



Pre-Law Club

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What is Pre-Law at Marist College?



- A Marist support network for students who plan to apply to law school.
- A preparation aid for the law school application process.
- An activity open to all undergraduate students regardless of declared major.

Pre-Law Club Purpose



- To enhance students' knowledge of the legal profession.
- To give students the opportunity to become a part of a network of students and faculty that share an interest in the law and legal profession.
- To offer opportunities for students to interact with practicing professionals within the field of law.
- To introduce students to the law school application process.
- To develop a sense of fellowship that is beneficial to all.
- To acquaint students with the various types of legal practice.

Who Are We?



- Advisor: Prof. Annamaria Maciocia Esq.
- Executive Board:
 - President- Brandon Fernandes '16
 - Vice President- Evan Brucia '16
 - Treasurer- Shannon McStay '16
 - Secretary- Amanda Durney '16
 - Public Relations- Samatha Sayegh '16
 - Webmaster- Yumi Chavez '16



What Are The Requirements?



- All Marist College students are invited to join; college level and declared major are not important factors.
- The American Bar Association does not recommend any one particular major. This lack of core requirements allows students to consider law as a career at anytime during their college years.
- We encourage membership by students with various declared majors. We welcome the opportunity that our exposure to their academic interests offers us to integrate the concepts of law with other professional fields.

Membership Benefits



- Students will be better able to structure a stronger law school application.
- Interactions with legal professionals on a personal level can help undergraduate students make decisions about law as a chosen profession.
- Showcasing the legal profession in other than the classroom setting allows undergraduate students a one-on-one opportunity to address any questions they may have about law.
- Meeting practicing professionals at various club functions may be the necessary first step toward future employment (many Marist students interning in several legal settings).

How Does It Fulfill The Marist Tradition?



- The Pre-Law Club can help undergraduate students attain some of Marist College's ideals.
 - By opening its membership to students from all majors and from all college levels the Pre-Law Club will facilitate a sense of community among its members.
 - By interacting with local legal professionals, students may become involved in activities that serve the larger local community.

Priority Points



- 1 Priority Point:
Members must attend at least half of the club/organization meetings and activities for the semester.
- 2 Priority Points:
Members must attend at least half of the club/organization meetings, 75% of club/organization activities for the semester **and** the community service event.
- 3 Priority Points (officers only):
Officers must attend at least half of the club/organization meetings for the semester and all of the club activities (including community service event), unless excused.

If officers do not complete all of the requirements to earn 3 points, they may be eligible to receive up to 2 points based on the criteria outlined above.



Financial



- Funds will be needed for honoraria and travel expenses for guest lecturers, refreshments, event advertising and newsletters.

Events and Meetings



- LSAT test prep information sessions.
- Teleconferences with legal professionals.
- Guest lectures:
 - Child welfare agency representatives
 - Forensic Psychology
 - Adolescent medicine and the rights of minors
- Newsletters
- Informal get togethers with members of the Marist community that share the same interests in law



Community Service



- Plan a mock trial for a local high school
- Participate in
 - Relay for Life
 - Autism Awareness
 - St. Jude's "Up Till Dawn"
 - Hudson Valley Legal Services