Applying to Law School Timeline

Here are some recommended timelines and factors to consider for students who are preparing to apply to law school:

For students who are applying Early Decision (ED):















JAN-MARCH: Start reseraching law schools MARCH: Begin preperaing for the LSAT Exam JUNE: Take the LSAT Exam JUNE-JULY: Consider retaking the LSAT. Narrow down schools

Retake LSAT, start law school apps, and ask for LORs

OCT: Apply for financial aid



NOV: Submit Early Decision Applicaitons



DEC: Submit most applications



JAN-MARCH: Submit other apps and hear back

For students who are not applying Early Decision:



APRIL-JUNE: Start reseraching law schools



JUNE-AUG: Study for LSAT Exam



SEPT: Take LSAT and start law school apps, ask for <u>LORs</u>



OCT:
Apply for financial
aid. Consider
retaking LSAT



NOV: Retake LSAT



DEC-JAN: Submit applications

- There is no "right" timeline. Your timeline should be based on your own circumstances
- It is recommended that students start preparing to apply to law school at least <u>one year prior</u> to when they want to go
- How long is it going to take you study for the LSAT? (one year vs three months)
- Consider how heavy or how flexible your academic load is for spring quarter. If you want to apply ED, it is recommended you start studying for the LSAT during spring quarter
- <u>Please note that LSAT test dates vary year to year.</u> Plan your timeline accordingly to these dates and to register in a timely manner
- Ask yourself if you would you benefit from studying for the LSAT during the summer when you have more time and less things to juggle?
- Is there a school you want to apply early decision to? Remember, early decision admissions are binding

Example of Common Timeline for students who want to start law school after they graduate:





Begin preperaing for the LSAT Exam



JUNE: Take the LSAT



Consider retaking the LSAT. Narrow down schools





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law school apps,

and ask for LORs

Apply for financial



Submit Early Applicaitons



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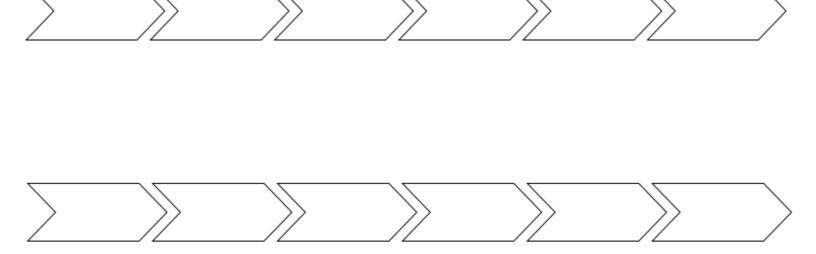


Prepare **July-August**



August/September 2020

Your Timeline:





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