

# LAW SCHOOL TIMELINE

This timeline is intended only to provide a general overview of the timing of the law school admissions cycle and should only be used as a general guideline of important items to take into consideration when applying to law school programs. It is strongly encouraged to meet with a Knowlton Center Career Coach to discuss and plan for law school.

1+ YEARS BEFORE APPLYING TO LAW SCHOOL	
<b>FALL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Investigate different areas of law and legal careers</li> <li>▶ Browse/research programs and law schools                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ For a list of ABA approved US law schools, see the Law School Admission Council's (LSAC) website, <a href="http://www.lsac.org">www.lsac.org</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>▶ Research the law school application process, <a href="http://www.lsac.org">www.lsac.org</a></li> </ul>
<b>LATE WINTER &amp; SPRING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Decide when to take the LSAT (June or July) 1+ years before applying, or in September or October the year you apply</li> <li>▶ Register for the LSAT if taking the test in June or July</li> <li>▶ If taking the LSAT in June or July, study for the LSAT and take many practice tests                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ Free LSAT preparation and practice tests provided by Khan Academy, available through LSAC: <a href="http://www.lsac.org">www.lsac.org</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>▶ Create a list of faculty members that you would like to ask to write your recommendation letters</li> </ul>
<b>SUMMER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Create your Isac.org account</li> <li>▶ Register for the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) through <a href="http://www.lsac.org">www.lsac.org</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ Details about the CAS are provided through <a href="http://www.lsac.org">www.lsac.org</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>▶ If registered, take the LSAT in June/July</li> <li>▶ Request information from and plan visits to law schools</li> <li>▶ Create a list of law schools to which you plan to apply</li> <li>▶ Create a list/spreadsheet of specific deadlines and application requirements for each law school</li> <li>▶ Begin development of your application materials</li> <li>▶ Register for the LSAT if taking the test in September or October</li> <li>▶ If taking the LSAT in September or October, study for the LSAT and take many practice tests</li> </ul>
DURING THE YEAR OF APPLYING TO LAW SCHOOL	
<b>FALL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ If you have not already done so, create your Isac.org account, and register for the CAS</li> <li>▶ If registered, take the September/October LSAT</li> <li>▶ Continue development of your application materials and have those materials, including your <i>personal statement</i>, reviewed by a Knowlton Center Career Coach</li> <li>▶ Request letters of recommendation and transcript to be sent to CAS</li> <li>▶ Ensure that your LSAT score has been reported to CAS</li> <li>▶ Request financial aid information</li> <li>▶ Finalize and send in completed law school applications by end of the year if possible</li> </ul>
<b>WINTER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ If you have not already done so, finalize and send in completed law school applications as early in the year as possible</li> <li>▶ Send your updated transcript to CAS and the law schools to which you have applied                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▷ Send this right away, especially if your GPA continues to be high or continues to improve</li> </ul> </li> <li>▶ Prepare for interviews if offered by the law schools</li> <li>▶ Submit financial aid forms</li> </ul>
<b>SPRING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Evaluate offers of acceptance and financial aid</li> <li>▶ Submit acceptance letter to law school of your choice</li> <li>▶ Share where you have been accepted and your future plans with faculty and the Knowlton Center</li> </ul>

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