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# Office of Pre-Law Advising Plays Pivotal Role in Students' Path to Law School

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The Office of Pre-Law Advising at Georgia Southern is raising the bar for students. Since the establishment of the office in the 2003-2004 academic year, the acceptance rate to law school for Georgia Southern students has climbed every year.

In the latest Law School Admission Council (LSAT) Action Report for the 2014-15 academic year, 80 percent of Georgia Southern students who applied for law school were accepted by one or more law schools including Cornell Law School, Harvard Law School, University of California-Berkeley, Boston University School of Law, Duke University School of Law, Emory University School of Law, and Georgetown University Law Center.

In the year prior to the office's founding, 2002-2003, only 30.9 percent of Georgia Southern students were accepted into a law school.

For the last seven years, the endowed Judge Faye Sanders Martin Pre-Law Fund enables the Office of Pre-Law Advising to administer four free half-day practice LSAT sessions, furnish students with copies of recent LSAT tests, offer nine summer SOAR sessions, sponsor a panel of law school admissions officers and award a \$500 Martin-Davis Pre-Law Scholarship.

The Office of Pre-Law Advising has three faculty Advisors: Rebecca Davis, J.D., Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Kathleen Comerford, Ph.D., Department of History, and Maureen Stobb, Ph.D., Department of Political Science.

Davis also recently served as Secretary and Webmaster at the Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors (SAPLA) for the 2015-16 academic year and as the Georgia Chair of the National Association of Women Judges.

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) is the largest of the eight colleges that make up Georgia Southern University, and it plays a central role in every student's core of knowledge. CLASS, also described as the University's College of the Creative Mind, prepares students to achieve academic excellence, develop their analytical skills, enhance their creativity and embrace their responsibilities as citizens of their communities, their nations and the world. CLASS offers more than 20 undergraduate degrees and several interdisciplinary minors from its 11 departments and five academic centers. CLASS offers eight master's degrees, two graduate certificates and one doctoral degree. For more information, visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/CLASS](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/CLASS).