

# Applying to Law School



## Law School Application Timeline

### Freshman and Sophomore Years

- Attend a prelaw advising workshop at the Career Center
- Schedule an appointment with a prelaw advisor who can help you with your individual concerns
- Consider an internship or part-time position in the legal field
- Get involved in prelaw student clubs or organizations

### Junior Year

- Pick up an LSAT/LSDAS Registration Book at the Career Center
- Attend a law school forum where you can talk with representatives from various law schools. Dates and locations are at [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org)
- Make preliminary list of law schools you are considering

### End of Junior Year/Senior Summer

- Start writing your personal statement
- Subscribe to LSDAS (Law School Data Assembly Service)
- Consider taking an LSAT test preparation course
- Take the LSAT (offered in February, June, October, and December)
- Start asking professors and employers for letters of recommendation

### Early Senior Fall

- Make a checklist and schedule for each application, and photocopy all forms
- Send transcripts and letters of recommendation to LSDAS
- Finish your personal statement. Tailor it to specific essay topics, if any.
- Request financial aid materials and read the instructions carefully

### Late Senior Fall/Winter

- Complete and send off applications by deadlines
- Fill out the FAFSA and financial aid profiles if required (varies by school)
- Check your LSDAS Report for completion

## CAREER CENTER LAW RESOURCES

- ✦ Prewlaw Advising
- ✦ Law Literature (articles, catalogs, etc.)
- ✦ Prewlaw and Applying to Grad School Workshops
- ✦ LSAT/LSDAS Registration Book
- ✦ ABA Guide to Law Schools

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### LSDAS REPORT AND TAKE THE LSAT

- Subscribe and submit documents (transcripts, etc.) to the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) and take the LSAT, usually no later than the December test date

### APPLICATION FORMS

- Complete Law School Applications. You may transmit your application electronically from LSACD or send a printed version directly to the school.

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

- Write a two or three page personal statement to send with the applications

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Submit two or three letters of recommendation. Most schools request that you submit letters using the LSDAS Letter of Recommendation Service.

### NOTIFICATION POSTCARDS

- (Varies) Fill out self-addressed postcards. Schools mail the notices to update you on your account status.

### DEAN'S CERTIFICATE

- Complete the Dean's Certificate and mail it directly to the law school. (Not required by many law schools).

### APPLICATION FEE

- Pay the application fee by the deadline.