

Colleagues-

Welcome to Chicago! We are thrilled you have joined us for what promises to be an engaging, educational, and fun MAPLA Conference.

This year's conference theme, "Winds of Change: Navigating Pre-Law Advising through Uncertainty", is reflected throughout the conference with engaging sessions designed to address the shifts in admissions tests, rankings changes, and continued upheaval as a result of the pandemic. As you will see, this year's conference contains both new approaches and old favorites. We have continued to include sessions specifically geared toward our Law School partners, especially as we welcome a large group this year due to the LSAC Chicago Forum happening on Saturday. Thursday's Law School Fair and the reception following are excellent opportunities to network and socialize. And, our annual update and breakout sessions from our friends at LSAC offer opportunities to learn more about LawReady, changes to the LSAT and Law School Transparency.

The MAPLA Conference is made possible each year through the efforts of so many. Particularly important are the host law schools—Loyola University School of Law and Northwestern Pritzker School of Law —without whom this conference would not be possible. Our sincere thanks go to Maya Crim at Loyola and to Amanda Hansen at Northwestern. In addition, we want to recognize the efforts of all the members of the MAPLA Board for their work helping to plan, organize, and carry-out this year's conference.

Each year, we all look forward to the MAPLA Conference as a time to reflect on our work as prelaw advisors, learn new ways to approach our work, and most importantly, to meet new, interesting people and renew old friendships! We hope you find time to explore the city, as well as your profession, while in Chicago!

Sincerely,

Erin Reichelt, MAPLA President-Elect and Conference Chair Larry Hayman, MAPLA President