

RUN OF SHOW

September 24–27, 2026 · Raleigh–Durham, North Carolina



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Mock Law School Admissions Committee Exercise

Day 2 · Friday · Friday, September 25, 2026 · 5:30 – 6:30 PM EDT · NCCU Student Center | Second Floor | Event Hall · 500 Nelson Street, Durham, NC 27707 · Live educational simulation using seven fictional applicant files; no slides · All registered attendees · 60 minutes

Inside the Admissions Room: See How Admissions Decisions Are Really Made

KEY DETAILS

- Session purpose: Experienced admissions and student-affairs professionals review fictional applicant files, test assumptions, debate competing strengths and concerns, and reach decisions in real time — a practical view of holistic review without disclosing any school's confidential process.
- Preparation: Moderators preassign two or three lead reviewers for each fictional file. Reviewers should study the common framework and be ready to explain how evidence across the full file affects judgment.

PARTICIPANTS

- Bianca Mack, J.D., M.B.A. — Featured Panelist — Associate Dean for Student Affairs, University of North Carolina School of Law
- Jeremy Whatley, MLS — Featured Panelist — Associate Director of Admissions, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- Kelsey Holland, Ed.D., JM, MPA — Featured Panelist — Admissions and Recruitment, Florida A&M University College of Law
- Mark Hill, MEd — Featured Panelist — Assistant Dean for Admissions, Duke University School of Law
- Tyonna (Ty) Brent, J.D. — Featured Panelist — Director of Admissions, Loyola Law School (Los Angeles)
- Katrina Alleyne — Featured Panelist — Director of Admissions Operations, Albany Law School
- Caprice Wright, M.A. — Featured Panelist — Interim Associate Dean of Admissions, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University
- Sharon N. Gaskin, Esq. — Co-Moderator — Associate Dean of Admissions & Financial Assistance, NCCU School of Law
- Rishawnda Archie, M.S. — Co-Moderator — Assistant Director for J.D. Admissions and Recruitment, Wayne State University Law School

PRE-SHOW & CALL TIMES

5:00 PM — Speaker check-in: The Law Expo ends at 5:00 PM, so this is the earliest we can gather. Check in on the second floor and ask to be escorted to the Senate Room.

5:05 PM — Closed group briefing: Review the common criteria, file order, lead-reviewer assignments, speaking rotation, and available outcomes.

5:20 PM — Final readiness check: Take assigned seats, confirm materials and microphones, and be ready for the 5:30 PM start.

PROGRAM RUN OF SHOW

5:30 – 5:33	Welcome and disclaimer (Sharon) (3 min) — All files are fictional; the exercise is educational and does not reveal any school's confidential process.
5:33 – 5:37	Introductions (Rishawnda) (4 min) — One sentence each: name, institution, role, and admissions lens.
5:37 – 5:41	Review framework (Sharon) (4 min) — Explain common criteria and available outcomes: admit, waitlist, or deny.
5:41 – 6:02	Seven applicant files (both moderators) (21 min) — Three minutes per file: summary, lead-reviewer reactions, distinct additions, provisional vote.
6:02 – 6:14	Committee deliberation (Sharon) (12 min) — Revisit close calls, test reasoning, and announce the committee's final outcome for every file.



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6:14 – 6:21

Lessons and myths (Rishawnda) (7 min) — Identify credibility gaps, strong application moves, and common misconceptions.

6:21 – 6:27

Curated audience questions (both) (6 min) — Prioritize broad instructional value; avoid school-specific admission predictions.

6:27 – 6:30

Final takeaway and close (Sharon) (3 min) — Each moderator offers one action attendees can take before submitting.

PRODUCTION & SPEAKER NOTES

- Two or three lead reviewers are assigned to each fictional file. Other reviewers should speak only when adding a materially different point.
- The committee's outcome distribution is not predetermined — final admit, waitlist, and deny totals follow the discussion and votes.
- Reference only the fictional facts provided; avoid describing identifiable real applicants or confidential institutional deliberations.
- Disagreement is welcome; explain the evidence and judgment behind a different conclusion without characterizing another reviewer's decision as wrong.
- Please help protect the published 6:30 PM hard stop by following moderator time cues.
- Opening responses should generally stay within 60–75 seconds; follow-ups within 30–45 seconds.
- Moderators may direct a question to selected speakers; panelists should add only a distinct point rather than repeat an answer.
- Audience questions will be curated from submitted cards or a monitored form. There will be no unscreened open microphone unless the format specifically calls for interactive Q&A.
- Confirm the spelling and pronunciation of your name, credentials, title, and affiliation, and share any accessibility needs before the event.
- No slides are planned. If a visual or handout is essential, obtain approval in advance.