

## Pre-Law Information

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### Basic Information for FAU Pre-Law Students

The Business Law faculty of the School of Accounting, all of whom are experienced attorneys, are available to meet with and counsel students – regardless of their major – interested in pursuing a career in law. Please contact either Maria Elena Ellison, Faculty Coordinator of Business Law (Boca Campus) at [mellison@fau.edu](mailto:mellison@fau.edu), Gary S. Gaffney (Boca Campus) at [ggaffney@fau.edu](mailto:ggaffney@fau.edu), or Cheryl Arflin (Boca Campus) at [CKimbrel@fau.edu](mailto:CKimbrel@fau.edu).

The Political Science Department in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters also provides interesting [information](#) to prospective law school students.

### LSAT Preparatory Resources

**LSAT/LSDAS Information:** <http://www.lsac.org>

A key resource, this site is the place to find everything you need to know about the law school admission test and the law school data assembly service. Contact LSAC for copies of the current edition of their registration and information books.

**FAU's Preparation for the LSAT:** <http://www.fau.edu/testprep/LSAT.php>

**Kaplan Review for LSAT:** <http://www.kaptest.com/index.jhtml>

[Law Preview](#) is a summer law school preparatory course offered throughout the United States for students to "understand how to succeed in law school before it starts."

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Given my GPA and LSAT scores, where should I apply? What are my "safety" schools?**

The Boston College On-line Law School Locator helps students determine where their grades and scores might be competitive for admission.

<http://www.bc.edu/offices/careers/gradschool/law/lawlocator.html>

**What is the LSAT like?**

The Law School Admission Test is a standardized test integral to the law school admission process.

**How should I prepare for the LSAT?**

**What is the LSDAS, and am I required to register for it?**

For questions about the Law School Admissions test (LSAT) or the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS), go to the web site of the organization that administers them both, the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC), at <http://www.lsac.org>. Take some time to explore this site – it has a wealth of information and resources.

### **When should I take the LSAT? What's the timeline for applying to law school?**

A suggested timeline for the application process can be found at <http://prelaw.asu.edu/prepare/tests>.

### **What is the best thing I can do to prepare for law school?**

Learn to excel in written communication. FAU's [University Center for Excellence in Writing](#) is devoted to the support and promotion of writing for all members of the FAU community – undergraduate and graduate students, staff, faculty, and visiting scholars.

### **What if I am interested in law school but do not want to practice law?**

A law school degree will always serve the graduate no matter what path he/she takes in life. Many law school graduates go on to careers in law enforcement either through a government agency (e.g., FBI, CIA), in the corporate sectors (e.g., as an expert in SEC regulations for a stock brokerage firm), employment regulations for a large company, or as journalists specializing in legal cases. Many law school graduates go into politics and many others go to work in the corporate world and sometimes become CEOs.

## **Useful Links**

[American Bar Association](#)

[Bar Exam Study Aids](#)

“The [Graduate Group](#) is a specialized, woman-owned and -operated publishing house...for career reference materials for libraries and career and placement office in the United States and abroad.” (Accessed 2/20/2012)

[Lawschool.com](#)

[The Law School 100](#) – “The Best Law Schools in the United States”

[Law School Discussion](#)

## **Some Florida Law Schools**

[Stetson University, College of Law](#)

[University of Miami, School of Law](#)

[University of Florida, Levin College of Law](#)

[Florida State University, College of Law](#)

[Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center](#)

[Florida International University, College of Law](#)

## **ABA Career Resource Center**

The [ABA Career Resource Center](#) assists lawyers, law students, and pre-law students by providing centralized career information and resources for employment searches and career enhancement.

## **Additional Sources of Information**

For general questions and information, there are many sources of information available on the web. Here's a few links to get started:

**ABA/LSAC Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools:** <http://www.lsac.org>

The complete official guide to American Bar Association approved law schools in the United States – a handy guide for essential admission information, tuition, financial aid, special programs, and facilities.

**Arizona State University** <http://prelaw.asu.edu/>

**Elon College (NC)** <http://www.elon.edu/...default.xhtm>

**University of New Mexico** <http://prelaw.unm.edu>

**University of Notre Dame (IN)** <http://www.nd.edu/~prelaw>

**American Bar Association (ABA)** <http://www.abanet.org/>

**Expert Witness, Law, Government, Directory, School & Network Site of Hieros Gamos:**  
<http://www.hg.org>

**Mobilizing the next generation of lawyers committed to equal justice:**  
<http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/>

## **Books that Portray the Law School Experience**

### **Getting to Maybe: How to Excel on Law School Exams**

by Richard Michael Fischl and Jeremy R. Paul (1999, Paperback)

### **Formula For Success: The Psychological and Informational Handbook for Passing the Bar Examination**

by Jennifer Herrera, Esq. (1999)

### **Law School Confidential (Revised Edition): A Complete Guide to the Law School Experience: By Students, for Students**

by Robert H. Miller (Paperback)

### **Acing Your First Year of Law School: The Ten Steps to Success You Won't Learn in Class**

by Shana Connell Noyes and Henry S. Noyes (Paperback)

### **One-L**

by Scott Turrow

### **The Paper Chase**

by John Jay Osborn Jr.

### **Letters from Law School: The Life of a Second-Year Law Student**

by Lawrence Dieker Jr.