News Sources for Pre-Law Students

It can be difficult to keep up with your chosen field. While not an exhaustive list, these resources will help you learn more about the field of law, law school, law admissions, and the latest issues in jurisprudence.

General Law Information

- Sign up for the free email service for the <u>Pre-Law News</u> from the National Jurist. https://nationaljurist.com/prelaw/
- You can also sign up for the National Jurist too. https://nationaljurist.com/
- Subscribe for free emails from <u>Law.com</u>. You can only access a few articles a month for free, but the headlines tell you lot about what is going on in the legal world. https://www.law.com/
- Above the Law is another service that you can subscribe to for free emails, but you can only access a few articles for free. Still it is useful to read through to see what is happening in legal circles. https://abovethelaw.com/
- Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System Blog (IAALS) https://iaals.du.edu/blog
- <u>Bloomberg Law News</u> provides articles on the latest cases that are in the news. https://news.bloomberglaw.com
- The <u>American Bar Association</u> website often has current news on the home page and has a special Advocacy & Initiatives section with more news. https://www.americanbar.org/
- <u>Law 360</u> offers articles on the latest in law and has 61 specialty law areas in which it reports including Aerospace & Defense, Bankruptcy, Cannabis, Construction, Consumer Protection, Cybersecurity & Privacy, Environmental, Food & Beverage, Health, Immigration, Legal Ethics, Native American Law and many other areas. https://www.law360.com/
- <u>National Association for Law Placement</u> (NALP) tracks where lawyers work. They have a weekly news digest that is interesting to look through to see some of the hot topics in law. https://www.nalp.org/home

Follow the Supremes

- Stay on top of the latest Supreme Court cases and decisions coming down from the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) at SCOTUSblog. https://www.scotusblog.com/
- Look for your state Supreme Court as well. For example, the <u>Indiana Supreme Court</u> has a great site where you can learn about the court, watch oral arguments, and view rulings. https://www.in.gov/judiciary/supreme/

Follow Legislation

The <u>National Conference of State Legislatures</u> allows you to follow developments in various areas of law in our country. https://www.ncsl.org/

Follow what is happening in the U.S. Congress and Senate at <u>Congress.gov</u> to learn about the floor activity, new legislation, committee reports, roll calls and more. https://www.congress.gov/

Special Topics in Law

Environmental Law

 The <u>Environmental Law Institute</u> (ELI) is a 50 year old institute that works toward a healthy environment, prosperous economies, and vibrant communities. They help develop policy and use law and justice to enable leaders to make environmental, economic, and social progress. https://www.eli.org/

Agricultural Law

• The <u>National Agricultural Law Center</u> offers an ag law bibliography and glossary, reporting on ag law, resources, and state ag law compilations. https://nationalaglawcenter.org/

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Social Justice Issues

- The <u>Southern Poverty Law Center</u> (SPLC) works on issues of hate and extremism, children's rights, immigrant
 justice, LGBTQ rights, economic justice, criminal justice reform, and voting rights. https://www.splcenter.org/
- The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) focuses on capital punishment, criminal law reform, disability rights, free speech, HIV, human rights, immigrant rights, juvenile justice, racial justice, LGBT rights, national security, prisoners' rights, privacy and technology, religious liberty, reproductive freedom, smart justice, voting rights, and women's rights. https://www.aclu.org/
- The <u>Human Rights Campaign</u> (HRC) fights for equal rights for LGBTQ people. https://www.hrc.org/ and <u>Lambda Legal</u> works to achieve full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and everyone living with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work. https://www.lambdalegal.org/
- <u>Public Service JD</u> offer information on careers in public service (PSJD). The Practice Area Guides are a great
 place to learn more about things like Children's Rights Law, Criminal Law, Education Law, Environmental Law,
 Food Law, Health Law, Indian/Tribal Law, Immigrant Law, International Development, Juvenile Defense, LGBTQ
 Rights Law, National Security Law, Political Campaigns, and Women's Rights.
 https://www.psjd.org/advice/explore-your-career-options

Health Law

- The <u>Health Law Section</u> of the American Bar Association offers resources and publications in the field. https://www.americanbar.org/groups/health_law/
- The <u>National Health Law Program</u> is an organization of health care litigators and policy advocates who fight to
 protect and expand health rights for low-income individuals, families and underserved communities.
 https://healthlaw.org/

Patent, Trademark, and Intellectual Property Law

- Sign up for the Patent Law Blog, <u>Patentlyo</u>, to keep up on the latest, and read about jobs and ethical issues in patent law. https://patentlyo.com/
- <u>IP Watchdog News</u> offers a plethora of news items on IP, patent, and trademark law. https://www.ipwatchdog.com/category/news/
- Sign up for IP news from Law360 https://www.law360.com/ip
- The <u>ABAJournal list</u> of patent area blogs including PharmaPatents, Biederman Blog, Patent Arcade and others. https://www.abajournal.com/blawgs/topic/patent+law

Applying to Law School

- The <u>Law School Admission Council</u> (LSAC) is THE site with which you need to become familiar as you work toward your law school application. This is where you will sign up to take the LSAT, create your credential file to hold your transcripts and letters for your application, and enter portals for law school applications. They have a huge amount of information on this site. https://www.lsac.org/
- MAX Pre-Law by AccessLex has many resources to help you with your application and figuring out how to pay for law school. They offer great webinars on a variety of topics. https://www.accesslex.org/max-pre-law