Greetings everyone!

I am the new Pre-Law Advisor for the Political Science Department. I took on this additional role in the spring of 2023. I earned a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Houston in 1995, and a Juris Doctorate (J.D.) from the University of Houston Law Center in 2003. If you include my father, brother, aunts, uncles, and cousins, I am one of fourteen people in my family that have some type of degree from the University of Houston. My grandmother even grew up in a house on land that is now part of this campus. To put it short, the University of Houston is part of my family DNA. I am immensely proud of this university, and you all should be as well.

I have been teaching here at UH since 2011. I teach the two core Government courses that everyone must take (GOVT 2305 and GOVT 2306). I am also currently overseeing the Public Law Internship Program. In addition, I teach the following law courses:

* POLS 3356 (Constitutional Law I)
* POLS 3357 (Constitutional Law II: Civil Liberties)
* POLS 3385 (Intro to Law)
* POLS 3345 (National Security Law)
* POLS 3386 (Criminal Law)
* POLS 3355 (Judicial Process)
* POLS 3358 (Judicial Behavior)
* POLS 3354 (Law and Society)
* POLS 3359 (Criminal Justice)
* PUBL 6314 (Administrative Law) – Through the MPA program here at UH.

Over the years, I have taught several amazing students that have gone on to earn law degrees and become successful in the legal profession. One of my former students even clerked for former U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. I thoroughly enjoy teaching the law and sharing my advice about pursuing law school.

If you have any questions about law school, the application process for it, which courses you should be taking as an undergraduate, or any other law school-related questions, please email me at the email address below to schedule an appointment with me. Pre-Law Advising sessions typically take about an hour. We can meet face-to-face in my office (362 PGH) or virtually through Teams. It is never too early in your educational career to seek out pre-law advising.

I am here to be a resource to you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me. As time progresses, much like Jerry Jackson did before me, I will post more documents on here that share my advice about law school. I look forward to working with you all to answer whatever questions you have for me.

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