



# Law School Preparation Academy Eleanor Mukolwe, Management, Spring 2020

Professional  
Development

## SUMMARY

*The Institute of Law and Public Affairs offers a Summer Law School Preparation Academy - an 11-week pre-law program at UTSA that I participated in from May 28, 2019 to August 10, 2019. It is a two phased program that consists of 12 credit hours of coursework, plenary sessions, and an LSAT workshop. In phase one, I attended two of the four classes – Formal Logic and Constitutional Analysis then went to the plenary sessions. In phase two, I completed the remaining classes - Legal Writing and Torts plus the LSAT workshop. This experience reaffirmed my law school decision. This academy was designed to give students an idea of what to expect before, during, and after their law school journey. Some of the classes emulated a standard law school class, others gave us a foundation that would be useful in approaching LSAT questions. The program allowed me to enjoy the activities and interact with people that could impact my future career in law.*



## SPICES

*The Summer Law School Preparation Academy embodies Professional Development because the classes, plenary sessions, and workshops enable me to sharpen the skill set needed to succeed in law school and in a law career.*

## HERBS

**Equitable:** *what is just, and fair is important in law. Uphold those standards.*  
**Resilience:** *law school will be tough, more so than this academy. This was just the beginning.*

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

**Adaptability & Resilience:** *failure is a part of this journey and during the plenary sessions, I learned how hard law school can be. However, all the speakers stood by being flexible and resilient. Setbacks are part of the journey, but the key is in moving forward.*  
**Communicating Effectively:** *during the program I had to write papers, speak in front of the class, and interact with the professors and guest speakers. This strengthened my speaking, writing, and thinking skills.*



## IMPACT

*Students who are considering going to law school are the target. Law school is hard to get into and succeed in, but it is also a huge financial investment. The academy helps us know if this is what we really want. I was impacted because the classes and sessions are very different from what I am used to. The content is more challenging than my undergraduate work, but not nearly as challenging as law school will be.*

## ADVICE

*This is an amazing way to reaffirm your decision to go to law school, or to explore the possibility. Interact with Dr. Alvarez during and after the academy. She will help you navigate your journey.*