

# Stockton University PRE-LAW ADVISING



### COURSES AND PROGRAM CONCENTRATIONS AT STOCKTON

The Political Science, Philosophy and Economics programs offer majors the option of concentrating in Pre-Law studies. Courses in these concentrations include:

- POLS 2215 Law School Basics
- POLS 3221 Constitutional Law
- POLS 3225 Civil Liberties
- PHIL 1204 Symbolic Logic
- PLAW 2120 Business Law I
- POLS 3621 Advanced Constitutional Litigation
- PLAW 3110 The Legal, Social, Ethical Environment of Business
- PHIL 1203 Critical Thinking
- CRIM 2252 Trial Advocacy

Other programs throughout the University, including Business Studies, Criminal Justice, Sustainability and General Studies, offer students a rich array of courses that enhance students' writing and critical thinking skills and provide instruction in substantive areas of law.



Constitution Day 2018 | Adam Winkler

"Stockton's Political Science pre-law courses immerse students in an environment indistinguishable from that encountered in law school. In doing so, graduates enter law school with a sense of confidence and determination."

Sean Havern, Esq. Stockton '14, Rutgers Law '17

"Stockton's extensive alumni network of law students and lawyers provides invaluable contacts in the professional world that help enormously in law school and after graduation."

Jessica Miller Pyryt, Esq. Stockton '06, Rutgers Law '09



Constitution Day 2012 | Anita Hill

### **ADVISING SERVICES**

Stockton's Pre-Law Advisor, Linda J. Wharton, advises prospective law students on:

- Selecting undergraduate courses to prepare for law school
- Deciding where and when to apply
- Preparing for the LSAT
- Obtaining letters of recommendation
- Writing a strong personal statement
- Choosing where to attend
- Negotiating scholarships
- Financing law school
- Knowing what to expect in law school
- Applying to summer pre-law programs
- · Networking with Stockton alumni in law

Contact: Linda J. Wharton, Professor of Political Science & Pre-Law Advisor, Linda.Wharton@stockton.edu

Patrick Burns of Stockton's Career Center advises pre-law students on:

- Creating a strong, professional résumé
- Writing a cover letter
- Preparing for interviews
- Pursuing networking strategies
- Finding and applying for jobs and internships

Contact: Patrick Burns, Assistant Director of the Career Center | Patrick.Burns@stockton.edu

"I can say with 100% certainty that my success in law school was due in no small part to the preparation that pre-law classes at Stockton gave me." Jacqueline Liguori D'Alessandro, Esq. Stockton '11, Villanova Law '14



Alan F. Arcuri Pre-Law Fund Award 2019 recipients and alumni mentors

## ANNUAL EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES, TRIPS

Constitution Day: Stockton hosts a series of events in celebration of Constitution Day, including a keynote address by a leading expert on the Supreme Court or the Constitution. Past speakers include Anita Hill, Bryan Stevenson, Nina Totenberg, Jeffrey Rosen, Nadine Strossen, Akhil Reed Amar, Adam Winkler and Julian Zelizer.

Alan F. Arcuri Pre-Law Fund: In memory of Stockton's long-time Pre-Law Advisor, the fund annually provides stipends to pay for LSAT preparation courses and pairs recipients with alumni mentors.

Student Trips to Law Forums, Judicial Chambers, Law Schools: Past trips include the Philadelphia Law School Fair, New Jersey's Annual Law School Admissions Day and Rutgers Law Minority Student Program Pre-Law Diversity Conference.

Student Clubs: Mock Trial Team; Model United Nations

Internships: In addition to local internships in law, Stockton's Washington Internship Program provides lawrelated internships in Washington, D.C. Contact: Michael Rodriguez, Associate Professor of Political Science and Stockton liaison for the Washington Internship Program, at Michael.Rodriguez@stockton.edu

#### **OUR GRADUATES**

Stockton graduates have had extraordinary success in gaining admission to a wide variety of national and regional law schools, including:

- Georgetown University
- Fordham University
- · University of Virginia
- Rutgers University
- Seton Hall University
- Temple University
- American University (Washington College of Law)
- Northeastern University
- Drexel University
- Villanova University
- Delaware Law
- New York Law
- Brooklyn Law
- Cardozo Law
- Pace University
- George Washington University
- Ohio State University
- College of William & Mary
- Penn State University—Dickinson Law
- Cornell University



Constitution Day 2015: Bryan Stevenson

"Professor Wharton's assistance in crafting personal statements, preparing for the LSAT and providing overall support for students applying to law school is invaluable."

Dominic Giova, Esq. Stockton '13, Rutgers Law '16

#### **OTHER RESOURCES**



Stockton University Pre-Law Advising Facebook Page (facebook.com/stocktonprelaw): Posts about law school admissions, new developments at LSAC, the law school experience, careers in law and developments in

the U.S. Supreme Court.

www.lsac.org: The portal for applying to law school and comprehensive information about law school admissions.

**www.accesslex.org:** Extensive information about financing legal education.



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