Application Instructions

Instructions: St. John's University School of Law

St. John's University School of Law welcomes your application and seeks to make every effort to ensure that the application process is as straightforward and clear as possible. Please contact us at lawinfo@stjohns.edu or 718.990.6474 if you have any questions or if you need additional information.

Application Dates

Applicants to the fall semester should submit application materials before April 1 to receive priority consideration. Applications will be considered when all application requirements are met and applicants will be notified as decisions are made. Applications received after the April 1 priority date will be considered and decisions rendered on a space-available basis.

Undergraduate Transcript Requirements

All admitted applicants will be required to submit an official, final transcript of their complete undergraduate academic record to St. John’s University School of Law by mid-August, in order to enroll. The transcript must unequivocally indicate both the award of a baccalaureate degree and the date it was conferred. A photocopy or a copy of a transcript provided by the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS) is not acceptable, nor is a photocopy of a diploma.

Equality of Opportunity

It is the policy of St. John's University School of Law not to discriminate in its educational program, admission policies, financial aid programs, employment practices, and other school-sponsored activities on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, national or ethnic origin, age, or disability.

Social Security Numbers

St. John's University School of Law requires your Social Security number or LSAC account number in order to access your Credential Assembly Service report. Social Security numbers are essential to access financial aid information. St. John's University School of Law considers this confidential information and will not disclose or provide Social Security numbers of any applicant to any third party.

Bar Admission

Applicants who intend to practice law should be aware that admission to the bar in all states involves character, fitness and other qualifications. Applicants are encouraged to determine what those requirements are in the state(s) in which they intend to practice by consulting the website of the National Conference of Bar Examiners at www.ncbex.org. Applicants to law school should contact the official bar admission agency in the jurisdiction where they plan to practice. Initially, it is important to determine if there is a requirement to register with the agency upon entrance to law school in anticipation of applying to take a bar examination upon graduation. To prepare themselves accordingly, applicants also are advised to familiarize themselves with the rules governing admission to the bar in the jurisdictions in which they intend to practice. For those applicants who anticipate admission to the New York Bar, please be advised that you are not required to contact the State Board of Law Examiners prior to commencing law school.

Application Requirements

First-year Law Students
(Students applying to the JD Program)

Applicants are required to submit:

• A completed, signed, and dated St. John’s University School of Law application form. (If applying electronically, sign the Certification Letter or use electronic certification.)
• A $60 nonrefundable application fee. (Applicants may provide a check or money order made payable, in US funds, to St. John's University, or pay online by credit card via LSAC.)
• Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and Credential Assembly Service registration.
• Letters of Recommendation (Minimum of two, will accept three.)

All applicants to the Juris Doctor (JD) degree program offered by St. John’s University School of Law are required to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and be registered with the Credential Assembly Service. Information about dates for the
LSAT administration and the Credential Assembly Service is available from

Law School Admission Council
662 Penn Street
PO Box 2000
Newtown, PA 18940-0998
215.968.1001
LSAC.org
LSACinfo@LSAC.org

Summer Institute

The School of Law sponsors a special educational program for individuals who have faced the challenges of discrimination, chronic financial hardship and/or other social, educational, or physical disadvantages to such an extent that their undergraduate performance or LSAT score cannot otherwise warrant unconditional acceptance into the entering class.

This conditional program, available at no charge to participants, consists of a course in legal writing and a substantive course taught and graded according to the same qualitative standards applied to all first-year courses. Drawing upon the Vincentian tradition of concern for the disadvantaged, this program enables applicants to demonstrate that they have the ability to succeed in law study. The Institute is limited to 30 students each summer. Applicants may include a letter or addendum, along with their application, expressing interest in the Summer Institute Program.

Graduates of International Undergraduate Institutions Applying for a JD

St. John's University School of Law requires that your international transcripts be submitted through the Credential Assembly Service. If you completed any postsecondary work outside the US (including its territories) or Canada, you must use this service for the evaluation of your international transcripts. (The one exception to this requirement is if you completed the international work through a study abroad, consortium, or exchange program sponsored by a US or Canadian institution, and the work is clearly indicated as such on the home campus transcript.)

The service is included in the Credential Assembly Service registration fee. An International Credential Evaluation will be completed by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), which will be incorporated into your Credential Assembly Service report.

To use the Credential Assembly Service, log in to your LSAC online account and follow the instructions for registering for the service. Be sure to print out a Transcript Request Form for each institution and send it promptly to them. More time is required to receive international transcripts. Questions about the Credential Assembly Service can be directed to LSAC at 215.968.1001, or LSACinfo@LSAC.org.

International Students

If you are accepted into the Law School and have entered the U.S. on a B-1, B-2, or F-2 visa, or in undocumented status, St. John's University School of Law cannot allow you to register for class until your visa status is changed to F-1 (international students with permission to enter the U.S. for academic purposes only). If you are not a permanent resident and plan to apply for F-1 student visa status (Form I-20), please select F-1 for Visa Type when completing your application.

Transfer Students

Based upon availability, admission is offered to transfer applicants who have demonstrated sufficient capacity to successfully complete the program of studies and who generally have achieved grades at the 'B' level or higher through the first year of attendance at another ABA-approved law school. Transfer credit is not extended for work completed with a grade below a "C" or its equivalent, or for work completed in pre-admission programs. The deadline to apply to the fall semester is July 1, and the deadline for the spring semester is December 1. In addition to an application, transfer candidates must submit:

- A letter from the dean's office of the law school in which the applicant is enrolled indicating good academic standing and unconditional eligibility to enroll
- An official, current law school transcript
- A copy of the applicant's Credential Assembly Service report
- A statement describing the reasons for wanting to transfer

Visiting Students
A student currently enrolled and in good standing at an ABA-approved law school may apply to attend St. John's University School of Law as a visiting student. The deadline to apply to the fall semester is July 1, and the deadline for the spring semester is December 1. (Summer Session visiting applications are available on our website www.law.stjohns.edu/admissions.) In addition to an application, visiting candidates must submit:

- A letter of good standing from the dean's office of the law school in which the applicant is enrolled, indicating the semesters the student is permitted to visit and setting forth any conditions with respect to the transferability of credits to be earned
- An official, current law school transcript

**Submitting the Application**

We accept applications that have been prepared using LSAC's electronic applications. Applications submitted to LSAC for transmission to St. John's University School of Law will be considered postmarked on the day they are electronically submitted. Information about LSAC's electronic applications is available at LSAC.org

Mail the completed application forms, personal statement, application fee, and any supplementary statements to the following address:

St. John's University School of Law  
Admissions Office  
Belson & Finley Halls  
8000 Utopia Parkway  
Queens, NY 11439  
718.990.6474  
www.law.stjohns.edu  
lawinfo@stjohns.edu

or transmit them electronically via LSAC.

**Decision Notification**

St. John's Law Admissions Office communicates with applicants primarily through email. This includes decision notification. Please make sure your email address remains current, active, and stjohns.edu is added to your safe domain list. If your contact information changes, you must notify the Admissions Office immediately at lawinfo@stjohns.edu.

Retain copies of all admissions documents and correspondence for your records. Applications, credentials, and other materials submitted in support of your application become the property of St. John's University School of Law and will not be returned. Include your Social Security number or LSAC account number on any information submitted in connection with your application.
Biographical
Prefix _____________________________ Date of birth _____________________________
First name ___________________________ Place of birth: City ___________________________
Middle name _________________________ Place of birth: Country _______________________
Last name ___________________________ Place of birth: State/Province __________________
Suffix _______________________________ Gender ________________________________
Previous (other) name __________________ Social security number ____________________
Preferred first name ___________________ LSAC account number ______________________

Application Data
Program:
____ First Year J.D. Student
____ Joint Degree B.A./B.S. and J.D.
____ Joint Degree M.A./J.D.
____ Joint Degree M.B.A./J.D.

Division:
____ Full-time
____ Part-time Evening

Entering Semester:
____ Fall
____ Spring - Transfer and Visitor only

If the division you have selected is closed at the time your application is processed, do you wish to be considered for an alternate division?
____ Yes
____ No

Contact Information
Current Address
Street address - Line 1
____________________________________

Street address - Line 2
____________________________________
Contact Information continued

Street address - Line 3

____________________________________________________

City

____________________________________________________

Country

____________________________________________________

Zip/postal code

____________________________________________________

County

____________________________________________________

Current mailing address good until

____________________________________________________

Day phone number

____________________________________________________

Evening phone number

____________________________________________________

Permanent Address

Is your permanent address the same as your current address?

____ Yes

____ No

Street address - Line 1

____________________________________________________

Street address - Line 2

____________________________________________________

Street address - Line 3

____________________________________________________
**Contact Information continued**

City

Country

Zip/postal code

County

Permanent mailing address good until

Day phone number

Evening phone number

**Other Contact Information**

Primary e-mail address

Secondary e-mail address

Permanent e-mail address

Mobile phone number
Information

Briefly explain why you wish to attend St. John's University School of Law:

________________________________________________________________________

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Demographics

Citizenship

_____ Non-Resident Alien
_____ US Citizen
_____ US Permanent Resident

Country of citizenship ____________________________

Visa type _______________________________________

Visa/SEVIS number ______________________________

Permanent resident number ________________________

Permanent city __________________________________

Permanent state/province _________________________

Permanent country ______________________________

Native language ________________________________

Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic or Latino

_____ Yes
_____ No
Demographics continued
What is your race? Select one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian
  _____ Aboriginal/Torres Strait Isl. Australian

American Indian or Alaska Native
  _____ American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian
  _____ Asian

Black or African American
  _____ Black/African American

Canadian Aboriginal
  _____ Canadian Aboriginal

Caucasian/White
  _____ Caucasian/White

Hispanic/Latino
  _____ Hispanic/Latino

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  _____ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Puerto Rican
  _____ Puerto Rican

Consent
  _____ Decline to respond

Education
List ALL educational institutions attended.
Institution type _____ High School _____ Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____ Law _____ Other Post Graduate
Institution name

Major

Country

State/Province

City

GPA

Rank

Start date

End date

Degree

Date degree granted
## Education continued

### Institution 1
- **Institution type**
- **Institution name**
- **Major**
- **Country**
- **Start date**
- **State/Province**
- **End date**
- **City**
- **Degree**
- **GPA**
- **Date degree granted**
- **Rank**

### Institution 2
- **Institution type**
- **Institution name**
- **Major**
- **Country**
- **Start date**
- **State/Province**
- **End date**
- **City**
- **Degree**
- **GPA**
- **Date degree granted**
- **Rank**

### Institution 3
- **Institution type**
- **Institution name**
- **Major**
- **Country**
- **Start date**
- **State/Province**
- **End date**
- **City**
- **Degree**
- **GPA**
- **Date degree granted**
- **Rank**

Have you ever attended any law school?
- **Yes**
- **No**
Education continued

Did you leave the law school under less than good standing?

____ Yes
____ No

If you did not leave the law school in good standing, explain the circumstances.

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

List the academic honors, awards, or other recognitions you have received and explain the reason(s) upon which awards were made.

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________________________________________________________________________

Law School Interest

What prompted you to apply to this law school?

Internet

____ Law school
____ LSAC
____ ABA
____ Other

Faculty/Alumni/Professional

____ Faculty/acquaintance
____ Relative
____ Law school faculty member
____ Admissions recruiter
____ University/college faculty member
____ Legal professional
____ Prelaw advisor

Publications

____ Law school publication
____ ABA-LSAC Official Guide
____ Princeton Review
____ US News & World Report
____ Other advertisement

Recruiting Events

____ LSAC Forum
____ Law school fair
____ International forum
____ Campus event
____ Law school direct mail/e-mail
____ Current student

If you attended any events mentioned in the Recruiting Events section, please list them below:

________________________________________________________________________

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________________________________________________________________________
Law School Interest continued

Have you previously applied to this law school?

____ Yes
____ No

If you applied previously, what year was the application for? __________________________________________

Were you offered admission?

____ Yes
____ No

Are you applying, or have you applied, to other law schools? If so, please list them.

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Are you applying to any other LLM schools?

____ Yes
____ No

Law School Interest Cont.

If you applied previously to this law school, did you participate in the conditional admit program (Summer Institute)?

____ Yes
____ No

Employment and Activities

Please list only your most recent employment. (You may attach a current resume as an alternative to completing this section.):

Place of Employment: __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Position: __________________________________________
Employment and Activities continued

Dates of Employment:

________________________________________

Supervisor:

________________________________________

Please describe your significant extracurricular or community service activities, indicating any leadership positions. You may attach a supplementary attachment or addendum, or include this information on your resume.

________________________________________

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Military

Have you served or are you now serving on full-time, active US military duty?

____ Yes

____ No

Date of entrance (month/year) ______________

Date of discharge (month/year) ______________

Rank ______________________________________

Expected military reserve or National Guard status during law school

________________________________________

Branch ________________________________

Discharge type __________________________

Have you ever been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions?

____ Yes

____ No

If you have been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions, explain the circumstances.

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Standardized Testing

LSAT

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LSAT Score

Do you want us to wait to make a decision on your application until we have received the new LSAT score?
If you indicate “yes” and subsequently do not take a later test, please notify the Admissions Office.

___ Yes
___ No

Character and Fitness

Have you ever been subject to any disciplinary action, placed on academic probation, or dismissed from any school, college, university, or graduate/professional school, or is any such action pending or expected to be brought against you?
If yes, please state the precise facts and disposition of such action in a supplementary statement or on an electronic attachment.

Please note: Although a disciplinary action may have been expunged or dismissed, it nevertheless should be disclosed in answer to this question.

___ Yes
___ No

Have you ever, either as an adult or juvenile, been cited, arrested, taken into custody, charged with, indicted, convicted or tried for, or pleaded guilty to, the commission of any felony or misdemeanor or the violation of any law, except minor parking violations, or been the subject of any juvenile delinquency or youthful offender proceeding? If yes, please explain in a supplementary statement or electronic attachment the charge or charges and relevant facts, including the nature of the offense, the dates and courts involved, and the penalty imposed, if any.
Please note: Although a conviction may have been expunged or sealed by an order of a court, it nevertheless should be disclosed in answer to this question.

___ Yes
___ No

You are under a continuing obligation to notify the Admissions Office of any changes in your answers to these questions up until the time of your enrollment. Once enrolled, you are under a continuing obligation to notify the Assistant Dean of Admissions of any changes in your answers to these questions.
Area of Interest
Please indicate the areas of legal study that may be of interest to you (check up to three):
____________________________________________

Housing
The University maintains a group of townhouses about one mile from campus for the exclusive use of law students. Are you interested in receiving additional information about the University housing?
____ Yes
____ No

Family
Next of Kin/Emergency Contact
Salutation __________________________________________
Country ________________________________
First (given) name ____________________________
Street address--line 1 ____________________________
Middle name/initial ____________________________
Street address--line 2 ____________________________
Last (family) name ____________________________
Street address--line 3 ____________________________
Relationship to applicant ______________________
City _______________________________________
Telephone (include area code) ____________________
State/province ________________________________
Zip/postal code ________________________________

If you have any close relatives who have been students at this university, please provide the following information.

Relative 1
____ Law school  ____ University
First (given) name ____________________________
Middle name/initial ____________________________
Last (family) name ____________________________
Relationship to applicant ______________________
School attended ______________________________
Start date (month/year) _________________________
End date (month/year) _________________________
Degree awarded ______________________________

Relative 2
____ Law school  ____ University
First (given) name ____________________________
Middle name/initial ____________________________
Last (family) name ____________________________
Relationship to applicant ______________________
School attended ______________________________
Start date (month/year) _________________________
End date (month/year) _________________________
Degree awarded ______________________________
Family continued

Parent/Guardian - 1

____ Choose not to answer
____ Deceased
First (given) name ______________________
Middle name/initial ______________________
Last (family) name ______________________
Occupation ______________________________
Highest level of education __________________

Country __________________________________
Street address--line 1 ______________________
Street address--line 2 ______________________
Street address--line 3 ______________________
City ______________________________________
State/province __________________________
Zip/postal code __________________________

Parent/Guardian - 2

____ Choose not to answer
____ Deceased
First (given) name ______________________
Middle name/initial ______________________
Last (family) name ______________________
Occupation ______________________________
Highest level of education __________________

Country __________________________________
Street address--line 1 ______________________
Street address--line 2 ______________________
Street address--line 3 ______________________
City ______________________________________
State/province __________________________
Zip/postal code __________________________

Recommender

Please list the names of the people from whom you will be seeking a letter of recommendation. While the Admissions Committee prefers that you send them as part of your Credential Assembly Service report, they also may be included with your application or forwarded directly to the Office of Admissions. We require a minimum of two letters. Please do not submit more than three letters.

Recommender:

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Recommender:

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Recommender:

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Prelaw Advisor

If there is/was a prelaw or other advisor at your undergraduate institution with whom you conferred about your plans to attend law school, please provide the advisor's name and title.

Name: ____________________________________________

Title: ____________________________________________

Institution: ________________________________________
Certification

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CERTIFICATION

By signing this application, electronically transmitting it, or printing and mailing the Certification Letter, I certify that, if admitted to St. John’s University School of Law, I assent to, and agree to be bound by, all the rules, regulations, and directions of St. John's University School of Law insofar as they apply to me. I understand that the rules, regulations, and directions of the School are subject to change. I understand that all credentials and other materials submitted during the application process become the property of St. John's University School of Law and will not be returned. I understand that any action taken on this application by the Admissions Committee is solely within its discretion and that the decision is final.

I understand that a copy of this application will be forwarded to the appropriate Committee on Character and Fitness at the time I apply for admission to the Bar, and that any omission or misstatement on this application may result in denial of admission to the Bar.

I certify that the answers to the above questions are complete and accurate. I understand that the failure to provide truthful answers to any of the application questions, or the failure to inform the Admissions Office of any changes in, or additions to, the information contained in my answers, may result in denial of admission, dismissal, or rescission of an awarded degree from St. John's University School of Law.

Signature:

________________________________________

Social Security Number:

________________________________________

LSAC Account Number:

________________________________________

Date:

________________________________________