

TIMELINE FOR APPLYING TO LAW SCHOOL

September

- View different catalogs and directories on Law schools (in print and online), such as *The Official Guide to U.S. Law Schools*.
- Start establishing rapport with faculty.
- Prepare for the June LSAT.
- Gain experience in the field.

March

- Register for the June LSAT.
- Discuss your plans with a pre-law advisor.
- Create a list of faculty, who you wish to write letters of reference for you and start a file for letters of recommendation.

June

- Take the LSAT exam.
- Prepare a draft of your personal statement and have it reviewed by a pre-law advisor.
- Prepare a draft of your resume.
- Create a list of Law schools that you plan on applying to.

July-August

- Register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS).
- Have your higher education transcripts sent to LSDAS.
- Request information packets from Law schools.
- Visit Law schools.
- If necessary, register and prepare for the October LSAT.

Senior Year:

September

- Order the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) catalog and application or complete an electronic version.
- Finish writing your personal statement.
- Update your resume.
- Ask faculty for letters of recommendation.
- Ask a professional acquaintance or employer for a reference. Provide employers with a sample reference.
- Request financial aid information.
- Continue to visit Law schools.

October

- If needed, take the October LSAT.
- Finalize your personal statement.
- Finalize your letters of recommendation.
- Complete the LSDAS report.
- Make sure all law school applications have been completed before mailed.

November

- Send completed applications to Law schools.
- Obtain applications for financial aid (federal, institutional, private), e.g. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

December

- Contact law schools to confirm the completion of your application.
- Relax and enjoy the holidays.

January

- Have an updated transcript (which includes your fall term) sent to law schools and LSDAS.
- Submit completed financial aid forms.
- Prepare for Interviews.

February - April

- Evaluate offers of acceptance.
- Evaluate financial aid offers.
- Submit an acceptance letter to the Law School of your choice.
- Submit rejection letters to the schools that you will not attend

