University
9. Vanderbilt University
10. William & Mary

**"Most Innovative Law Schools"** (according to *Pre-Law Magazine Fall 2012*) Listed in alphabetical order

1. Indiana University—Bloomington
2. Loyola Law School—Los Angeles
3. New York Law School
4. Ohio Northern University
5. Penn State University/Dickinson
6. Phoenix School of Law
7. Southwestern Law School
8. Thomas Jefferson School of Law
9. Tulane University Law School
10. University of Denver Sturm College of Law
11. University of Illinois College of Law
12. University of North Carolina
13. University of the District of Columbia
14. University of Utah

**"Top 20 Best Value Law Schools"** (according to *National Jurist Magazine September 2012*)

1. Univ. of Nebraska (#4)
2. Univ. of Kentucky (#6)
3. Univ. of North Carolina (#9)
4. Univ. of Wisconsin (#10)
5. Florida State Univ. (#12)
6. Univ. of Missouri—Columbia (#13)
7. Univ. of Missouri—Kansas City (#20)

## List of Schools Participating in the Law School Fair October 23rd, 11am-3pm, ARC

Albany Law School  
American Univ. -- Washington College of Law  
Arizona State Univ. Sandra Day O'Conner  
College of Law  
Baylor Univ. School of Law  
Boston College Law School  
Boston Univ. School of Law  
Brooklyn Law School  
California Western School of Law  
Cardozo School of Law  
Case Western Univ. School of Law  
Catholic Univ. of America-- Columbus  
School of Law  
Charlotte School of Law  
Chapman Univ. School of Law  
Columbia Univ. School of Law  
Cornell Law School  
DePaul Univ. College of Law  
Drake Univ. Law School  
Drexel Univ. Earle Mack School of Law  
Duke Univ. School of Law  
Emory Univ. School of Law  
Florida Coastal School of Law  
Florida International Univ. School of Law  
Florida State Univ. College of Law  
Fordham Univ. School of Law  
Gonzaga Univ. School of Law  
Hofstra Univ. School of Law  
Illinois Institute of Technology — Chicago Kent  
College of Law  
Indiana Tech Law School  
Indiana Univ. School of Law - Bloomington  
Indiana Univ. School of Law—Indianapolis  
John Marshall Law School, Chicago  
Lewis and Clark  
Loyola University - Chicago School of Law  
Loyola University - Los Angeles School of Law  
Loyola University—New Orleans  
Marquette Univ. Law School  
Michigan State Univ. College of Law  
New England Law | Boston  
New York Law School  
New York Univ. School of Law  
Northern Illinois Univ. College of Law  
Northeastern Univ. School of Law  
Northwestern Univ. School of Law  
Notre Dame Law School  
Nova Southeastern Univ. Shepard Broad Law Center  
Ohio Northern Univ. —Claude W. Pettit College of Law  
Ohio State Univ. Moritz College of Law  
Pace Law School  
Penn State Univ. The Dickinson School of Law  
Phoenix School of Law  
Quinnipiac Univ. School of Law  
Regent Univ. School of Law  
Roger Williams Univ. Papitto School of Law  
Saint Louis Univ. School of Law  
Santa Clara Univ. School of Law  
Seattle Univ. School of Law  
Seton Hall Univ. School of Law  
SMU Dedman School of Law  
South Texas College of Law  
Southern Illinois Univ. School of Law  
Southwestern Univ. School of Law  
St. John's Univ. School of Law  
St. Mary's Univ. School of Law  
St. Thomas Univ., Miami Gardens (FL)  
Stetson Univ. College of Law  
Syracuse Univ. School of Law  
Temple Univ. James E. Beasley School of Law  
Thomas Jefferson School of Law  
Thomas M. Cooley Law School  
Tulane Univ. Law School

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Univ. of Alabama School of Law  
Univ. of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law  
Univ. of Buffalo Law School; State Univ. of NY  
Univ. of California—Berkeley School of Law  
Univ. of California-Davis School of Law  
Univ. of California—Irvine  
Univ. of California-- Hastings College of Law  
Univ. of California at Los Angeles School of Law  
Univ. of Chicago Law School  
Univ. of Colorado School of Law  
Univ. of Dayton School of Law  
Univ. of Denver Sturm College of Law  
Univ. of Detroit Mercy School of Law  
Univ. of Florida, College of Law  
Univ. of Houston Law Center  
Univ. of Illinois College of Law  
Univ. of Iowa College of Law  
Univ. of Kansas School of Law  
Univ. of Kentucky College of Law  
Univ. of Maryland School of Law  
Univ. of Miami School of Law  
Univ. of Michigan Law School  
Univ. of Minnesota Law School  
Univ. of Missouri-Columbia School of Law  
Univ. of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law  
Univ. of Nebraska School of Law  
Univ. of New Hampshire School of Law  
Univ. of North Carolina School of Law  
Univ. of North Dakota School of Law  
Univ. of Pennsylvania School of Law  
Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Law  
Univ. of Richmond School of Law  
Univ. of San Diego School of Law  
Univ. of San Francisco School of Law  
Univ. of Southern California Law School,  
Univ. of St. Thomas School of Law— Minneapolis  
Univ. of Texas School of Law  
Univ. of the Dist. Of Col. School of Law  
Univ of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law  
Univ. of Toledo College of Law  
Univ. of Utah College of Law  
Univ. of Washington Seattle, WA  
Univ. of Wisconsin Law School  
Valparaiso Univ. School of Law  
Vanderbilt Univ. Law School  
Vermont Law School  
Wake Forest Univ. School of Law  
Washburn Univ. School of Law  
Washington & Lee Univ. School of Law  
Washington Univ. St. Louis School of Law  
Whittier College Law School  
Willamette Univ. College of Law  
William and Mary Law School