Subject: Pre-Law Advisor: So you want to go to law school November 19, 2019

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Some of you already know me either from a class I taught or as the previous Undergraduate Director. Dr. Church, the Political Science Department Head, asked if I would take on the task of advising students that know or think they want to law school. So here I am.

The Department has been without a Pre-Law Advisor since the retirement of Dr. Carp. And, there is a lot we need to do to keep students informed and help them through the process. There are already many resources available at the University but somehow the word doesn’t seem to get out to everyone. For example, the UH Law Center recently held a symposium on, among other things, the Five Keys to Getting into Law School. Unfortunately, not many of you attended. I thought it was a good program and they had food.

My goal is to provide you with all the information I can concerning various Law Schools, the LSAT, letters of recommendation, personal statements, and on whatever topics concerning law school you may have.

I am a lawyer and practiced law for more years than I care to count. My daughter and her husband are lawyers and are a regular source of information for me concerning law school today, starting in practice today, and how to succeed in both. I also know quite a few other lawyers whose knowledge I’ll mine. I have a few ideas of my own. I have already had in person conversations with the admissions people at two of Houston’s three law schools.

I will gladly talk to any student regardless of major or minor – you need not be in political science. All you need to do is to make an appointment and I’ll try to answer your questions – or find out an answer if I don’t know. If you have a question that you believe can be answered by an email, feel free to send me one.

My office, at least for the rest of the semester is PGH 372. Email me at jwjacks2@cougarnet.uh.edu for an appointment. Give me several times and days that you are available. However, note that I teach from 11:30 – 2:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and won’t be available during those times.

Oh, and law school is hard – but I loved it, had a great time, and made great friends. Law school and the practice of law can be rewarding and enjoyable. Good luck.