



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

October 31 – November 3, 2019 – Arlington, Virginia

Basic Information

What is the Pre-Law Conference, Law School Expo, and Mock Trial Competition?

The Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Conference is an annual event held specifically for pre-law members. It consists of workshops, speakers, a mock trial competition, and a law school/vendor expo. It creates an environment of learning, leadership development and networking for those planning on attending law school. It is also an opportunity to sightsee and explore law schools in Washington, D.C.

When and where is the Pre-Law Conference?

The 2019 Pre-Law Conference will be held October 30-November 3, 2019 right outside of Washington, D.C. in Arlington, Virginia at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. The address is:

Hyatt Regency Crystal City
2799 Jefferson Davis Hwy
Arlington, VA 22202

Why should I attend the Pre-Law Conference?

This year's conference is packed with programming and leadership training that will provide invaluable fraternal networking, professional growth, and important information for your chapter's future success.

You'll be provided with information to bring back to your chapter's membership, and that will benefit you in the pursuit of a legal education and career. We also provide time for attendees to sight-see around Washington, D.C. and visit local law schools.

What's going to happen at Pre-Law Conference?

There will be several speakers giving presentations at the conference about law school admissions, the field of law, financing your education, and more. We have plenty of workshops to allow students the opportunity to customize their conference experience and get focused attention from presenters.

Conference attendees have the option to participate in the national mock trial competition. The competition is judged by volunteer law students, lawyers & judges (both P.A.D. alumni and non-members) who offer invaluable, real-world feedback.

Continued... _The law expo allows members to meet with 100+ law schools and vendors from across the country. Many law schools waive application fees for students attending the Pre-Law Conference. The expo is also a great way to network with admission reps from the schools you want to attend.

Accommodations

How much does the hotel cost?

The room rate is \$141/night. This rate is for one room - up to four people can stay in a double room. *You will not be charged for your room until you leave the hotel.* However, you will need to enter credit card information to place a hold on your room, and that credit card must have an expiration date of December 2019 or later.

Do I book my own hotel room?

Yes, members must book their own hotel room. We have a reserved room block at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. Rooms can be booked by following this link: [Make a Reservation](#). The deadline to book your room is **October 11, 2019**. You will not be able to book at the discounted rate after this date.

I want to share a room with someone - can we split the cost of the room?

Yes! You and your roommate must book your room together to be in the same room. Since nothing is charged to your credit card until you check in at the hotel, you can split the cost between the two of you upon arrival. The split rate is approximately \$70.50 per person per night.

Someone else (school, SGA, Dean's Office, etc.) is covering the cost of the hotel for us.

How do we check into our room?

The credit card holder should complete [this Credit Card Authorization form](#). You will need to fax it to the hotel ahead of time.

How do I get to the hotel from the airport?

The Hyatt Regency offers a courtesy Hyatt Airport Shuttle to Reagan National Airport (DCA) which departs the hotel every 20 minutes on the hour from 4:40am - 12:00am. (Times subject to change.) Visit <https://www.trackmyshuttle.com/> and use hotel code 2799 to track the location of the shuttle and view estimated travel times. If you need assistance finding or catching the shuttle please call the hotel directly at (703) 418-1234.

Valet only parking is available at a rate of \$35 per day, with unlimited in-and-out privileges

Registration

How much does the conference cost? What's included in the registration fee?

The registration fee is \$300 which covers most of your meals, admittance to the law school expo, admittance to speaker presentations, admittance to the workshops, the Awards Banquet and all conference materials. All conference attendees receive a free t-shirt and are eligible to win giveaways provided by the P.A.D. Online Store, member benefit partners and law schools attending the expo.

Are there any discounts?

Yes! There is a \$25 early bird discount for anyone that registers before July 31st.

What kind of funding options are there to get us to the Conference?

We recommend that you try to raise funds to go by having chapter fundraisers or petitioning your school's student activities office for funding. Check out our [Fundraising Guide](#) for more details! We also have [a recruitment challenge](#) in the fall in which the grand prize for the winning chapter is four free Pre-Law Conference registrations.

We have a limited number of scholarships available that cover the registration fee. See the "Scholarships" link on the event page for additional details.

We also offer interest-free and customizable payment plans to students/chapters that wish go to the conference.

What are the payment plan options?

We offer a variety of payment plan options. Plans are incredibly flexible in terms of due dates and amounts. Email prelaw@pad.org with payment plan questions.

What to Expect

When should I arrive for the conference?

If you are participating in mock trial then you will need to arrive on Wednesday October 30th in time for the 6:00 PM Captain's Meeting.

If you are not a mock trial participant then you should aim to arrive sometime between 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Thursday October 31st.

I'm not going to arrive until late Thursday night. How can I check in?

The registration table will be out for the duration of the conference! Just come see Executive Office staff on Friday morning before the first presentation begins to check in.

What should I wear?

All our events require business casual dress except the Mock Trial Captains' Meeting and the Purple & Gold Party, which have no dress code (though you are encouraged to wear purple and gold at the party!). Many students dress in cocktail attire for the Saturday evening banquet but it is NOT required. If you're questioning the appropriateness of any item of clothing, it's best to leave it at home.

Mock Trial

How do I participate in the mock trial competition?

The mock trial case will be released in late June and you will be able to register for both the conference and competition then. It is recommended that you review the case before registering for the competition. Each trial team must have four members, and all must be P.A.D. members.

Do I have to attend the conference to compete in mock trial?

Yes, you must register for the conference to compete in mock trial. Additionally, you must attend all events, speakers and workshops you are assigned to. Teams and/or team members found to be skipping conference events will have points docked from their final scores.

How much does it cost?

The mock trial registration fee is \$150 per team of four. This fee is in addition to the conference fee of \$300 for each member.

What is the deadline?

All mock trial teams must be registered by September 21st.

How many teams can my chapter send?

You can send up to two teams. Teams are registered on a first come, first served basis.

Can I bring a coach or an alternate?

Yes! Any coach or alternate that is also a student must register for the conference as well.



Remember, at the conference you are not only representing your chapter and school, you are also representing P.A.D. Be courteous to hotel guests and staff and keep volume to a minimum during quiet hours.

As a chapter representative, you are expected to attend all scheduled conference events. Please remember to be respectful of conference speakers by turning your cell phones off or to silent and refraining from chatting with other conference attendees during presentations.



Questions? Contact Pre-Law Operations Assistant Liz Dunlap at prelaw@pad.org or by calling the Executive Office during office hours, Monday-Friday 9am-5pm EST at (410) 347-3118.