

CABOT HOUSE PRE-LAW CHECKLIST

The following is a checklist of the steps that must be taken in order to apply to law school.

Preliminary

- Talk with resident or non-resident pre-law tutors about whether law school is right for you.
- Decide to apply to law school.
- Contact Lisa Lightbody, Julie Kobick, or Michael Aktipis to get assigned a pre-law advisor.
- Research law schools, and start to think about which ones to apply to.

LSAT

- Register for the LSAT:
 - By September 12th for the October 4th Test
 - By November 4th (or November 14th for late registration) for the December 6th Test
- Take at least 5 practice LSATs.
- Take the LSAT (either October 4th or December 6th).

LSDAS

- Register with LSDAS and review the LSDAS website
- Submit application fee waiver forms if appropriate
- Request all Colleges and Universities attended to send a transcript to LSDAS.
- Read and make a note of the particular requirements for each school you plan on applying to.
- Fill out the portions of the LSDAS application to be submitted to the law schools.
- Write any additional information or essays required for particular schools.
- Talk to your pre-law advisor about whether you should include an addendum and write one if appropriate (perhaps to explain a low LSAT score or a year spent away from college).
- Print out LOR waiver forms and give them to each recommender to submit with the recommendation.
- Pay necessary application fees.
- Send finished applications (transcripts and recommendations must be included).

Transcripts

- Request that the Registrar's Office and any other colleges or graduate schools attended send transcripts directly to LSDAS.

Recommendations

- Talk with a pre-law advisor about strategies for choosing and dealing with recommenders.
- Contact at least two recommenders for letters of recommendation, and plan for a month turnaround time.
- Give each recommender a LOR waiver form to be sent with the recommendation to LSAC.
- Give each recommender a stamped envelope addressed to LSAC.
- If you like, give each recommender a stamped envelope addressed to the Cabot House Office.

Personal Statement

- Decide on a topic for your personal statement, and start writing a draft.
- Provide a draft of your personal statement to your pre-law advisor and get feedback.
- Get at least one other person to edit your draft.
- Finalize your personal statement.

Cabot House Procedures

- Complete the Cabot House Pre-Law Information Form and Questionnaire required for the House Letter and give one copy to Susan Bourneuf and another copy to your Pre-Law Advisor.
- Give Susan a signed copy of the Academic File Release Form.
- Give Susan a draft of your personal statement.
- Meet with your Pre-Law Advisor about the House Letter once other application materials have been submitted (and several times beforehand).
- If applicable*, give Susan a LOR Waiver Form for every recommendation already on file that you want sent to LSDAS.
- If applicable*, give Susan a stamped envelope addressed to LSAC for recommendation already on file in the House Office.
- Give Susan a 9 x 12 stamped, addressed envelope for each school to which you are applying. Susan will send the House Letter in these envelopes.
- Put any filled-out Dean's Certification forms in the envelopes that you give to Susan for the House Letter.
- Give Susan a list of all the law schools to which you are applying when you give her the envelopes.

Financial Aid

- Research law school financial aid responsibilities.
- Find out the details of any Loan Repayment Assistance Programs that schools might offer.
- Research scholarships for law school.
- Fill out all necessary forms and apply for other sources of financial aid.
- Once you're admitted, find out what each law school will offer you for financial aid.

Choices

- Talk to a pre-law advisor about options once you have heard back from law schools.
- Talk to a pre-law advisor if you are considering deferral.

Reporting

- Tell your Pre-Law Advisor, Resident Pre-Law Tutors, and the Office of the Resident Dean what law school you decide to attend.
- Fill out the Pre-Law Survey (to be sent by Susan Bourneuf after the season is over).

Congratulations!