

Law School Fair - Questions to consider

Do not ask for the LSAT/GPA for a particular school as that information will be provided.

Admissions:

- What do you see as the most important things students, as early as the first and second year of college, should be doing to develop themselves as strong law school candidates besides developing a strong grade point average?
- When are students notified of being accepted or denied (timeline)?
- Denied Admission: What are my next steps if I wish to reapply to your particular school?
 - Might these vary by school?
- What happens if I am offered the "wait list", when can I expect to be notified of any change in my status? How often should I contact the school? What other materials can help the law school move a candidate from the "wait list" to the accepted category?
- If I have taken the LSAT more than once, which score does the school use, or are these scores averaged?
- Does your school have any pre-entry or summer programs for students whose GPA/LSAT or other criteria might not meet your exact requirements?
- If a school gives an application waiver can the candidate still apply on line using LSAC or do they need to complete the application directly with the particular law school?
- If I am accepted to another school, but wish to transfer what are the criteria you look for and how many transfer students do you take?

Financing Law School:

- What types of scholarships are available merit or need bases?
- During the first year will I be allowed to keep a part-time job to help pay for law school and expenses? If no, ask the next question. Who is eligible for Work-Study while in law school?
- Funding: What must a candidate do to qualify for merit-based scholarships?
- For public schools, if scholarship is not immediately available does the school ever offer "in-state" tuition to out of state students during the second and/or third years?

Law School Life:

- Housing: Is housing provided by your school, if yes, what type? Where do most students live?
- After the first year what type of summer work/internships do students at your school find?
- What is the difference in law school between an "externship" and "internship"?
- How accessible are the faculty at your school? Are their offices located near the places in the school where students spend time?
- What is the student life like at your school – facilities for health/gym/pool/ organizations/ etc. Could depend on a variety of things. But good to know if this is important to you.
- Does your law school have any clinical programs (areas of specialization) and how many students who have this area of interest are able to participate in the clinics?
- How large is your entering class of 1L's? If the entering class is large is it divided into sections?

Other:

- Do you happen to know why Bleak House by Charles Dickens is on suggested reading lists for law school? Are there other books you would suggest for students entering law school?
- What is the Bar passage rate for first time takers at your school?