



## S.J. QUINNEY COLLEGE OF LAW

### Application Process Instructions

This packet contains general information and instructions for application to the S.J. Quinney College of Law J.D. program as an entering first year student, international entering first year student, Global J.D. Program student, transfer student and visiting student. All candidates must submit their applications online through the Law School Admission Council website at [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org). Specific instructions for each application status can be found on the [lsac.org](http://lsac.org) website.

### Baccalaureate Degree Requirement

You may apply before you receive your undergraduate degree. However, before you matriculate, you must provide official transcripts showing that you have been awarded a baccalaureate degree. The degree must be awarded by a college or university whose accreditation is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, or be the foreign equivalent of a U.S. baccalaureate degree.

### Academic Preparation for Law School

No specific pre-law curriculum is required for admission to the S.J. Quinney College of Law. Generally, you should seek rigorous courses from instructors who insist upon high standards of performance. Many undergraduate courses and majors can help you develop the specific skills you will need to succeed in law school and in your career. In particular, you should take courses that develop written and spoken communication, reading and comprehension, logic and analytical thinking, and problem solving. It is critical that you master English and learn efficient study skills; for additional information, consult the ABA-LSAC Official Guide to ABA Approved Law Schools, [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org).

### Diverse Admission Criteria

Admission to the S.J. Quinney College of Law is highly competitive. Although the median LSAT score of accepted candidates for the most recent entering class was near the 83th percentile and the median undergraduate grade point average was 3.54, the range of grades and test

scores of accepted candidates is broad. While these statistics provide ample evidence of the numerical competitiveness of the applicant pool, they do not fully reflect all the attributes we consider in our evaluation of candidates. No candidate is accepted or rejected solely on a numerical basis. Factors such as breadth and difficulty of academic background, extracurricular and community activities, leadership ability, advanced degrees of study, geographic, and language background, and significant work experience or life-broadening activities are also considered. You may disclose important diversity factors such as your age, gender, racial or ethnic identity, disadvantaged socioeconomic or educational experience, sexual orientation, nontraditional cultural background, or other similar information.

### Entering J.D. Applicants

First-year students must attend full-time and begin study fall semester. All applicants must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and subscribe to the Candidate Assembly Service (CAS). Materials submitted in connection with your application file become the property of the S.J. Quinney College of Law, and cannot be returned, or copied and forwarded elsewhere.

We require applications to be electronically submitted through the Law School Admission Council's (LSAC) electronic application service. Included in your CAS subscription, this service allows you to complete and electronically transmit applications for all ABA-approved law schools. With the electronic processing service you will transmit both your application materials and our \$60.00 application fee.

## Application Deadlines

The S.J. Quinney College of Law begins accepting electronic submission of applications on October 1. We recommend that your file be complete by January 15. All applications submitted by February 15 and completed no later than March 10 will be reviewed during the regular admission process. To meet the February 15 deadline, you must submit the application form and fee. Applications submitted or files completed after the deadlines will be considered only if circumstances allow. It is the candidate's responsibility to make sure the application file is complete.

## Application Fee

A non-refundable \$60 application fee is required. The fee must be paid by debit card or credit card, and is submitted as part of the CAS electronic processing service.

## Use of Social Security Number and Date of Birth

The University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law confidentially maintains your social security number and date of birth for routine uses. Disclosure of this information is voluntary, but failure to provide it may result in confusion regarding your identity and could lead to a delay in the processing of your application. Additionally, if you are accepted for admission, there may be a delay or loss of federal and state financial aid, tax credits, student loan deferments, veteran's benefits, and other benefits under law. A separate University of Utah identification number will be assigned to you during the application process.

## Application

Providing your social security number, date of birth, and the information requested in the Personal Background & Miscellaneous sections of the application is voluntary. You must respond to all other questions. Please answer the questions asked on the application in the space provided and use additional pages only when necessary. Failure to answer required questions in the space provided may delay the processing of your application. Reapplicants must submit a new application. In connection with many state bar licensing requirements, copies of law school applications are provided to the state bar as part of the character and fitness evaluations of bar applicants. Because the requirements of each state bar vary considerably, you are encouraged to obtain the specific requirements from the bar organization of each state in which you intend to practice law.

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*"I was drawn to the University of Utah from the on a scale akin to prestigious, 'ivy' institutions. I value the one-to-one personal contact, and a very specific work on Wall Street, all the 'extra yards' paid off; confident."*

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*East Coast because it offered academic excellence  
At the same time, it retained a sense of communi-  
c focus on my own development. When I began  
I was academically prepared and personally*

### LSAC Account Number

The LSAC issues individual account numbers to candidates when they register for services such as the LSAT or the CAS subscription. You may obtain your LSAC account number by going to their website, [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org).

### LSAT and Candidate Assembly Service

All candidates must take the LSAT. We suggest that you take the LSAT no later than December if you seek admission for the semester beginning the following August. However, February 2012 LSATs are accepted and will meet our file completion deadline. LSAT scores from tests taken before October 2006 will not be accepted for candidates seeking admission in Fall 2012.

You also must register for the Candidate Assembly Service. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that transcripts from each U.S. college or university ever attended are sent to the CAS. Applicants who are reapplying must submit a new CAS report. Once your CAS file is complete, please allow four to six weeks for the S.J. Quinney College of Law to receive and process your CAS report. For additional information on the LSAT and CAS, visit the LSAC website, [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org).

### Personal Statement

Candidates are required to submit a personal statement. The personal statement is viewed as a document demonstrating your writing ability; therefore, the personal statement must be written by you. The Admission Committee's goal is to assemble an intellectually stimulating community of students composed of individuals who have diverse backgrounds and perspectives. In addition to outstanding academic ability, we seek students who demonstrate qualities such as leadership, maturity, organization, knowledge of other languages and cultures, sincere commitment to community service, a history of overcoming disadvantage, extraordinary accomplishment, or success in a previous career. The subject matter of your personal statement is up to you, and although there are no length requirements, most statements average two to three typed, double-spaced pages. The personal statement should let the Admission Committee know more about you as a person, and should address the above qualities if that information is not presented in other areas of your application. Issues addressed in your personal statement may include what background, experiences, and events (positive or negative) have affected you? What perspectives and experiences might you bring to classroom discussions and the law school community? What are your motivations for seeking a legal education?

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## Letter(s) of Recommendation & LSAC Evaluation Service

You are required to have one, but may have up to three, letters of recommendation submitted on your behalf. Letters of recommendation should come from people who know you well and have had the opportunity to observe you performing the skills listed on our Letter of Recommendation Form on the last page of this packet. Letters may be submitted in two ways: (1) they may be sent directly to the S.J. Quinney College of Law from the recommender, accompanied by a completed Letter of Recommendation Form (located in the back of this packet); or (2) they may be sent through the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service that is included with your CAS registration subscription. A S.J. Quinney College of Law Letter of Recommendation Form is not required when using this service.

The S.J. Quinney College of Law also participates in the LSAC Evaluation Service. We require one evaluation from this service. We will accept up to three evaluations. This service is a simple online tool that evaluators can use to provide structured, consistent information about applicants. Evaluators can use this service to rate specific noncognitive factors that will help law schools in the assessment of candidates. An evaluator can do both evaluations and letters of recommendation, but it is the candidate who must determine which service (Letter of Recommendation and/or Evaluation) to solicit and assign. For additional information on the Letter of Recommendation and LSAC Evaluation Service visit the LSAC website, [www.LSAC.org](http://www.LSAC.org).

## J.D. Applicant Checklist

The Admission Committee will not consider your file complete until the following have been received and processed:

- Completed and digitally signed application for the J.D. program
- Résumé
- Official CAS report
- Nonrefundable \$60 application fee
- Personal statement
- One letter of recommendation
- One LSAC evaluation
- For applicants educated outside the U.S., a foreign transcript evaluation from LSAC and a TOEFL score report (if necessary).

You may submit any other information you believe is relevant.

## Utah Residency Requirements

Students classified as nonresidents are required to pay nonresident tuition. A person who enrolls as a post-secondary student at a Utah institution prior to living in Utah for more than 12 continuous months as a nonstudent is presumed to have moved to Utah for the purpose of attending an institution of higher education and is a nonresident for tuition purposes. Nonresident students may petition the University Admissions Office for resident status after completing 40 credit hours (approximately 1 to 1.5 years). Residency petitions should be submitted at least 30 days before the beginning of the semester, and petitioners must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress and intent to reside permanently in Utah. More information on residency may be obtained from the University's Residency Office at 801-581-3089 or [www.sa.utah.edu/admiss/residency/](http://www.sa.utah.edu/admiss/residency/).

## International Entering J.D. Applicants

International candidates must comply with all admission and application procedures. All international applicants must submit the Entering JD International Application form (available as part of the LSAC electronic application service.)

The S.J. Quinney College of Law requires that your foreign transcripts be submitted through the LSAC Credential Assembly Service. If you completed any postsecondary work outside the United States (including its territories) or Canada, you must use this service for the evaluation of your foreign transcripts. The one exception to this requirement is if your foreign work was completed through a study abroad, consortium, or exchange program sponsored by an American or Canadian institution, and the work is clearly indicated as such on the home campus transcript. This service is included in the CAS subscription fee. A Foreign Credential Evaluation will be completed by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), which will be incorporated into your CAS report. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required if your native language is not English. Please read the following section for more information.

To use the CAS, 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 in promptly. More time is usually required to obtain foreign transcripts.

Questions about the Credential Assembly Service can be directed to LSAC at 215-968-1001, or [LSACINFO@LSAC.org](mailto:LSACINFO@LSAC.org).

## Applicants Whose Native Language Is Not English

Applicants who are not native English speakers, or do not hold a baccalaureate degree from an institution at which the primary language of instruction is English, are required to take the TOEFL exam. Applicants must contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and request that an official TOEFL score be sent to LSAC. LSAC's TOEFL code for the Credential Assembly Service is 0058. Your score will be included in the Foreign Credential Evaluation document that will be

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included in your CAS law school report. The TOEFL must have been taken in the last 12 months. For more information on the TOEFL, please contact ETS at <http://www.ets.org>.

## International Entering J.D. Applicant Checklist

The Admission Committee will not consider your file complete until the following have been received and processed:

- Completed and digitally signed application for International Entering J.D. Applicants
- Résumé
- Official CAS report
- Nonrefundable \$60 application fee
- Personal statement
- One letter of recommendation
- One LSAC evaluation
- Foreign transcript evaluation from LSAC and a TOEFL score report (if necessary).

You may submit any other information you believe is relevant.

## Global J.D. Program Applicants

Under our new Global JD Program, the S.J. Quinney College of Law accepts applications from foreign lawyers to enter the J.D. program. These foreign lawyer candidates are required to have a foreign law degree that makes them eligible to practice law in their home country and is at least the foreign equivalent of a U.S. baccalaureate degree. Foreign lawyer applicants are required to satisfy the College of Law international J.D. candidate application requirements and follow the regular application process. The College of Law may require an interview for candidates and will facilitate an expedited process in order to allow for meeting visa deadlines and arranging for English language classes to be taken during the summer, if necessary. Consistent with ABA rules, Global JD Program students will receive one or two semester(s) worth of credit for their prior foreign legal education. However, instead of enrolling in the second and third year curriculum, the law school will place these foreign lawyers in the first-year program, thus putting them on an equal playing field with their U.S. counterparts.

The first-year experience will give foreign lawyers the foundational experience they cannot gain exclusively in an upper class curriculum, evaluations that are comparable to any other J.D. student in the country, complete socialization and integration, and full access to student organizations as well as journal and clinical opportunities. After completion of the first-year curriculum and posting of grades, the students' performance at the College of Law will be evaluated. Based on that evaluation and a review of the students' foreign law school academic record, the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs will determine whether to grant credits for the student's prior educational training. Students who achieve at least a 2.75 GPA after the first year will be granted up to one-year of credit (30 credits) for their prior legal study. The Global J.D. students will focus their first summer and second year on advanced training in a specialized area, including innovation (technology commercialization), environmental law, health law,

criminal justice, family law, and global justice (human rights and the rule of law).

The S.J. Quinney College of Law requires that your foreign transcripts be submitted through the LSAC Credential Assembly Service. If you completed any postsecondary work outside the United States (including its territories) or Canada, you must use this service for the evaluation of your foreign transcripts. The one exception to this requirement is if your foreign work was completed through a study abroad, consortium, or exchange program sponsored by an American or Canadian institution, and the work is clearly indicated as such on the home campus transcript. This service is included in the CAS subscription fee. A Foreign Credential Evaluation will be completed by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), which will be incorporated into your CAS report. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required if your native language is not English. Please read the following section for more information.

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## Global J.D. Program Applicant Checklist

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- Résumé
- Official CAS report
- Nonrefundable \$60 application fee
- Personal statement
- One letter of recommendation
- One LSAC evaluation
- Foreign transcript evaluation from LSAC and a TOEFL score report (if necessary).
- You may submit any other information you believe is relevant.

## Transfer J.D. Applicants

The S.J. Quinney College of Law enrolls students seeking to transfer from other law schools. Transfer applicants are required to submit their applications through the LSAC electronic application service. Students wishing to transfer from another law school for the purpose of obtaining a law degree from the University of Utah must: (1) have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution; (2) be a student in good standing at an ABA-approved law school and have completed the first-year full-time student curriculum without having begun the second year; (3) have an exceptional law school academic record; and (4) possess qualities that would add significantly to the educational experience of Utah law students.

A transfer applicant may participate in the write-on competition held for 1L students after the conclusion of spring semester finals. The transfer student will follow the same rules and will be afforded the same accommodations as current 1L students participating in the competition, and will have an opportunity to participate on any journal based on the write-on performance. Participation in the competition does not affect the transfer admission decision in any way. To receive a write-on competition packet you must send an e-mail message requesting a packet to reyes.aguilar@law.utah.edu by 5:00 p.m., May 4, 2012.

The college reserves the right to refuse credit for any course work completed at another law school and does not accept more than 30 hours of transfer credit. The file completion deadline is July 15. Files completed after the deadline will be considered only if circumstances allow. It is the candidate's responsibility to make sure the application file is complete.

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*"Attending law school at the University of Utah offers the best of all worlds: a terrific legal education provided the tools and skills I needed to place."*

*Gary F. Kennedy*

*Class of '80*

*senior vice president, general counsel,*

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o succeed in today's competitive legal market-*

## Transfer Applicant Checklist

The Admission Committee will not consider your file complete until the following have been received and processed:

- Completed and digitally signed application form for the J.D. program as a transfer student
- Nonrefundable \$60 application fee
- Résumé
- Official CAS report from LSAC, including undergraduate transcript showing bachelor's degree was conferred
- Official law school transcript with all first-year grades posted
- Personal statement outlining the reason for seeking transfer
- One letter of recommendation from a law school source with attached Letter of Recommendation Form
- Letter of good standing from current law school that includes class rank based on first-year courses or a statement that the school does not rank students. This letter should not be sent until all first-year grades have been posted.

You may submit any other information you believe is relevant. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure the file is complete.

## Visiting J.D. Applicants

Law students who seek academic credit at the University of Utah for transfer to another ABA-approved law school must apply as visiting students. Visiting student applicants are required to submit their applications through the LSAC electronic application service. A visiting student may enter in either fall or spring semester for a minimum of one semester and a maximum of two semesters. Candidates seeking to visit in their third year do not need to have spring grades posted on their transcripts. This will allow for expedited processing of their applications by the S.J. Quinney College of Law. A visiting student must be in good standing at an ABA-approved law school. Visiting status cannot be converted to transfer status. The file completion deadline is 35 days before the beginning of the semester of intended enrollment. It is the candidate's responsibility to make sure the application file is complete.

## Visiting Applicant Checklist

The Admission Committee will not consider your file complete until the following have been received and processed:

- Completed and digitally signed application form for the J.D. program as a visiting student
- Nonrefundable \$60 application fee
- Résumé
- Official CAS report from LSAC, including undergraduate transcript showing bachelor's degree was conferred
- Official law school transcript with most recent semester's grades posted
- Personal statement outlining the reasons for seeking visiting status
- One letter of recommendation from a law school source with attached Letter of Recommendation Form
- Letter of good standing from current law school that includes class rank after the most recent semester's grades have been posted or a statement that the school does not rank students.

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## Graduates of Foreign Law Schools Seeking Admission to the Utah Bar

Candidates who have graduated from law school in a country where the principles of English common law form the basis for the country's jurisprudence may be eligible for admission to the Utah State Bar under specific conditions. These conditions include completing, in no more than two years, 24 law school credit hours (including some required courses). To obtain the Utah Bar's specific requirements and determine your eligibility, contact:

Utah State Bar Association  
645 South 200 East  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111  
801-531-9077  
[www.utahbar.org/admissions/admissions\\_rules.html](http://www.utahbar.org/admissions/admissions_rules.html)  
Rule 14-703

Foreign attorneys deemed eligible must apply to the S.J. Quinney College of Law as visiting foreign attorney law students and are required to submit their applications through the LSAC electronic application service. Admission is based on an applicant's strong academic record and upon space availability in the law school's courses. Visiting foreign attorneys cannot switch to transfer or degree seeking status. Visiting foreign attorneys must meet all federal, state, and University requirements. The file completion deadline is 35 days prior to the beginning of the semester in which the candidate wishes to enroll.

### Foreign Attorney Checklist

The Admission Committee will not consider your file complete until the following have been received and processed:

- Completed and signed application for the J.D. program as a visiting foreign attorney law student
- Nonrefundable \$60 application fee
- Résumé
- Official transcripts covering all legal study as well as any study in the United States
- Personal statement outlining the reason for seeking visiting status
- One letter of recommendation with attached Letter of Recommendation Form
- TOEFL score report, if necessary.

You may submit any other information you believe is relevant.

## REFERENCES AND CHECKLISTS

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HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION  
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801-581-6611  
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UNIVERSITY OF UTAH STUDENT APARTMENTS  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84108  
801-581-8667  
[www.apartments.utah.edu](http://www.apartments.utah.edu)

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH CENTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES  
200 S. Central Campus Dr., Rm 162  
Salt Lake City, UT 84112-9107  
801-581-5020  
[www.disability.utah.edu](http://www.disability.utah.edu)

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS  
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## Financial Assistance

The S.J. Quinney College of Law provides a high-quality education at a cost well below that of most peer schools, both in terms of tuition and cost of living. The typical first-year student can meet the cost of law school with a financial aid package that may include Federal Direct Student loans, a college scholarship, and a small amount of personal savings or a family contribution. First-year students are encouraged not to work during the academic year. Many advanced law students borrow less than first-year students because of summer and part-time professional employment opportunities.

The University of Utah requires students wishing to be considered for financial aid to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). By submitting the FAFSA, a need analysis is conducted, which determines the amount a student can be expected to contribute to his or her educational costs. Even if you have not received an admission decision, you should complete the FAFSA between January 1 and April 1. Information on the FAFSA is available online at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

## 2011-2012 Estimated Base Expenses for First-Year Students

*On/Off Campus*

<u>Two semesters (nine months)</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Nonresident</u>
Tuition and fees	\$21,166	\$40,166
Orientation fee	\$475	\$475
Room and board	\$9,108	\$9,108
Books and supplies**	\$4,216	\$4,216
Travel	\$1,414	\$1,414
Miscellaneous	\$6,064	\$6,064
Total	\$41,968	\$60,968

*\*\*The books and supplies portion of the budget includes the one time cost incurred for the purchase of a laptop computer. The allocation for that purchase is \$2,300.*

## Federal Direct Loan Programs

The S.J. Quinney College of Law, through the University's Office of Financial Aid, participates in the Federal Direct Student Loan Program. This includes the Perkins Loan Program, the Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program and the Federal Direct PLUS Loan Program for Graduate and Professional Students. Detailed information on these programs can be found at: [studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp](http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp).

## Scholarships 2011–2012 Estimates

Total Scholarship Awards	\$1,460,000
Percentage of students receiving scholarships	51%
<b>Need-based Scholarships</b>	
Awarded	95
Range	\$500–\$4000
Average Award	\$1,800
<b>Merit Scholarships</b>	
Awarded	115
Range	\$6,400–\$43,125
Average Award	\$11,285

## College Work-Study

This federally funded program offers employment opportunities based on need. The FAFSA and a need analysis are required. The S.J. Quinney College of Law and S.J. Quinney Law Library have several work-study positions for law students. Law faculty also may hire work-study law students as teaching or research assistants.

## S.J. Quinney College of Law Merit Scholarships

The college offers privately funded, merit-on-entrance scholarships and fellowships to selected first-year students. All accepted candidates are considered on the basis of their admission applications; recipients are notified by the S.J. Quinney College of Law in mid-March. There are also a number of privately funded merit-based scholarships, fellowships, and stipend programs available to second- and third-year students.

## S.J. Quinney College of Law Need-Based Scholarships

These private-source scholarships are awarded by the S.J. Quinney College of Law. A FAFSA and a supplemental application form (mailed to applicants offered admission) are required. Need-based scholarships range from \$500 to \$4,000.

# REFERENCES

S.J. Quinney College of Law

## Campus Housing

Graduate housing for single students and families is available at Heritage Commons, along with dining services, study facilities, and programs. Additionally, the S.J. Quinney Law House accommodates up to 12 law and honors pre-law students. It is located on Officers Circle in Heritage Commons. University housing for single students and students with families is available on campus in one- or multi-bedroom apartments. Complexes feature community centers, preschool and early childhood educational programs, adult activities, landscaped grounds, gardens, and picnic areas. Demand for campus housing varies; please contact these offices well in advance of your needs.

Office of Residential Living  
801-581-6611  
[www.orl.utah.edu/reshalls.html](http://www.orl.utah.edu/reshalls.html)

University Student Apartments  
801-581-8667  
[www.apartments.utah.edu](http://www.apartments.utah.edu)

## Off-Campus Housing

Housing in pleasant neighborhoods is within walking distance of campus and throughout Salt Lake City. Accommodations include large, medium, and small apartment complexes, condominiums, town houses, duplexes, single-family residences, and rooming houses.

## IMPORTANT DATES 2011-2012

OCTOBER 1	COLLEGE OF LAW BEGINS PROCESSING FALL 2011 APPLICATION MATERIALS
DECEMBER 3	LSAT ADMINISTRATION
JANUARY 1	EARLIEST DATE 2012-2013 FAFSA CAN BE SUBMITTED
FEBRUARY 11	LSAT ADMINISTRATION (LAST CHANCE FOR FALL ADMISSION WITHOUT MISSING COMPLETION DEADLINE)
FEBRUARY 15	APPLICATION FOR THE JURIS DOCTOR PROGRAM MUST BE SUBMITTED
MARCH 10	ADMISSION FILE MUST BE COMPLETE, INCLUDING RECEIPT OF CAS REPORT AND LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION
APRIL 1	SUBMIT FAFSA BY THIS DATE FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

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# HOUSING & DATES

S.J. Quinney College of Law

Please print or type.

**This form should only accompany letters of recommendation sent directly to the S.J. Quinney College of Law.** Letters of recommendation sent to the CAS letter of recommendation service must use the CAS letter of recommendation form available from the Law School Admission Council ([www.LSAC.org](http://www.LSAC.org)). Letters received after March 10 may not be included in the applicant's file prior to review by the committee.

**PART I TO THE APPLICANT:** Complete Part I and give to your recommender.

Evaluator type:  counselor  faculty  dean  employer  other \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's LSAC number \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Recommender's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENTS**

I hereby  WAIVE

DO NOT WAIVE my right to inspect this form and the accompanying letter of recommendation

If I waive my right to inspect this form and accompanying letter, I understand this waiver continues in effect if I matriculate as a student at the S.J. Quinney College of Law. (If applicant does not indicate access status, it will be assumed the applicant is NOT waiving the right to inspect the letter of recommendation and form.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**PART II TO THE RECOMMENDER:**

Our applicants generally present excellent college records and highly competitive test scores. A letter that is particularly helpful is one that discusses, by way of example or specific illustration, the applicant's abilities in each of the areas listed in the following table. Additional information about this applicant that is not likely to be available from other sources, such as emotional maturity, character, and special background or interests, also may have an impact on admission decisions.

Please use the table below to compare this applicant with other promising students or contemporaries whom you know to have succeeded in a rigorous legal education or other similar professional program.

No Basis for Judgment		Below Average (Bottom 40%)	Average (Top 60%)	Very Good (Top 40%)	Unusually Good (Top 25%)	Outstanding (Top 10%)	Truly Exceptional (Top 5%)
	Native intelligence (analytical powers, rigor of thought, reasoning ability)						
	Independence of thought (originality, imagination, creative intelligence)						
	Effectiveness of oral communication						
	Effectiveness of written communication						
	Industry and motivation (persistence, self-discipline, study techniques)						
	Judgment and maturity (conscientiousness, common sense)						
	Leadership ability						
	Character						

Past employers or professors: Would you rehire this candidate or welcome him/her back into your classroom? \_\_\_\_\_

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RECOMMENDER SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE



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