

# UAS: Law Panel Meeting Minutes

## Call to Order

A meeting hosted by Gisele Goetz was held on 5/15/18.

## Attendees

- Executive Board: All members present
- Students:
  - Gisele Goetz – Business, Oil & Gas
  - Dennis Perez – Tax Litigator
  - Peter Susi – Bankruptcy
  - Mike Cage - Business

## Law Panel

- Law is the business of serving and helping people through the use of technical skills
  - Helping people with tax issues
  - Representing people in bankruptcy court
- Find your passion and find people you like doing it with
  - The right partners will make the work a lot easier
- Lawyers work a lot with accountants
  - Specific tax issues
  - Mike Cage – buying and selling businesses; financing
    - Works with accountants all the time in analyzing financial statements
- How to handle high tuition?
  - Always working part time jobs; scholarships and grants
  - Sometimes if you have a job lined up, they will pitch in for tuition costs in later years
- Which law firm to choose?
  - Top tier law schools get you a ticket in the door of top law firms
  - If you want to work in Santa Barbara, go to a local law school and network with the people you'll be working with
    - Plenty of great lawyers that didn't go to Harvard
    - It's all about how hard you work and how you apply yourself
- Take a gap between college and law school if it fits with your goals and financial abilities
  - Work, travel, and get some life experiences
- Where to draw the line on accepting clients with issues you do not always agree with?
  - Initial meeting gives you a good idea if they are telling the truth or going to be a problem
  - Trust your gut and do not take clients if you think they are lying to you or hiding things

## Adjournment

Rebecca Sonn makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, agreed upon at 7:40.



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Internal Vice President  
Undergraduate Accounting Society

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Date of Approval