



## *Southwest Association of Prelaw Advisors*

Greetings SWAPLA members and friends –

Your Executive Board met earlier this summer and we have lots of exciting news to share with you! Please share this information with other Pre-Law Advisors and Law School Admissions folks in your area.

### **NEW AND IMPROVED SWAPLA WEBSITE**

Our new Website Master, Matthew Kerns, has been hard at work improving the SWAPLA website <https://swapla.org/>. We encourage you to log on and check out the new design and fresh content. Among other changes, Matt has added a “Regional Events” tab so member law schools can advertise their upcoming events.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

It’s easy to join or renew your SWAPLA membership through the website! The membership form is located under the Forms tab. The Board recently voted for membership dates to run on the calendar year beginning January 1, 2019. If you are already a member, your membership is valid through December 31, 2018. If you join or renew now, your membership is valid through December 31, 2019! We encourage you to join so you can reap the benefits of membership including stipends for Caravan and Forum, and scholarships for the Spring 2019 Conference, all of which are discussed in more detail below.

### **FALL CARAVAN NEWS**

You may have heard that this fall we are having a two-part Caravan as follows:

Part I will be Oct. 22-24, 2018 at these locations:

Oct. 22 from 11:00a-1:30p – Hendrix College in Conway, AR

Oct. 23 from 10:00a-2:00p – University of Texas - Austin in Austin, TX

Oct. 24 from 11:00a-2:00p – The University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK

Part II will be Nov. 5-9, 2018 at these locations:

Nov. 5 from 11:00a-2:00p – Texas Tech in Lubbock, TX

Nov. 6 from 12:00p-3:30p – UT Arlington in Arlington, TX

Nov. 7 from 11:00a-2:00p – Texas A &M in College Station, TX

Nov. 8 from 4:00p-7:30p – Texas State in San Marcos, TX

Nov. 9 from 11:00a-1:00p – UTSA in San Antonio, TX

To encourage attendance at these events, SWAPLA will pay a subsidy of up to \$250 to SWAPLA members who bring a minimum of five students to any caravan site. More details about the subsidy can be found on the website at: <https://swapla.org/resources/subsidies/>

Caravan registration for law schools is now open! The link to register is at the bottom of the home page on the SWAPLA website.

### **HOUSTON LSAC FORUM**

The Houston LSAC Forum will be held Saturday, November 10, 2018 at JW Marriott (Galleria area) in Houston. As in years past, SWAPLA will host a Pre-Law Advising table at the Forum. We are looking for Pre-Law Advisors to volunteer at this event! If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please sign up at: <https://swapla.org/resources/subsidies/> (shifts are divided into 2-hour time slots).

If you volunteer for at least one of the time slots and bring at least three students, you may qualify for a SWAPLA subsidy of up to \$250! Details are on the website at: <https://swapla.org/resources/subsidies/>

### **SWAPLA CONFERENCE SPRING 2019**

SWAPLA will hold its Spring conference April 4 – 6, 2019. Host law schools are The University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City University and the University of Tulsa.

Volunteers are needed to make the conference go smoothly so we hope you'll sign up for one of the Conference Planning Committees: Committees are: Communication, Registration, Logistics, Programming, Sponsorship, and Budget. Contact Ana Alvarez at [ana.alvarez@utsa.edu](mailto:ana.alvarez@utsa.edu) if you'd like to volunteer!

Conference scholarships will be available. More information about the scholarships is on the SWAPLA website: <https://swapla.org/>.

### **PLANC 2020**

PLANC 2020 conference will be held in New Orleans the week of June 8 – 13, 2020 with the exact starting and ending dates to be determined.

We look forward to seeing you at the Law School Caravans, at the Houston LSAC Forum and at the Spring Conference! We invite you to renew your current membership. If you are not already a member of SWAPLA, we invite you to join and we look forward to getting to know you!

Sincerely,

### **SWAPLA Executive Board**

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