2026 Portland Area Law School Fair
Saturday, October 31, 2026

Dear Law School Deans, Admissions Directors, and Representatives:

We look forward to welcoming you to our annual Portland Law School Fair.

WHEN AND WHERE

The fair will be held on SATURDAY, October 31st, 2026, from 10:00am-1:00pm, in the Smith Memorial Center Ballroom on the Portland State University campus in downtown Portland. **PLEASE ENTER THE BUILDING FROM BROADWAY AS THOSE ARE THE ONLY DOORS THAT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.** The Ballroom itself is on the third floor of the building.

We advertise the event with student organizations throughout Oregon and southern Washington, and you can expect to meet students from Portland State University, Oregon State University, Reed College, the University of Portland, Western Oregon University, Lewis and Clark College, Willamette University, George Fox University, Pacific University, Washington State University-Vancouver, and many other institutions throughout the Pacific Northwest.

ARRIVAL

Transportation from Portland International Airport (PDX): PDX is located 9 miles east of downtown and is served by most domestic airlines. One way to get in from the airport to a downtown hotel is by the Tri-Met MAX light rail service, which takes about forty-five minutes to an hour. For schedules and information, check www.trimet.org. The airport station is located right outside of the terminal. Taxis and rideshare services are easily accessible at the airport, and some local hotels offer their own shuttle service. The major rental car agencies have offices at the airport.

Locating the PSU Campus

You can locate a PSU campus map at: https://www.pdx.edu/campus-map. You will find that PSU is accessible by streetcar or light rail, depending on the location of your hotel. For information on those sources of transport, see www.trimet.org.

Unfortunately, I am not allowed to provide you with special parking privileges or pay for your parking. For information on visitors' parking, see https://www.pdx.edu/transportation/hourly-visitor-parking.

Meals on the Day of the Fair

We will have a nice brunch for you before the fair. Food, including coffee, will be available beginning at 9:00 am. For lunch afterwards, you are encouraged to explore some of the local food carts and restaurants. A partial list is included below.

Shipping Materials

If you would like to ship your brochures and bulletins ahead of time, you should mail them to the following address:

Portland State Law Fair
c/o Kelsey Henderson
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice URBN 550
Portland State University
506 SW Mill St.
Portland, OR 97201

We will have your materials at your table in the ballroom when you arrive. **PLEASE BE SURE TO ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME FOR THE DELIVERY OF YOUR MATERIALS.**

LODGING

Portland State University operates the University Place hotel. University Place (503-221-0140, https://www.uplacehotel.com/) is located at 310 SW Lincoln Street, approximately eight to ten blocks from the Smith Center.

You can also find information about many other hotels both in downtown Portland and around the airport at https://www.travelportland.com/hotels-deals/

SITE SUPERVISOR CONTACT INFORMATION

[Note that since Chris will be on sabbatical, there will be a new site supervisor this year.]
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Note: The best way to reach me before the day of the fair is by email. On the day of the fair, you should text or call me.

Nearby lunch options (all within an easy five-minute walk):

Portland Farmers Market- right outside of Smith Hall with a large number of prepared food vendors

Food cart pod on 4th and Hall- lots of variety and options of cuisine at affordable prices, though not all are open on Saturday

Tasty Corner- Szechuan spot known for their orange chicken and fried rice, corner of Hall and 6th

Pho 503- Good selection of Thai food in a sit-down restaurant, corner of Broadway and College

Need more suggestions? Just ask me!