

# Western Association of Prelaw Advisors

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Dear Admissions Director:

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the **Annual WAPLA Law School Caravan**.

You will have the opportunity to spend 5 consecutive days in the beautiful western United States visiting 5 different undergraduate institutions, preceded and followed by days spent recruiting in New Mexico and Oregon, thus maximizing your recruitment efforts for minimal cost. **In addition, we are also excited to announce that WAPLA will sponsor a law fair in Las Vegas on the Saturday after the close of the Pre-Law Advisors National Council conference. The fair will be held in the Student Union of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, October 18. We hope you will plan to stay the Saturday night after the PLANC conference so that you can meet pre-law students from the Las Vegas area.**

The 2008 WAPLA Law School Caravan Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, October 9:	University of New Mexico	Ellen Grigsby, <a href="mailto:egrigsby@unm.edu">egrigsby@unm.edu</a>
Saturday, October 18	University of Nevada-Las Vegas	Tim Garrison, <a href="mailto:garrisont@pdx.edu">garrisont@pdx.edu</a>
Monday, October 20:	University of Colorado	Doug Costain, <a href="mailto:costaind@colorado.edu">costaind@colorado.edu</a>
Tuesday, October 21:	University of Utah	Amy Urbanek, <a href="mailto:aurbanek@uc.utah.edu">aurbanek@uc.utah.edu</a>
Wednesday, October 22:	Brigham Young University	Catherine Bramble, <a href="mailto:prelaw@byu.edu">prelaw@byu.edu</a>
Thursday, October 23:	University of Arizona	Verlaine Walker, <a href="mailto:vwalker@u.arizona.edu">vwalker@u.arizona.edu</a>
Friday, October 24:	Arizona State University	Sara Lyness, <a href="mailto:sara.lyness@asu.edu">sara.lyness@asu.edu</a>
Monday, November 17:	Portland State University	Tim Garrison, <a href="mailto:garrisont@pdx.edu">garrisont@pdx.edu</a>

In order to register for the Caravan, please fill out the enclosed registration form and mail with payment to the address indicated on the form. Or, please visit our website, [www.wapla.org](http://www.wapla.org), and click on "Law School Caravan" to access a Microsoft Word or PDF version that you can fill out, print, and mail with your payment to the address indicated on the form. Registration opens **July 15, 2008** and the final registration deadline is **Monday, September 22, 2008** (late registration for an additional \$100.00 begins Monday, September 15, 2008).

Please find attached short highlights from each of the hosting undergraduate institutions and the registration form. Feel free to contact any of us at anytime with questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you in October!

Warm Regards,

Tim Garrison  
WAPLA President  
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# REASONS TO ATTEND THE 2008 WAPLA LAW SCHOOL CARAVAN:

**Why recruit UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO students on Monday, October 9, 2008?** The most recent addition to the WAPLA Caravan and now in its sixth year, UNM's Law Fair attracts students from diverse major and programs across the UNM campus and the Albuquerque community. The Department of Political Science and UNM Career Services serve as local hosts of the event and work closely with Career Services and with representatives in College Advising Centers to encourage all students considering a career in law to attend this event. UNM's Law Day will be held on October 9, 2008 from 10AM to 2PM in the UNM SUB. Please mail all materials to UNM Career Services, MSC06 3710, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131.

**Why recruit UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA-LAS VEGAS students on Saturday, October 18, 2008?** This year, WAPLA returns to Las Vegas for an on-campus law fair for the first time in several years. You will be able to meet students from the greater Las Vegas area. If the event is successful this year, and if you would like to return to recruit in Vegas in the coming years, please provide us with your input in the weeks following this experimental fair. For more information, contact Tim Garrison at [garrison@pdx.edu](mailto:garrison@pdx.edu).

**Why recruit UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO students on Monday, October 20, 2008?** Boulder Colorado is the only location in the state of Colorado to host the WAPLA Law School Fair. Held in the Main Ballroom of the University Memorial Center at the heart of the CU-Boulder campus, the Law School Fair draws heavily from the 27,000 undergraduates at Boulder, some 40% of whom are residents of other states. Last year, more than 350 potential applicants included some from Colorado State University, Colorado College, Regis University, the University of Denver and the University of Northern Colorado. They visited with the 107 Law Schools represented at the Law Fair. *W Douglas Costain, Prelaw Advisor, Preprofessional Advising Office, Old Main, 1-B90 303.735.3000.*

**Why recruit UNIVERSITY OF UTAH students on Tuesday, October 21, 2008?** The University of Utah Law Fair continually receives glowing reviews from participants for the quality of our facilities, our service, and, most importantly, our students. Last year we hosted representatives from a record 133 law schools. Approximately 450 students attended, from not only the University of Utah, but also from Weber State University, Utah State University, Westminster College, Utah Valley University, and Salt Lake Community College. The University of Utah is the flagship institution of the Utah System of Higher Education with a student body of 29,000 from all 29 Utah counties, all 50 states, and 111 foreign countries. In 2007 our students and alumni applied to 187 schools. We look forward to having a representative from your school join us at the 2008 fair on Tuesday, October 21st, 2008.

**Why recruit BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY students on Wednesday, October 22, 2008?** Last year, over 1000 BYU students attended the BYU Law Fair to meet the 135 law schools in attendance making the BYU Law Fair one of the largest law fairs held anywhere in the country both in terms of student and law school attendance. Last year BYU students applied to 182 of the 195 ABA accredited law schools. With a student body of over 32,000, BYU students represent all 50 states and over 100 foreign countries. BYU students are known for their work ethic, high moral standards and professionalism. We hope you will strongly consider sending a representative from your school this year; it will be well worth the effort.

**Why recruit UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA students on Thursday, October 23, 2008?** Please accept our invitation to have a representative from your law school attend our 24th Annual Law School Information Expo this fall. Our Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Chapter runs this expo and the remarks we receive from the representatives are validation of one of the reasons this chapter has been awarded the best chapter in the country for nine consecutive years. The UA diverse student body of 37,000 represents countries from all over the world. In addition to our home campus, we welcome students from UA South in Sierra Vista and also from the Pima Community College system to this expo. Our students appreciate the valuable information they receive during your visit and we look forward to having you join us on October 23 this year.

**Why recruit ARIZONA STATE students on Friday, October 24, 2008?** Arizona State University has the students you want. Located in the fast-growing Phoenix metropolitan area, Arizona State enrolls over 64,000 students from all 50 states and 122 countries. We have the third highest number of National Merit Scholars among public universities in the nation. Additionally, the Law School Fair at Arizona State, held at our Tempe Campus, is the only event of its kind in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Thus, our fair is marketed to and attracts prospective applicants not only from our student body, but also from the surrounding community. In 2007 we hosted 109 law schools and over 500 prospective law school applicants. Year after year, admission representatives give ASU's Law School Fair glowing evaluations, remarking favorably on the quality of our students, our staff, and the organization of the program. We will look forward to seeing you in Tempe in October!

**Why recruit PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY students on Monday, November 17, 2008?** We look forward to welcoming you to our eighth annual Portland Law School Fair. The fair will be held on Monday, November 17, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. in the Smith Memorial Center Ballroom on the Portland State University campus in downtown Portland. We advertise the event in local and student papers throughout Oregon and Washington, and you can expect to meet several hundred students from Portland State University, Oregon State University, the University of Oregon, 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 others.