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## INITIAL STEPS IN THE ADMISSIONS APPLICATION PROCESS

**Application Timeline:** Applications are available on the LSAC website beginning in September of the year prior to the year a student intends to enroll (ex., planning to begin in 2026, application is available September 2025). Provided all the necessary steps have been taken, and the LSAT score is, in your estimation, your strongest effort, you are best served by applying as early as possible. Applications are reviewed as they arrive, and decisions are completed on a “rolling” basis. The “Early Decision Non-Binding” application deadline is November 15.

**LSAT Timing and Preparation:** Determine when to take the LSAT. The test is offered multiple times this academic year. The last opportunity to take the LSAT for the early decision cycle is in October. The last opportunity to take the LSAT for regular admission is in March. LSAC provides excellent practice materials in partnership with LSAC's LawHub. Preparing well for this test is critically important and requires hours of diligent and time-intensive practice. LSAT score must be no more than 3 years old by your application date.

**CAS Report:** The CAS report is a required element of your law school applications. If this cost is too burdensome, reach out to LSAC about their fee waiver packages.

**Letters of Recommendation (LOR):** Contact your recommenders, as early as possible, and ask for what you will need. “Do you believe you can provide a strong supportive letter endorsing my law school application?” If you are a recent graduate, most schools wish to see at least one letter from a faculty member. The others may come from an internship or research supervisor, an employer, etc., someone in whom you have confidence and who knows you well. If you have been out of school for over five years then other recommendations may be used. When completing your application, having two LOR's submitted usually fulfills your application requirements; however, verify the exact number allowed within the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS). Although two are required, Campbell accepts a total of four. If you have additional letters, and they are “strong and supportive,” you will want these documents in your file.

**Transcript(s):** List all institutions from which you have taken any college level course credit in your CAS report. Request your institution send the transcript directly to LSAC. Transcripts should be sent during the application process, mid-year with updated grades (as appropriate) and again with your posted degree on the final transcript. The LSAC system uses only your undergraduate grades to calculate your GPA in the Academic Summary for the report.

**Resume:** Your resume can be more than one page. This is especially true if you have a longer work history and other experiences to include (internship/community service, etc.). Where possible, provide comprehensive details and background describing your experiences.

**Personal Statement:** Carefully review and follow the guidelines found within the application. Discuss in-depth details or questions with your pre-law adviser, career services department, or writing center. The format is to be double spaced, in 12-point font, and should be no less than two, but not more than three pages in length. Because this is essentially your interview on paper, before submitting the statement, thoughtfully and carefully edit the document, and meticulously proofread your material.

**Application Evaluation:** The admissions committee performs a holistic review that considers an applicant's record of academic success and personal achievement and may include other indicators of an applicant's ability to succeed at Campbell University School of Law (CUSOL) and for admission to the bar.

**ABA Standard 501(b)** mandates that law schools only admit applicants who demonstrate the potential to successfully complete their program and pass a bar exam.

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