



## Law School Application Checklist

*Applying to law school is about an 18 month process. It is best to begin in the spring of one's junior year. Below, you will find a suggested law school application checklist.*

### Spring

- Meet with a career advisor to discuss the law school application process
- Review the **LSAC's Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools** and begin researching law schools
- Register for the June LSAT (you can re-take in September if your score needs improvement)
- Begin preparing for the LSAT using a method most appropriate to you (i.e. prep course, tutor, practice exams, prep book)
- See **Office of Non-Credit and Continuing Education** for test prep resources

### Summer

- Take the June LSAT
- Subscribe to **LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS)**. See **LSAC.org** for information on CAS services
- Begin drafting your **personal statement**
- Send transcript request forms to all undergraduate and graduate schools you have attended.
- Think about which faculty members you will ask for recommendations. Review the LSAC.org section on letters of recommendation
- Compile the list of schools of which you may want to apply, and visit their websites for more information
- Try to visit as many of your target law schools as possible
- Register for the September LSAT if you are not satisfied with your June score
- Meet with a career coach to have your resume reviewed

### Early Fall

- Meet with your recommenders. Provide them with a copy of your resume and personal statement so they have the appropriate information to write the strongest recommendation possible
- Make a checklist and schedule of important dates and deadlines for each law school application
- Attend law school information sessions on the campuses of your schools of interest
- Continue working on your personal statement. Have it reviewed by the **Writing Center**
- Take the September LSAT, if necessary

### Mid-Fall

- Finalize your personal statement. Have several people review it for tone and clarity and to ensure that it is error-free
- Begin to put the finishing touches on your applications
- Check in with your recommenders to find out the status of your letters of recommendation
- Request financial aid application materials from your target schools, making sure you review the instructions carefully
- Obtain a copy of the **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** application. You must complete this form to be eligible for federal and private aid.
- If you have completed your applications, send them in early (by Thanksgiving)

### Late Fall/Winter

- Verify that your recommenders have submitted their letters of recommendation to LSAC
- Submit any remaining law school applications
- Complete and submit all financial aid forms

### Spring and Summer

- Review financial aid notices from law schools
- Attend law school events for accepted students to which you are invited
- Decide which law school offer to accept, and submit the necessary deposit
- Complete your student loan applications
- Review your finances to be certain you will have sufficient resources to meet law school expenses