

# Start to Finish: Leverage Your Connections from Pre-Law to Post-Grad

## Pre-Law Advising Admissions Career Services Firm Recruiting

### Competencies

- Identifying talent
- Advising students
- Relationship building
- Collaborating across units and teams
- Strategic planning
- Market expertise

### Career Paths and Collaboration

- Follow the path of the student – how can you fit in?
- Transferrable skills to other higher ed opportunities
- Organizational memberships and conference collaboration
- Interdisciplinary committees

### Professional Orgs

PAD – Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law

PLANC – Pre-Law Advisors  
National Conference

LSAC – Law School Admission  
Council

NACAC – National Association for  
College Admission Counseling

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The path of a student through college admission, pre-law advising, law school admission, law school career advising, and firm recruitment will bring many professionals together with a common goal: identifying talent and finding the right “fit” while advising students to find paths that align with their goals, values, and interests.

How can you leverage these connections for career advancement?

- Attend or speak at adjacent conferences
- Cross-unit collaboration in long-term strategic planning
- Local alliances and networks
- Guest author publications
- Advising students early through pro-bono opportunities
- Offering expertise to community partnerships



*The law school admissions process can be stressful for students, especially first-generation professional students. Serving as a resource throughout the different points is rewarding for both students and professionals.*



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