

# Western Association of Prelaw Advisors -WAPLA-

June 9, 2009

Dear Admissions Director:

We are pleased, once again, to invite you to participate in our **WAPLA Law School Caravan**.

You will have the opportunity to spend over a week in western United States visiting 7 major undergraduate institutions. In recent years, most of the fairs have attracted well over 100 law schools and hundreds of potential applicants. We hope the caravan makes your recruiting travel easier and more productive, and we appreciate your willingness to take the time to visit with our students.

**The 2009 WAPLA Law School Caravan Schedule is as follows:**

Date	Institution	Site Supervisor
Monday, October 19	University of Colorado	Doug Costain, costaind@colorado.edu
Tuesday, October 20	University of Utah	Amy Urbaneck, aurbaneck@uc.utah.edu
Wednesday, October 21	Brigham Young University	Kris Tina Carlston, prelaw@byu.edu
Thursday, October 22	University of Arizona	Verlaine Walker, vwalker@email.arizona.edu
Friday, October 23	Arizona State University	Sara Lyness, sara.lyness@asu.edu
Monday, October 26	University of Nevada – Las Vegas	Rebecca Wood, rebecca.wood@unlv.edu
Thursday, November 12	Portland State University	Tim Garrison, garrison@pdx.edu

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. Alternatively, you can 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 payment to the address indicated on the form. The final registration deadline is **Monday, September 21, 2009**. **Please note that there is a late registration charge of \$100.00 for registrations postmarked after Monday, September 14, 2009.** Please register as soon as possible; early registration helps our site supervisors prepare for your visits.

## IMPORTANT NOTES AND INFORMATION

### Portland and the Pacific Northwest Swing

We have worked with schools in the Pacific Northwest to organize a recruiting swing through that region. While Portland remains as a solid member of the WAPLA caravan, we do want you to note that it now falls into a convenient route through the Pacific Northwest. The dates for those fairs are as follows:

Wednesday, November 11: University of Oregon  
Thursday, November 12: Portland State University (WAPLA caravan site)  
Monday, November 16: University of Washington  
Tuesday, November 17: Western Washington University  
Wednesday, November 18: Boise State University (WAPLA test site)

### Boise Test Site

This year, we are testing Boise as a potential site for the WAPLA caravan. **You will need to register for their fair directly through Boise State University, rather than through WAPLA.** If you show, by your attendance, that you want to return to Boise in the future, we will consider making it a permanent site on the WAPLA caravan.

For information about attending the Boise State fair, please contact Lori Hausegger at [lorihausegger@boisestate.edu](mailto:lorihausegger@boisestate.edu).

### **Utah Valley University Dean's Night**

Following the University of Utah Law Fair on the evening of October 20, 2009, Utah Valley University will host its 2nd Annual Fall Dean's Night from 6-8 PM. The UVU Dean's Night will include a 1-hour Mock Admissions Panel and a 1-hour Speed-Dating Law Fair, designed to enhance the law school representatives' opportunity to speak to all attendees. In the past Dean's Night events, approximately 100 students have attended. The event will be held in the Sorenson Student Center and refreshments will be provided. If you would like to participate in either or both events, please contact, Eileen Doyle Crane, UVU Prelaw Advisor, 801.863.6779 or [eileen.crane@uvu.edu](mailto:eileen.crane@uvu.edu).

Please note that that the University of Oregon, the University of Washington, Western Washington University, Boise State, and Utah Valley University are not part of the formal WAPLA caravan; we offer this information as a courtesy to those institutions and to all interested law schools.

Please contact me if you have any questions about WAPLA or the WAPLA caravan. Thank you for supporting our caravan these many years.

Warm Regards,

Tim Garrison  
WAPLA President  
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# REASONS TO ATTEND THE 2009 WAPLA LAW SCHOOL CARAVAN

**Why recruit UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO students on Monday, October 19, 2009?** 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 100 Law Schools represented at the Law Fair.

**Why recruit UNIVERSITY OF UTAH students on Tuesday, October 20, 2009?** For the opportunity to meet high quality students from the University of Utah and neighboring colleges and universities in Salt Lake City and northern Utah. In 2008 approximately 600 students attended our event. Last year we hosted representatives from 129 law schools, and received glowing reviews for the quality of our facilities, our service, and, most importantly, our students. 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 2008 our students and alumni applied to 189 schools. We look forward to having a representative from your school join us at the 2009 fair on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

**Why recruit BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY students on Wednesday, October 21, 2009?** Last year, over 900 students attended the BYU Law Fair to meet the 134 law schools in attendance making the BYU Law Fair one of the largest law fairs held in the country both in terms of student and law school attendance. Last year BYU students applied to 191 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 22, 2009?** The University of Arizona is proud to invite you to recruit at its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Law School Information Expo. We have over 37,000 students representing countries from all over the world who have majors as diverse as their backgrounds. UA students have matriculated to all the ABA-approved law schools. Our award-winning Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law chapter students are the major hosts of this event. We all look forward to having you meet our students by participating in our Law Expo on Thursday, October 22, 2009, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in our Student Union Ballroom.

**Why recruit ARIZONA STATE students on Friday, October 23, 2009?** 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 2008 we hosted 115 law schools and over 450 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 UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA-LAS VEGAS students on Monday, October 26, 2009?** After WAPLA's successful return to Las Vegas in 2008, we're pleased to welcome the Caravan back in 2009. The Department of Political Science will serve as the local host this year and the event will be held in the beautiful new student union ballroom. As the only caravan stop in Nevada, the UNLV event will draw students from the greater Las Vegas area and beyond. The event will be widely advertised through the extensive campus public affairs network, as well as through the new UNLV Prelaw social networking page. We look forward to welcoming you to sunny Las Vegas! For more information, contact Rebecca Wood at [rebecca.wood@unlv.edu](mailto:rebecca.wood@unlv.edu).

**Why recruit PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY students on Thursday November 12, 2009?** We look forward to welcoming you this fall to our ninth annual Portland Law School Fair. The fair will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.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 at least 300-400 students from the Portland Metro Region. The fair will likely attract 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. For more information, contact Tim Garrison at [garrison@pdx.edu](mailto:garrison@pdx.edu) or 503.725.3978.

**Why recruit BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY students on Wednesday, November 18, 2009?** Located in the capital city, the largest metropolitan area of Idaho, the Boise State fair will attract students from across Idaho as well as Eastern Oregon and Northern Nevada. Our monthly prelaw society meetings frequently attract over 80 BSU students, and we believe the Fair is likely to attract at least two hundred prospective law school applicants. Boise is one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, and is the largest city between Salt Lake City and Portland. Boise is a dynamic community that is nationally recognized for its high quality of life and well educated workforce. Boise State is a metropolitan research university and the largest university in Idaho, with nearly 20,000 students enrolled. Come join us in Boise State's new Grand Ballroom from 2-5:30PM and stay for dinner and conversation at 6PM, hosted by the BSU Pre Law Society. For more information, contact Lori Hausegger at [lorihausegger@boisestate.edu](mailto:lorihausegger@boisestate.edu) or 208-426-5804.