The Recent Graduate Committee Presents: **THE CLASS OF 2020 GUIDE**

ADVICE ON TAKING THE BAR

- Vary where you study!
 This helps keep things fresh and prevents you from tiring.
- Find time to take a walk outside or around the block. The real oxygen is good for studying and focus.
- Find a friend or mentor who took the bar recently and reach out when you get overwhelmed.



- Make it your goal to learn as much as you possibly can, but not to worry when you realize you do not know everything.
- Answer practice essay questions in 5-10 minutes with bullets and then go over the answers. You will find patterns and easy ways to pick up points.
- Avoid cramming by studying every day. On days when you cannot find time to sit down and study, carry flash cards or view lessons online.
- After the bar, make sure to rest, find a small way to celebrate being finished!
- If you need to take the test a second time, change up how you studied.
 Consider changing prep programs or reaching out to Fordham professor's for ideas.

ADVICE ON NETWORKING AND APPLYING

- When applying to a job, present your skills and experiences in a way that mirrors the language in the job description. Mention all skills that are directly applicable to the position.
- Do your research to determine which firms are actively hiring during this time. Reach out to FLS alums, and try to identify a mentor who is more senior and can make targeted connections for you.
- Take advantage of Zoom and online resources. If you do virtual interviews or networking, make sure you present yourself at your best.
 Networking right now is particularly difficult, but find opportunities to join webinars hosted by bar associations or other groups.

 Stay in touch with people you network with during quarantine by sending updates on your area of practice, bar prep, and quarantine life once a month.

> CLICK BELOW FOR FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Bar Study Loans
Student Emergency
Fund

FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL BAR PREP COURSES

The law school offers two very helpful supplemental programs to all graduating students: The Lakin Bar Essay Workshops and the Kaplan 3 Day Review. You should already have received information and materials related to these programs from

Cynthia Juco, Assistant Director of Student Affairs. If you have not received any information, or have questions about these programs, please email Cynthia directly at **cjuco@fordham.edu**.

