

# QUICK TIPS TO HELP YOU SUCCEED IN THE JURIS DOCTOR (JD) PROGRAM

Your Juris Doctor (JD) program is challenging and requires a commitment to make it a success. You enrolled at Purdue Global Law School to learn the law and complete your degree. Don't lose sight of this.

## STAY FOCUSED ON YOUR MAIN GOALS

- Successfully progress through your courses and complete the program.
- Pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) and moral character application.
- 3. Pass the California Bar Examination.

Driving these three goals is the answer to "Why are you here?" These are your stepping stones. Write them on a 3x5 card and keep it within view wherever you study. If your goals change, update your 3x5 card. If your goals no longer require a license, consider the Executive Juris Doctor (EJD) program.

## **Manage Your Time**

Most likely, you are already a busy professional. Now you are a law student on top of that. Time is precious and limited. There are only 24 hours in a day, so make good use of them. Make them count by being responsible and disciplined. This means scheduling. Set up a study schedule to keep yourself on track. Be realistic when you are thinking about the time you will devote to your studies. If you don't set yourself up for success, you will find the next several years extremely difficult. Use a day planner, mobile device, or whatever you use to keep track of your appointments and make specific "appointments" with your studies. Don't start a week by just estimating how many hours you will have to work on your studies—that is not a plan. Map out what you will do each day, and make notes regarding assignment due dates.

### **Don't Multitask**

Multitasking sounds efficient, but it isn't. It is a time waster. You need to focus on your studies during scheduled schoolwork hours. Turn off all your extra electronic gadgets while you are studying. Avoid the pitfalls of all the distractions around you; Facebook, Instagram, texting, TV, and so forth must be on hold during your scheduled study hours. Let your friends, family, and coworkers know that you won't have as much time for them.

### **Track Your Module Progress**

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### **Attend Seminars**

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## **Get Ready for the Bar Exam**

The Bar is a 2-day examination in the state of California. It is difficult and you must prepare for it. You need to have the mindset that you must pass this exam. Be organized with your studying. Take Capstone I and II seriously and sign up for a commercial bar preparation program. Look into Kaplan Bar Review courses, which are discounted for Purdue Global Law School students. Familiarize yourself with the general requirements to become licensed in California at www.calbar.ca.gov/Admissions/Requirements.

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Law School

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## STAY FOCUSED ON YOUR MAIN GOALS

- 1. Successfully complete your courses.
- Pass your final examinations and progress through your program.
- 3. Graduate from the program and receive your diploma.
- 4. Advance in your current career or pursue a new job.

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#### Focus on the End Goal — Your Career

The EJD program focuses on advanced legal knowledge and skills, with a specialized focus on your chosen profession or industry. It can prepare you to pursue career advancement or enter new fields.\*

During the first year, you will take many of the same foundational courses required of JD students. As a second- and third-year student, you are encouraged to construct a curriculum plan centered on your specific career needs and interests.

Specialized tracks include:

- Law and Technology
  - Career paths may include cybersecurity, privacy, and intellectual property
- Health Law
  - Career paths may include hospital administration, Medicare appeals, and patient advocacy
- Education Law
  - Career paths may include teaching, higher education administration, and Title IX or Americans with Disabilities Act compliance
- Business Law
  - Career paths may include compliance and regulatory affairs, human resources, insurance, risk management, trust management, and contract review and negotiation

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Except as provided in rule 4.30 of the Admissions Rules (Legal education in a foreign state or country), completion of a professional law degree program at this law school other than for the Juris Doctor degree does not qualify a student to take the California Bar Examination or satisfy the requirements for admission to practice law in California. It may not qualify a student to take the bar examination or to satisfy requirements for admission to the practice of law in any other jurisdiction. A student intending to seek admission to practice law should contact the admitting authority in the jurisdictions where the student intends to qualify to sit for the bar examination or to be admitted to practice for information regarding their legal education requirements.

<sup>\*</sup>Purdue Global Law School cannot guarantee employment or career advancement.