

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL
GENERAL INFORMATION
FOR ADMISSION
FALL 2012

INSTRUCTIONS

*Indicates a required field.

To avoid any confusion or delay in the processing of your application, please ensure that you: (1) consistently use your proper name; (2) keep us informed of any mailing address, telephone number, or email address changes during the application process; and (3) write your Social Security number or your LSAC account number on all correspondence with the Office of Admissions.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

- Early Decision Plan

For Early Decision candidates, the law school application process is simplified and expedited considerably; it is less expensive in terms of time, effort, and money. Early Decision candidates must complete their applications by November 15 and are generally notified of the Admissions Committee's decision in December. Candidates applying on an Early Decision basis commit themselves to matriculate at Columbia if admitted. Successful Early Decision candidates may not initiate any new law school applications, must immediately withdraw other applications once notified of their Columbia acceptance, and must decline any acceptances they may have received prior to admission to Columbia under the Early Decision Plan. Failure to honor these commitments will result in Columbia revoking its offer of admission. Please be aware that, responding to the request of some peer law schools, Columbia will provide these schools with the names of all applicants accepted under our binding Early Decision Plan.

Some Early Decision applicants not offered admission will be reviewed again in April as part of the Regular applicant pool; others will be informed that their application for admission has been denied and will not be evaluated again that year.

- Regular Admission

Candidates for Regular admission should submit their application as soon as possible after September 1, 2011. Applications are not evaluated by our Admissions Committee until all required materials have been received, and are generally evaluated in the order in which they are completed. Candidates who have completed their applications by December may expect to be notified by March. Every effort is made to notify all applicants of the Admissions Committee's decision by the end of April, provided that their files are completed by February 15--Columbia's application deadline for Regular admission to the JD program.

LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST (LSAT)

All applicants are required to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

The LSAT is administered in many locations throughout the world. Your application will not be considered without the results of the LSAT. For additional information about the LSAT, contact LSAC at 215.968.1001 or visit www.LSAC.org. Candidates applying for admission to the 2012 entering class as regular applicants may submit LSAT scores earned on or after the June 2007 administration, but no later than the December 2011 administration. Early Decision applicants must take the LSAT no later than October 2011.

CREDENTIAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE (CAS)

All applicants are required to participate in the Credential Assembly Service for processing of transcripts, even if they took the LSAT in an earlier year. For more information about the Credential Assembly Service, please call 215.968.1001 or visit www.LSAC.org.

- U.S. Transcripts

Applicants must request that the Registrar of each college (and each graduate and professional school, if applicable) attended send an official transcript to the Credential Assembly Service for processing. If you have participated in summer sessions or studied abroad, you must send these transcripts directly to Columbia Law School or, alternatively, to the Credential Assembly Service, unless such courses and corresponding grades are also included in the college transcripts being forwarded to the Credential Assembly Service. Please forward updates of your transcripts to the Office of Admissions as soon as they become available. In particular, candidates enrolled in a degree-granting program at the time the application is submitted must also forward their fall transcripts as soon as they become available.

- International Transcripts

Applicants who have completed over one year of post-secondary work outside the United States and Canada are required to submit such transcripts to the Credential Assembly Service (except as noted above) for processing. Such transcripts must be submitted in their original language with an official English translation, if the original language is not English. Please forward updates of your transcripts to the Office of Admissions as soon as they become available. In particular, candidates enrolled in a degree-granting program at the time the application is submitted must also forward their fall transcripts as soon as they become available.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Requirements

Columbia requires two letters of recommendation. For applicants currently matriculated in or recently graduated from a degree program, we prefer that both letters of recommendation be submitted by faculty. For applicants currently working on a full-time basis, a letter from an employer or immediate supervisor who most recently supervised your full-time work is required and may replace one of the two faculty letters. In some instances, applicants may find it extremely difficult to obtain one of the required appraisals. If that is the case, applicants must use their best judgment to determine what letters should be submitted to complete their file, with the understanding of how valuable letters of recommendation are to our evaluation of their qualifications for admission.

Additional letters are accepted; however, your application will be deemed complete after we have received two letters unless we are notified otherwise in question 12.2.

- Suggested Content

Recommenders should address matters of significance that speak to the ability of the applicant to thrive in an intellectually stimulating academic environment. For example, recommenders may address the strength of the applicant's overall intelligence, analytical skills, independence of thought, problem-solving skills, effectiveness of oral and written communication, motivation, self-confidence, concern for others, emotional maturity, personal initiative, judgment, leadership ability, and organizational skills.

- Submitted Letters of Recommendation

Columbia Law School's preference is that letters of recommendation be sent through the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service. LSAC sends Columbia letters of recommendation once a week; therefore, your letters of recommendation will essentially be forwarded to us as they become available. Please do not send duplicate letters directly to Columbia Law School.

If need be, letters of recommendation may be sent directly to Columbia Law School in one of two ways using copies of the LSAC-generated Letter of Recommendation Form: (1) recommenders may send the letter in a sealed, signed envelope to the applicant to be included in the candidate's application, or (2) recommenders may themselves send the letter directly to Columbia Law School.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Applicants must submit, electronically or by mailing them to the Office of Admissions, the following documents:

- Biographical Information Sheet

Applicants are required to complete and submit the Application Form.

- Personal Statement

Applicants must submit a personal essay or statement. It must be electronically submitted at the time of the initial application.

- Résumé

Applicants must submit a résumé, detailing significant full- or part-time employment positions they have held. This may include internships, summer employment, and community service. In addition, the résumé should include a summary of written scholarship, presentations, and principal extracurricular activities. It must be electronically submitted at the time of the initial application.

- Optional Supplemental Statements

Applicants, if they wish, may submit brief supplemental statements that will provide useful information to the Admissions Committee in evaluating the application. The Committee especially welcomes addenda that allow it to understand the contribution your personal background would add to the Columbia Law School community.

- Dean's Letter, if applicable
If you answered yes to any question that requires a Dean's letter, please have the dean or administrative officer in charge of student records forward a detailed explanation of the incident to the Office of Admissions. Should you receive an offer of admission, you are also required to complete the Dean's Certification Form which will be made available to you by the Office of Admissions.
- Application Fee
The application fee is \$80 (U.S. funds only). Applicants who transmit their applications electronically may pay with a credit card through an online payment, which is our preferred method. Applicants who transmit their applications electronically but who can only pay using a check or money order must print out, sign, and mail the Certification Letter to the Office of Admissions along with the check or money order.

INFORMATION

Please refer to the Columbia Law School Admissions website (www.law.columbia.edu/admissions) for a full description and exploration of the JD program. You may also access an electronic copy of the Viewbook at www.law.columbia.edu/jd_applicants/jd_application/jd_paperapp or contact the Office of Admissions to request a copy.

ADMISSION TO THE JD PROGRAM

The Admissions program at Columbia Law School is designed to identify and select a student body of diverse backgrounds and interests that shares a discernible commitment to excellence--individuals who have demonstrated unusual promise for distinguished performance at the Law School and, subsequently, for high service to the legal profession and the community.

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS

An application is considered complete when all required application materials have been received by Columbia, including receipt of the candidate's LSAC Law School Report. In taking steps to ensure that his or her application to Columbia is completed before the appropriate deadline, an applicant should factor into his or her planning the few weeks that it will take the Law School Admission Council to produce the LSAC Law School Report.

SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Applicants are expected to be diligent in providing all necessary information for review of their candidacy prior to the completion of their applications. Once an application is complete, please do not submit additional materials unless they convey essential information, as there is no guarantee such materials will be placed in your application prior to the evaluation and may potentially slow down the review of your candidacy. Essential information includes address changes; updated transcripts; information that clarifies or corrects responses contained in the submitted application; notification of events occurring since the date of submission of the application that are responsive to questions 9.1-9.5, and the certification; and a statement of continuing interest if the applicant is on Hold or Reserve.

CHECKING ON THE STATUS OF APPLICATIONS

Applicants are expected to monitor the completion and submission of all application requirements and are encouraged to do so by utilizing our online status check (www.law.columbia.edu/admissions/checkstatus). In the event that the status check mechanism appears to be unduly delayed, applicants may submit written requests of such status checks by email (admissions@law.columbia.edu) to the Office of Admissions.

Candidates should understand that all Admissions Committee decisions may be communicated to the applicant only in writing. Under no circumstances may an applicant be informed of the outcome of his or her application by telephone. This policy is designed to protect the confidentiality entrusted to our Office of Admissions by each candidate.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Evaluation of an applicant for admission to Columbia Law School includes a determination of the candidate's intellectual and academic qualifications, aptitude for legal study as measured by the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), and assessment of whether or not the candidate has demonstrated personal qualities considered requisite to scholastic success, professional distinction, and public service. In addition, the Admissions Committee examines the applicant's personal essay or statement and letters of recommendation, as well as the course selection, special honors and awards, fellowship opportunities, publications, extracurricular involvement, community service, political activity, professional contributions, and other work experience.

Regrettably, because of the large number of applicants from all over this country and the world, it is not logistically possible

for interviews to be included as part of the selection process. As a substitute, the Admissions Committee depends upon the insights provided by letters of recommendation and the applicant's personal essay or statement. In addition to providing the Committee with a more personal sense of the individual qualities of the applicant, this statement affords the candidate an opportunity to present any special information or factors that may prove useful to the Committee's deliberations.

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATION

Columbia Law School subscribes to the curricular guidelines provided by the Association of American Law Schools' "Statements on Prelegal Education." These guidelines recommend a prelaw program involving education for "comprehension and expression in words, a critical understanding of the human institutions and values with which the law deals, and creative power in thinking." A review of undergraduate majors of recently enrolled students indicates that approximately 20 percent have backgrounds in political science, 12 percent in economics, 7 percent in pure sciences and engineering, 10 percent in history, 5 percent in Humanities such as Classics and Religious studies, 10 percent in literature, and 5 percent in other social sciences like anthropology, psychology, and sociology. Other concentrations include international relations, business/finance/accounting, philosophy, and policy studies.

SELECTIVITY

Competition for admission to Columbia Law School is exceptionally keen. In recent years, approximately 8,000 applicants have applied for nearly 380 spaces in each year's entering class. And, in any given year, the majority of applicants to Columbia are highly qualified academically. In addition, admissibility to Columbia is difficult to predict because, as previously described, personal accomplishments, professional achievements, and other nonquantifiable factors that serve to enrich the student body, affect an applicant's chance of admission. Thus, although Columbia is among a handful of the most highly selective law schools in the country (as measured by grade point averages and LSAT statistics), it is not possible to predict with precision the probability of admission using those numerical indices alone.

COMMITTEE DECISIONS

In addition to its "Admit" and "Deny" decision categories, Columbia Law School maintains a "Hold" and "Reserve" group of candidates.

When an applicant is placed in the Hold category, the Admissions Committee has opted to postpone making a decision on his or her candidacy at the time of initial review; in other words, the Admissions Committee has not yet made a determination on the application, which will be reviewed again by the Committee later in the admissions season. Hold category applicants can expect to receive a decision on their candidacy (Admit, Reserve, or Deny) by the end of April.

Unlike applicants who are "wait-listed" at some law schools, candidates placed on Reserve at Columbia are at no point ranked ordinally. Rather, each application on Reserve is reviewed again in its entirety by the Admissions Committee on a periodic basis during the summer months, as openings in the entering class materialize. Upon each review, some candidates will be offered or denied admission, while others will be asked if they wish to remain in consideration for any future openings in the class later in the summer.

The difference between the Hold and Reserve categories is that the initial review process is completed for candidates placed on Reserve. Reserve candidates will not be reevaluated for admission until the summer months, as openings in the entering class materialize. Applications placed on Hold are still being actively reviewed by the Committee and Hold candidates should expect to receive a decision (Admit, Reserve, or Deny) by the end of April.

Columbia Law School reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission if an applicant: (1) shows a significant decline in academic performance or fails to graduate; (2) misrepresents any matter in dealing with the Office of Admissions, Financial Aid Office, or any other representative of Columbia Law School; (3) behaves in a manner that indicates a serious lack of judgment, sincerity, or integrity; or (4) reserves a place in our entering class and simultaneously commits to enroll at another law school or submits a deposit to another law school. Columbia Law School further reserves the right to make the continuing validity of an offer of admission contingent upon an applicant providing further information or authorizing the release of information from other parties in connection with any matter relevant to the foregoing.

DEAN'S CERTIFICATION

A Dean's Certification Form (as distinct from the Dean's letter referred to in the application) or an equivalent certification of good standing will be required from all students after admission and prior to matriculation at Columbia Law School. This Form will be mandatory from each educational institution where you are currently enrolled in a degree program; from which you have already earned a degree; and at which you were matriculated toward a degree (regardless of whether a degree

was conferred). Please note that it is not necessary that the dean or other administrator responsible for such certification know you personally. He or she may complete the Dean's Certification Form (or equivalent certification) on the basis of official records.

DEFERRED ADMISSION

An admitted student who wishes to defer matriculation for one or two years should submit his or her request, in writing, to the Dean of Admissions after having been offered admission, but no later than June 1. This request should include a general statement explaining how the intervening time will be spent, as well as whether the student desires a one- or two-year deferral. Permission for such deferrals is generally granted.

TUITION, FINANCIAL AID, AND HOUSING

TUITION

Tuition for 2011-2012 is \$51,080. There are additional mandatory fees for health services, student activities, and University facilities, which will be \$1,822 for 2011-2012. Insurance for hospital care and standard medical coverage is also required (\$1,935) unless students can show proof of comparable coverage. The total budget for the nine month academic year, including tuition, fees, room, board, books, and personal expenses is \$77,000 for a single student. Expenses are adjusted annually.

FINANCIAL AID

Admission decisions at Columbia Law School are made without regard to an applicant's financial need. Therefore, grant applications are reviewed only after a student has been admitted. If you are interested in grant assistance, you must complete your application as early as possible so that it can be evaluated soon after you have been admitted. Students admitted under the Early Decision Plan are reminded that they should not expect to be notified of their financial aid package before the end of March, at the earliest. We strongly recommend that applicants file the required forms by no later than March 1, even if they have not yet received an offer of admission.

The Law School awards grant assistance primarily on the basis of demonstrated financial need. However, there are a number of fellowships which are not based on financial need that are awarded by the Office of Admissions at the time an applicant is admitted to the Law School. There is no separate application for these fellowships. Each year a substantial portion of the entering class receives a Law School grant, which is in the form of a partial tuition waiver. However, by far the largest form of financial aid for all law students is educational loans, with most students borrowing to finance a part, or all, of their educational expenses. To assist JD graduates pursuing public interest and public service careers manage what might be a significant educational loan burden, the Law School provides continuing financial support through its Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP), one of the most generous in legal education.

U.S. citizens and permanent residents may be eligible for Federal Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans. Currently, the annual limit is \$20,500 for this program. In addition, the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan program as well as several private educational loan programs are available to provide financing for law students. Since these programs require applicants to be creditworthy, you are strongly advised to obtain a copy of your credit report to determine if there are any problems that might make you ineligible for such loans. If you have an adverse credit history, and are unable to correct it, you may not have access to important sources of loan funds. If this is the case, you will need to have others borrow on your behalf or find other means to finance your education. Law School funds will not be available to replace unavailable credit-based loans.

International students (not U.S. citizens and not those holding a U.S. permanent resident visa) are eligible to apply for Law School grants and for loans from private educational loan programs. They are not eligible for federally guaranteed assistance programs. In addition, they need to provide a U.S. cosigner in order to apply for private educational loan programs. Please visit our website for additional loan information. Since there are no fully funded fellowships for law students in Columbia's JD degree program, international students needing to finance their education may need to arrange for cosigners for each of the three years of law school.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR 2012-2013

The following is a summary of application procedures for the various types of financial aid. For detailed information on financial aid policies and procedures, costs, budgets, and various loan programs, please review the financial aid website (www.law.columbia.edu/finaid).

Before completing any financial aid forms, it is important first to decide which types of aid you are seeking: (1) loans only or

(2) loans and Columbia Law School grants.

(1) Loans only

- Submit the following by no later than mid-May to ensure timely processing:
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the federal processor (U.S. Students)
- Columbia Law School Financial Aid Questionnaire to the Financial Aid Office (FAO) (admitted students only)
- Loan application(s) to the FAO (admitted students only)

(2) Loans and Columbia Law School grants

Submit the following by March 1 to ensure timely consideration for a Law School grant. Do not wait to receive an offer of admission before filing the FAFSA and Need Access Applications.

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the federal processor (U.S. Students)
- Need Access application to Access Group
- Columbia Law School Financial Aid Questionnaire to the FAO (admitted students only)
- 2011 Federal income tax forms to the FAO for student, spouse, and parents (admitted students only: by March 1 or immediately after admission)
- Loan application(s) to the FAO (admitted students intending to enroll--preferably by mid-May)

Deciding the type of aid will determine which forms you will need to submit, and when. If you are uncertain about whether you should apply for a Law School grant, please refer to the section entitled "Eligibility for a Scholarship Grant" within the section "How to Apply for Financial Aid" on the financial aid website (www.law.columbia.edu/finaid).

FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES

Loans Only--May 15, 2012

Loans and Columbia Law School Grants--March 1, 2012

FINANCIAL AID FORMS

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): Completed by all U.S. citizens and permanent residents applying for financial aid and submitted to the federal processor to establish eligibility for federal student aid. Apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Need Access Application: Required of all applicants who are seeking consideration for Columbia Law School grants. Financial information must be submitted for the applicant, both of the applicant's parents, and, if applicable, the applicant's spouse. Apply online at www.needaccess.org. For questions, call 800.334.0540 or 302.477.4000.
- Columbia Law School Financial Aid Questionnaire: Admitted students receive this form shortly after their offer of admission. Admitted students applying for ANY type of financial aid must send the completed form to the Financial Aid Office.
- 2011 Federal income tax forms: Admitted students applying for a Law School grant must submit to the Financial Aid Office complete copies of federal income tax forms for the applicant, both of the applicant's parents, and, if applicable, the applicant's spouse. If 2011 returns are not available by March 1, 2012, admitted students should submit complete 2010 returns by March 1, and complete 2011 tax returns by the end of April.
- Loan Application(s): Admitted students intending to enroll at the Law School should submit complete loan applications to the Financial Aid Office, preferably by mid-May in order to ensure timely processing and the availability of loan funds at the start of the school year in August.

THE LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Columbia Law School's Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) is one of the most generous programs at any law school nationally. Our LRAP program supports Columbia JD graduates who pursue public interest and public service careers by providing them with financial assistance to service the educational debt they assumed while at the Law School. In addition to the traditional LRAP, participants may elect to participate in both the Columbia Law School LRAP and the Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program. Finally, several fellowships for public interest have been established, and fellowship recipients may receive assistance for all loan payments on their Law School debt. A full description of our LRAP can be found on the financial aid website (www.law.columbia.edu/finaid), or may be requested from the Financial Aid Office.

HOUSING

Housing accommodations for Columbia Law students are excellent in terms of availability, quality, variety, convenience and,

relative to other New York City law schools, expense. All admitted first-year law students who apply for housing by May 1, 2012, are guaranteed some type of University housing for all three years of law school. All Law School student housing are apartments owned and managed by the University, and most are located within blocks of the Law School. Rents are significantly lower than New York City market rates, because our housing is heavily subsidized by the University.

Detailed descriptions of the University housing programs are provided to prospective law students at the time of admission. General housing information is also available at the Columbia University Apartment Housing (UAH) website (www.columbia.edu/cu/ire).

*I have read and agree to the application instructions.



Juris Doctor Program

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN INK / * INDICATES A REQUIRED FIELD

I. Biographical

Prefix _____ Name _____ Suffix _____
*LAST (FAMILY) *FIRST (GIVEN) MIDDLE NAME/INITIAL

*Preferred First Name _____

SSN/SIN grid with 9 boxes

Previous (Other) Name _____

Birthplace _____
*CITY STATE/PROVINCE *COUNTRY

*LSAC ACCOUNT NUMBER grid with 10 boxes, starting with 'L'

*Birth date MM DD YYYY Gender: Male Female

2. Early Decision

*I. Are you applying early decision? Yes No

3. Demographics

*I. Citizenship

- US Citizen
Non-Resident Alien
US Permanent Resident

Visa/SEVIS Number _____

Permanent City _____

*Country of Citizenship _____

Permanent Country _____

Visa Type _____

Permanent State _____

Permanent Resident Number _____

What is your native language? _____

4. Race/Ethnicity

1. The information below is optional. Please respond to questions 4.2 and 4.3 for Department of Education record-keeping and reporting requirements. I acknowledge the above statement

2. Are you Hispanic or Latino (person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race)? Yes No

3. What is your race? Select one or more of the following five categories: American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander White

4. Additional information: This section will allow you to tell us more about your background as identified above. Self-identification is voluntary.

- American Indian/Alaska Native Other Hispanic
Asian/Pacific Islander Puerto Rican
Black/African American South Asian
Mexican American/Chicano/a South East Asian
Middle Eastern Unknown
Other White

5. If you checked any of the following: American Indian/Alaska Native, Other Hispanic, or Other, please specify your affiliation:

5. Contact Information

1. Current Address

ADDRESS 1 _____

ADDRESS 2 _____

ADDRESS 3 _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____ *COUNTRY _____

Daytime telephone () _____
AREA CODE NUMBER

Evening telephone () _____
AREA CODE NUMBER

MM DD YYYY TO MM DD YYYY

*Present mailing address good

*2. Permanent Address

Same as current address

ADDRESS 1 _____

ADDRESS 2 _____

ADDRESS 3 _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____ *COUNTRY _____

Daytime telephone () _____
AREA CODE NUMBER

Evening telephone () _____
AREA CODE NUMBER

MM DD YYYY TO MM DD YYYY

*Permanent mailing address good until

3. Other Contact Information

*Primary e-mail address _____

Secondary e-mail address _____

Cell Phone Number () _____
AREA CODE NUMBER

Law School Admission Council can send text messages to my cell phone.

6. Education

*1. List ALL colleges, universities, graduate schools, professional schools, and high schools/secondary schools you have attended.

| *INSTITUTION TYPE | *INSTITUTION NAME | *CITY/STATE/PROVINCE | *COUNTRY | DEGREE EARNED | MAJOR | GPA/RANK | *START DATE/END |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------|-------|----------|-----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

*2. Have you ever attended any law school? Yes No

3. Did you leave the law school in good standing? Yes No

*4. Has your education in college, university, or professional school been interrupted for one term or more for any reason? Yes No

5. List the academic honors, awards, or other recognitions you have received and explain the bases upon which awards were made.

AWARD

EXPLANATION

| AWARD | EXPLANATION |
|-------|-------------|
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |

7. Law School Interest

1. What prompted you to apply to law school?

Internet

- Law School
- LSAC
- ABA
- Other

Publications

- US News & World Report
- Law School Publication
- ABA-LSAC Official Guide
- Princeton Review
- Other

Faculty/Alumni/Professional

- Faculty/Acquaintance
- Relative
- Law School Faculty Member
- Admissions Recruiter
- University/College Faculty Member
- Legal Professional
- Prelaw Advisor

Recruiting Events

- LSAC Forum
- Law School Fair
- International Forum
- Campus Event
- Law School Direct Mail/E-mail
- Current Student

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

| |
|--|
| |
| |
| |
| |
| |

*3. Have you previously applied to this school? Yes No

4. If you applied previously, what year was the application for? _____

5. Were you offered admission? Yes No

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

| |
|--|
| |
| |
| |
| |
| |

8. Deferring Matriculation

*1. Are you deferring matriculation at a law school that requires you to abstain from applying to other law schools? **If you answered yes, you must attach an explanation and have a dean or administrative officer forward a statement expressly granting you permission to apply to Columbia Law School.**

Yes No

9. Character and Fitness

*1. Have you ever been on academic probation or subjected to disciplinary action for scholastic or other reasons by any college, university, graduate school, or professional school you have attended? This should include matters that have been expunged. **If you answered yes, you must attach a detailed, complete, and truthful written explanation. Please answer honestly, irrespective of any advice you may have received to the contrary. Also, kindly have the dean or administrative officer in charge of student records forward a detailed explanation of the incident.**

Yes No

*2. Are there any disciplinary charges pending or expected to be brought against you? **If you answered yes, you must attach a detailed, complete, and truthful written explanation. Please answer honestly, irrespective of any advice you may have received to the contrary. Also, kindly have the dean or administrative officer in charge of student records forward a detailed explanation of the incident.**

Yes No

9. Character and Fitness (continued)

*3. Have you ever, either as a juvenile or an adult, been convicted of a crime other than minor traffic violations? This should include matters that have been expunged or subject to a diversionary program. **If you answered yes, you must attach a detailed, complete, and truthful written explanation. Please answer honestly, irrespective of any advice you may have received to the contrary.**

Yes No

*4. Are there any criminal charges pending or expected to be brought against you? **If you answered yes, you must attach a detailed, complete, and truthful written explanation. Please answer honestly, irrespective of any advice you may have received to the contrary.**

Yes No

*5. Have you ever been dismissed or discharged from the armed forces for any other reason than by honorable discharge or sentenced in a court-martial proceeding? **If you answered yes, you must attach a detailed, complete, and truthful written explanation. Please answer honestly, irrespective of any advice you may have received to the contrary.**

Yes No

10. Military

This section does not apply to me.

1. Have you served or are you now serving on full-time, active US military duty? Yes No

2. Military Duty

Rank _____

Expected military Reserve or National Guard status during law school _____

Branch _____

Discharge Type _____

/ — /
DATE OF ENTRANCE / DATE OF DISCHARGE
(MM / YYYY) (MM / YYYY)

3. Have you ever been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions? Yes No

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

| |
|--|
| |
| |
| |
| |

II. Financial Aid

*1. Do you intend to apply for a need-based financial aid grant? (Deadline is March 1.) Yes No

12. Letters of Recommendation

*1. Do you intend to provide more than two letters of recommendation? Yes No

*2. If you answered yes, please indicate if you would like us to delay the completion of your file until all letters of recommendation are received by our Office. If you answer no, we will complete your application upon receipt of the first two letters of recommendation. Yes No

*3. List the names of all recommenders:

| |
|--|
| |
| |
| |
| |

I3. Joint Degrees

1. For informational purposes, please indicate any other Columbia School/Department to which you are applying with the intention of pursuing a joint-degree program:

*2. Are you applying to Columbia's Three-Year J.D./M.B.A. Program? *Please note that you must also complete your application at Columbia Business School by the deadline in order to be considered at either school.

Yes No

I4. Standardized Tests

This section does not apply to me.

1. Indicate dates that you have taken or plan to take the LSAT:

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| / | _____ |
| DATE OF EXAM (MM / YYYY) | SCORE (IF AVAILABLE) |
| / | _____ |
| DATE OF EXAM (MM / YYYY) | SCORE (IF AVAILABLE) |
| / | _____ |
| DATE OF EXAM (MM / YYYY) | SCORE (IF AVAILABLE) |

I5. LSAT Registration

*1. By what date will you have registered with the Credential Assembly Service (CAS)?

/ /

DATE OF REGISTRATION
(MM / DD / YYYY)

I6. Employment

This section does not apply to me.

1. List all employment including internships:

| *EMPLOYMENT TYPE | *EMPLOYER | POSITION | HRS/WEEK | *CITY/STATE | *COUNTRY | *START DATE/END DATE (MM/YY) | REASON FOR LEAVING | EMPLOYMENT DURING ACADEMIC YEAR |
|------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. Full-time employment experience: _____
TOTAL NUMBER OF MONTHS

3. List your extracurricular, community, or other activities in the order of their importance to you. Give a brief description of your involvement, including any special responsibilities or leadership positions held.

| |
|--|
| |
| |
| |
| |
| |

I7. Family

*1. Parent/Guardian 1

Parent/Guardian's full name _____ Relationship _____

Age _____ U.S. citizen? _____ Deceased? _____ Birthplace _____
CITY STATE

Employer _____ Occupation (please be specific) _____

College attended (if any) _____
COLLEGE DEGREE YEAR OF GRADUATION

Professional or graduate school attended (if any) _____
UNIVERSITY DEGREE YEAR OF GRADUATION

2. Parent/Guardian 2

Parent/Guardian's full name _____ Relationship _____

Age _____ U.S. citizen? _____ Deceased? _____ Birthplace _____
CITY STATE

Employer _____ Occupation (please be specific) _____

College attended (if any) _____
COLLEGE DEGREE YEAR OF GRADUATION

Professional or graduate school attended (if any) _____
UNIVERSITY DEGREE YEAR OF GRADUATION

I) . 4 ~~VeXVReZ~~ _

This application and materials filed in its support will be retained by Columbia Law School and made available to the State Bar Character Committees.

By signing this application, I certify that the above information is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I shall promptly amend the foregoing application should there be a change in any of the facts therein and shall notify the Office of Admissions of such changes as they occur.

I agree and understand that any misrepresentation due to misdirected, inaccurate, or omitted information will be grounds for an examination of misconduct in the admissions process, rescission of admission offer, disciplinary action, expulsion, or revocation of degree if discovered at a later date.

I further agree and understand that Columbia Law School reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission if I: (1) show a significant decline in academic performance or fail to graduate; (2) misrepresent any matter in dealing with the Office of Admissions, Financial Aid Office, or any other representative of Columbia Law School; (3) behave in a manner that indicates a serious lack of judgment, sincerity, or integrity; or (4) reserve a place in Columbia Law School's entering class and simultaneously commit to enroll at another law school or submit a deposit to another law school. I also agree and understand that Columbia Law School further reserves the right to make the continuing validity of an offer of admission contingent upon my providing further information or authorizing the release of information from other parties in connection with any matter relevant to the foregoing.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Attachments

1. In addition to answering the preceding questions, please also submit a copy of your résumé.
2. Candidates to Columbia Law School are required to submit a personal essay or statement supplementing required application materials.
Such a statement may provide the Admissions Committee with information regarding such matters as: personal, family, or educational background; experiences and talents of special interest; reasons for applying to law school as they may relate to personal goals and professional expectations; or any other factors that you think should inform the Committee's evaluation of your candidacy for admission.
This statement should be printed on a supplementary sheet or two and should be returned to the Law School with other application materials.
3. Optional: Candidates may add brief supplemental statements they believe will enable the Admissions Committee to make a fully informed decision on the application. The Committee especially welcomes addenda that allow it to understand the contribution the applicant's background (e.g., socioeconomic status, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation) would add to the Columbia Law community.



Juris Doctor Program

Office of Admissions
Columbia Law School
Mail Code 4004
435 West 116th Street
New York, NY 10027-7297

Early Decision candidates commit themselves to matriculate at Columbia if admitted on this special basis. **An applicant may not be an Early Decision candidate at more than one law school during the same annual admissions cycle.** Early Decision candidates to Columbia most certainly may apply to other law schools while applying to Columbia on an Early Decision basis. However, they must do so fully realizing that (1) they are required to withdraw immediately all other law school applications when notified of their acceptance to Columbia as an Early Decision candidate; (2) they are required to decline any acceptances they may have received prior to admission to Columbia under the Early Decision Plan; and (3) they may not initiate any new applications after learning of their acceptance to Columbia under the Early Decision Plan. Failure by admitted Early Decision applicants to honor their aforementioned commitments will result in Columbia revoking its offer of admission.

Applicants for whom financial aid will be an influential factor in their eventual enrollment decision should consider very carefully whether they want to apply to our binding Early Decision Plan, because they will be unable to compare offers from various law schools.

Responding to the request of some peer law schools, Columbia will provide these schools with the names of all applicants accepted to Columbia under our binding Early Decision Plan.

Early Decision candidates are evaluated for admission according to the same selection criteria that apply to regular candidates. While their particular enthusiasm for Columbia, manifest in their designation of Columbia as their law school of choice, is considered by our Admissions Committee, Early Decision candidates do not enjoy significant advantage in the keenly competitive selection process that annually yields Columbia's entering class of nearly 380 students from an applicant population of approximately 8,000 candidates.

Some Early Decision applicants not offered admission will be reviewed again in March as part of the Regular Applicant pool; others will be informed that their application for admission has been denied and will not be evaluated again that year.

Unsuccessful Early Decision applicants, of course, may continue being considered for admission to law schools where they had previously applied and may initiate applications to additional law schools thereafter, if they wish.

Instructions

If you have chosen to apply as an Early Decision candidate, please complete this form and return it with all other required application materials no

later than **November 15**. You will be notified of Columbia's decision in December.

To the Applicant

I have read the above contract and understand the stated policies and practices that govern the Early Decision Plan of admission at Columbia Law School. Columbia is my first choice, and I wish to be considered as an Early Decision candidate. **If accepted under this Plan, I will matriculate at Columbia Law School.** I agree to withdraw immediately all my applications to other law schools, to decline any acceptances I may have received prior to admission to Columbia under the Early Decision Plan, and to initiate no new ones if and when accepted to Columbia as an Early Decision candidate. I also understand that I am not permitted to enter into an Early Decision agreement with any other law school.

NAME OF APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| L | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

LSAC ACCOUNT NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE