### Western Association of Prelaw Advisors



### Blazing a Trail for Pre-Law Students March 21-23, 2019

Conference Venues:







### **WAPLA Annual Conference**

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 21**

2:00-5:00 PM Registration

Capitol Room Foyer, Inn at 500

5:00-7:00 PM **Welcome Reception** 

Bardenay Boise - 610 W Grove St. (see map on back of program)

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### FRIDAY, MARCH 22

| Capitol Room, Inn at 500 |                |   |
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|                          | 6:30–8:00 AM   | Light Breakfast and Registration in the Foyer<br>Sponsored by AccessLex   |
|                          | 8:00-8:10 AM   | Opening Remarks Mary Nadarski, President, WAPLA   |
|                          | 8:10–9:20 AM   | SESSION 1 – Updates from the National Association for Law Placement James G. Leipold, Executive Director, NALP  |
|                          | 9:30–10:30 AM  | SESSION 2 – Do I Really Want to Study and Practice Law? How to Help Aspiring Attorneys Use Reflection and a (Secular) Version of the 'Examen' to Support Decision-Making  Meaghan Shaughnessy, Director, Pre-Law Program, Regis University  |
|                          | 10:30–10:45 AM | Break – Feel free to visit exhibit tables in the Foyer!   |
|                          | 10:45-11:45 AM | SESSION 3 - Hope During Uncertain Times: Helping Non-traditional Students Navigate the Law School Funnel Monique McCarthy, Senior Director of Law Admissions, Georgia State University College of Law Patricia Kinney, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law |
|                          | 11:45 AM-noon  | Break – Feel free to visit exhibit tables in the Foyer!   |
|                          | noon-1:10 PM   | Lunch and Guest Speaker  Justice Gregory W. Moeller  Lunch sponsored by Law School Admissions Council   |
|                          | 1:20-2:20 PM   | SESSION 4 – Updates from the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) Vivian G. Bowden, Senior Vice President for Schools and Institutions, LSAC James Lorié, Director of Assessment Development, LSAC  |
|                          | 2:30-3:30 PM   | SESSION 5 – Accommodating Disabled Law Students   |

Katherine A. Macfarlane, University of Idaho College of Law

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3:40–4:40 PM SESSION 6 – "Did I Tell You the One About the Seven-Legged Spider?" Tales and

Examples of What NOT to Put in an Application to Law School!

Kristine M. Jackson, Assistant Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid, University of

Colorado Law School

6:30 PM **40th Anniversary Dinner** 

Capitol Room, Inn at 500

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 23**Concordia Law School, Room 114

6:30-8:00 AM Light Breakfast at Hotel

Capitol Room Foyer, Inn at 500

8:00–9:00 AM Welcome and Tour of Concordia Law School

9:00–10:00 AM SESSION 7 – So You Want To Be A Public Interest Lawyer: Supporting Applicants

With Public Service Goals

Sarah Arslanian, Manager, Pre-Law Services, AccessLex Institute

Melanie Madden, Pre-Law Advisor, University of Arizona

Kris Katkus, Pre-Law Advisor, University of Oregon

10:10-11:10 AM SESSION 8 - Law Student Panel

Moderated by Diana DeJesus, Associate Director of Admissions, University of Idaho

College of Law

11:20–12:20 PM Business Meeting

12:30 PM Campus Tour of University of Idaho - Optional

Travel on foot (four blocks) - depart from Concordia Law Library, Front St. entrance

## FRIDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER Justice Gregory W. Moeller

Justice Moeller attended the J. Reuben Clark Law School at B.Y.U. where he received his juris doctor degree in 1990. He was admitted to the Idaho State Bar that same year. After 19 years of private practice, Justice Moeller was appointed by Governor Otter to be a district judge. In this role he he presided throughout all ten counties of the Seventh Judicial District, as well as both the Upper Valley Drug and Mental Health Courts. He also served on five Idaho Supreme Court committees, including the faculty for training new judges. On January 3, 2019, he was sworn-in as the 58th justice of the Idaho Supreme Court.



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#### Save the Date! PLANC 2020

Monday, June 8 - Thursday, June 11, 2020 **Intercontinental New Orleans Hotel** 





The Pre-Law Advisors National Council is pleased to welcome you to the 8th Quadrennial PLANC Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana!

New Orleans, site of the first-ever PLANC Conference, is excited to once again welcome us to the Crescent City. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **Boise Downtown Map**



University of Idaho College of Law is located at 5th and Jefferson, an 8-minute walk north from Concordia School of Law.