



BEYOND THE
STAND-ALONE EVENT:
**INTEGRATING
FINANCIAL WELLNESS
INTO THE CLASSROOM**



AccessLex Spring Sync **Workshop**

[#AccessLexSpringSync2025](#)

Your Moderator



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What's the **PLAN**?

- Meet our MAXnificent panelists!
- Introduction to MAX by AccessLex® and JDEdge by AccessLex®
- Northern Illinois University College of Law
- Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law
- University of Hawai'i at Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law
- Questions/Sharing/Thoughts



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Meet Our Panelists



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INTRODUCTION TO MAX AND JDEDGE

MAX by AccessLex[®]

The personal finance program for law students

- **2016**: Financial education pilot program
- **2017**: MAX launch
- **2017 – 2021**: MAX Online
- **2021**: Ask EDNA![®] launch, including new MAX curriculum
- **2022**: MAX wins AFCPE Outstanding Educational Program of the Year!



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MAX Scholarships

November 1	6 x \$5,000 scholarships
February 1	6 x \$5,000 scholarships
April 1	6 x \$25,000 scholarships 3 x \$40,000 scholarships
May 1: Hannah R. Arterian Memorial Scholarship	1 x \$50,000 scholarship



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MAX Madness



MAX MADNESS February 1 through March 31

MAX by AccessLex® is the personal finance program for law students. Earn entries into the MAX Grand Prize Scholarship Drawings on April 1 and help your school get to the Final Four!

Complete Lessons, Attend Webinars, Attend On-Campus Workshops

Get Started at Askedna.org



MAX MADNESS
2025 Winners!

UND UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF LAW

University of Dayton School of Law

MAINE LAW UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOOL OF LAW

THE LAW SCHOOL



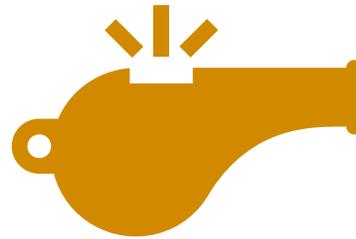
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Continuous **Feedback**



MAX Workshop
Surveys



MAX Coaching
Surveys



Annual Feedback
Sessions

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Almost **10,000 students**
have benefitted.

JEDGE
by AccessLex®

Utilized by nearly
100 law schools.



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College of Law

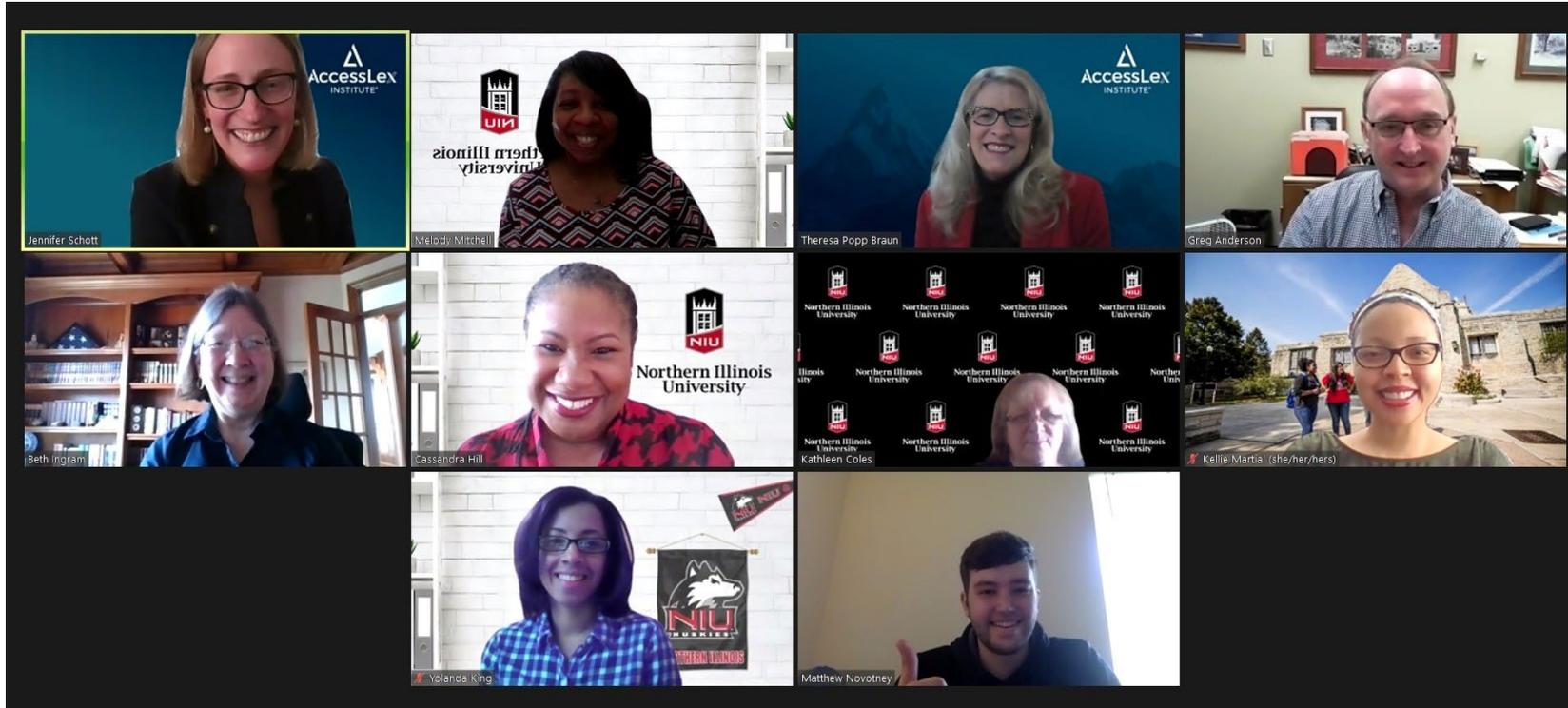
- **2021:** MAX Adoption
- **2022:** MAX \$25K Scholarship Winner
- **2023:** JDEdge Adoption
- **2024, 2025:** MAX Madness School
- MAX Feedback School
- Regional Director – Natalie Daniels, AFC®



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Scholarship and Support History



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AccessLex Touchpoints

- **Admissions**
- **Scholarship Programs**
 - LexScholars
 - LexPostBacc Program
- **JDEdge**
 - Skills Development
- **Orientation**
 - *Building Your Law School Budget*
- **Professional Identity Formation**
- **Law 515/516 - Introduction Legal Professionalism**
 - *Credit and Debt Management for Bar Admission*
- **2nd and 3rd Year – Focus Groups**



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“Credit and Debt Management for Bar Admission”

1. Register for an Ask EDNA! account at [AskEDNA.org](https://www.AskEDNA.org).
2. Enter MAX by AccessLex® and the MAX 1L Course: *Financial Foundations*.
3. Complete the eight components of the MAX 1L Course by late September.
4. Download your free credit report from [AnnualCreditReport.com](https://www.AnnualCreditReport.com).
5. Submit 1 credit-related question to MAX@accesslex.org to be answered in a campus MAX workshop.

Download assignment document from ON24 Resources!



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NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW

NSU

Florida

Shepard Broad
College of Law
**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN
UNIVERSITY**

- **2017:** MAX Adoption
- **2023:** JDEdge Adoption
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Academic Success and **Professionalism** (ASP Department)

- NSU Law provides academic success and professionalism classes for students in each year of study:
 - 1L = Legal Skills and Professionalism I and II (1 credit – required course)
 - 2L = Elements of Legal Analysis I and II (1 credit – required for below 2.75 GPA)
 - 3L = FBE Lab (2 credits), MBE Lab (3 credits)



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NSU Law: In the Beginning

- **Pre-2018:** Only 1-2 workshops over 10 years
- **2017-2018:** MAX Program Agreement signed
- **2019-2020:** MAX Financial Planning for Law students introduced in 1L ASP course (Legal Skills and Professionalism)



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NSU Law: 2020 - 2025

- **2020-2021:** Virtual sessions due to Covid
- **2022-2023:** Class integration paused – new leadership
- **2023-present:** 1L sessions resumed
 - LeAndra Ross – Financial Planning for Law Students
 - Fidel Calero – Managing Client Funds [2023-24], Exam Memorization and Studying Tips [2024-25]
- What's next?



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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MANOA WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW



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WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON
SCHOOL OF LAW

- **2017:** MAX Adoption
- **2018-2019:** MAX \$5K Scholarship Winner
- **2022-2023:** MAX \$5K Scholarship Winner
- **2025:** MAX Madness School
- MAX Feedback School
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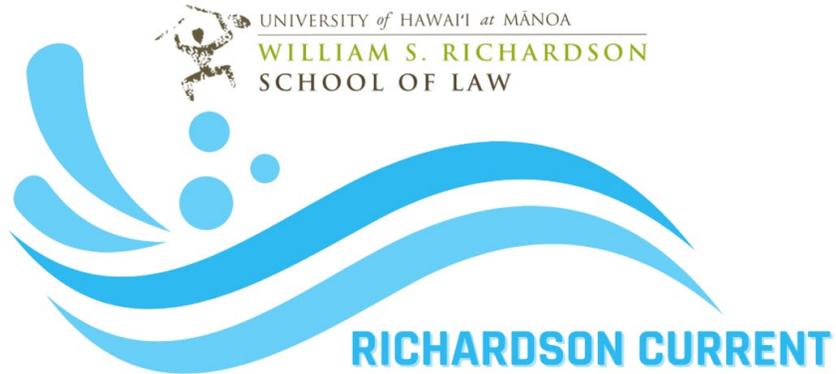
Hawaii's Law School



- Less than 400 enrollment
- J.D., A.J.D., LL.M.
- Phasing out in-person Evening Part-Time Program
- Fall 2023 launched Online Part-Time Program

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Richardson Current: Admin to Students

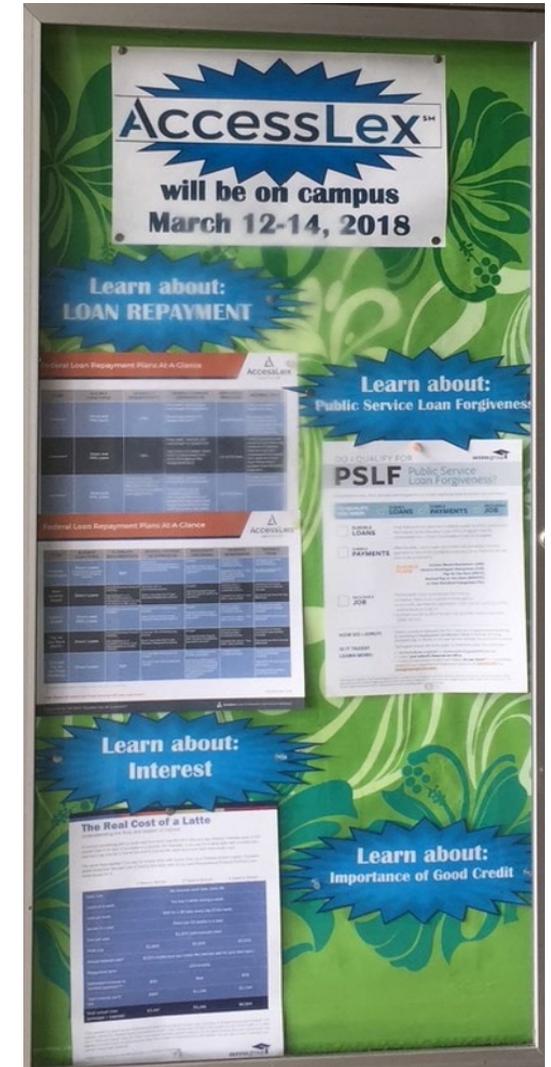


Financial Aid

- [FAFSA 2024-2025](#): There's still time to submit the FAFSA for the **current** academic year.
- Reconnect with [AccessLex AskEDNA](#) -- Continuing their scholarship commitment of \$330,000+ scholarships to MAX participants.
Save the date campus visit: October 7-9
- **Borrowed too much?** Borrowers have 30 days from the date of disbursement to return financial aid loan funds directly to the University. Email smithhea@hawaii.edu for more information.

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Bulletin Boards



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SBA Connection: Students to Students



Student Bar Association <lawsba@hawaii.edu>
to owner-sbalawstu-l, Law ▾

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Aloha WSRSL students,

Here is a list of some events that you can look forward to and updates for this week. These events are open to all students.

Barrister's Ball - Call for Volunteers

Please complete the [form](#) if you want to volunteer at **SBA's Barristers Ball on March 13, 2025 at Cafe Julia**. We need as many hands as possible to make this a great evening!

ELP's Online Tea Time Event

(3/3) The Environmental Law Program is excited to announce ELP's Online Tea Time Event on Monday, March 3rd, at 5 pm via Zoom. (Zoom [link](#) / Meeting ID: 852 6958 0417 / Passcode: ELPTEA) Join us to learn about the Environmental Law Program, its faculty, summer experiences, and more! This is a great opportunity for online students to get involved in ELP, and for in-person students to meet the online cohort! Please RSVP [here](#)!

AccessLex Spring Campus Visit

Get your financial update from Justin from **AccessLex**. Join us for workshops on building Credit, Loan Repayment Strategies and don't forget to sign up for a 1-on-1 meeting to get your questions answered.



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Campus Visit!

- Professionalism in Practice - PIP (1LS)
- Part-Time Programming
- Informal Workshop



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QUESTIONS?



WHAT ARE YOU DOING BEYOND THE STAND-ALONE FINANCIAL WELLNESS EVENT?

THANK YOU!