



Office of Academic Support & Career Development

The Massachusetts School of Law strives to ensure the success of each student. Law school is challenging and even the most successful students may need assistance adapting to a new academic discipline. Students may notice difficulty in absorbing new material, completing academic work, or understanding reading materials; anxiety about critical reading, writing, or test taking; and reluctance to speak in class. The office of Academic Support & Career Services provides our students with an opportunity to meet individually or collectively with a professor to consult about learning concerns. In addition, it provides students an opportunity to find support in mapping out their law school path to ensure success beyond the classroom.

There are many resources here at the law school to support you. From academic advisors, to student mentors, to a writing lab staffed with full-time faculty, and to specific sessions designed to support students in developing strong reading comprehension, writing skills, test-taking skills, and with time management and organization. In addition, there is support to help students navigate the law school curriculum by providing help with course selection with an eye towards ensuring success on the bar exam as well as positioning students for employment upon graduation. Students can request individual appointments at any time by contacting Professor Colby-Clements at pcolby@msslaw.edu.

Spring 2025 Calendar

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Session Subject</u>
Saturday	25-Jan	9-11 A.M.	<i>Mandatory Orientation New Students</i>
Saturday	01-Feb	9-11 A.M.	<i>Time Management & Organization</i>
Saturday	08-Feb	9-11 A.M.	<i>Creating Your Outline</i>
Saturday	22 nd -Feb	9-11 A.M.	<i>Law School Exam Writing Contracts for Mid-term Feb 26th</i>
Saturday	15 th -March	9-11 A.M.	<i>Law School Exam Writing Torts for Mid-term March 26th</i>
Saturday	26 th -April	9-11 A.M.	<i>Law School Exam Writing Prep for Final Exams</i>

WRITING LAB

The MSLAW Writing Lab is a designated space that is located in the Demosthenes Writing Room (next to the offices of Professor Armano and Rodriguez in back of library). Any student may use the writing lab at any time to study. The lab is stocked with helpful writing aids and study aids.

Although writing classes are small, and students can ask for help from their instructors, MSLAW has recognized that this might not be enough for some students. There are designated hours when students can drop into the writing lab so that students can solicit extra help with particular writing problems they might have.

Students may receive help in any legal research and writing area from grammar to organization and types of legal authority, but they may not use the professors as copyeditors or proofreaders. The writing sessions may also be used as a way to solicit help with already submitted and graded work as a means of improving or understanding their weaknesses.

In addition to offering assistance to all students, the writing professors, in coordination with Assistant Dean Paula Kaldis, also participate in a mandatory academic assistance program for students on probation. Students can email the writing lab professors for an appointment or drop in during the following times:

WRITING SUPORT SCHEDULE

Monday: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Anne Hemingway

hemingway@mslaw.edu

Tuesday: 2:30 – 4:30 PM

Paula Kaldis

pota@mslaw.edu

Wednesday: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Anne Hemingway

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Thursday: 2:30 -4:30 PM

Paula Kaldis

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Note: See Professor Hemmingway at the Library Resource Desk and Dean Kaldis in her office.

MSLAW Tutoring

MSLAW students can get help from Professor Gus Panagakis with substantive law classes. Gus can be reached at:

panagakis@mslaw.edu

Academic Advisors

Each MSLAW student is required to meet twice per semester with his/her faculty advisor. All students should meet with their Faculty Advisors for guidance in planning their curriculum.

Academic Advisors 2024

Student's Last Name	Faculty Advisor	Email
A	Professor Rodriguez	rodriguez@mslaw.edu
B	Professor Colby-Clements	pcolby@mslaw.edu
C-D	Professor Dimitriadis	amyd@mslaw.edu
E-G	Professor Olson	olson@mslaw.edu
H-K	Professor Harayda	harayda@mslaw.edu
L-Mc	Professor Hemingway	hemingway@mslaw.edu
Md-P	Professor Hetu	hetu@mslaw.edu
Q-S	Professor Copani	copani@mslaw.edu
T-Z	Rohit Bhasin	ro@mslaw.edu

Any student currently on academic probation must check in with Dean Kaldis pota@mslaw.edu each month during the course of the semester. If you are meeting with Dean Kaldis you do not need to check in with your assigned academic advisor.

TWEN PAGE

Schedules and helpful information are all posted on the Academic Resources TWEN page. All students should have access to this page. If you are having trouble with access, please contact Professor Colby-Clements: pcolby@msslaw.edu