


**Application to J.D. Program**
**Please submit your completed application to:**

The University of Michigan Law School  
 Admissions Office  
 South Hall, Suite 2200  
 701 South State Street  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3091

**Contact Us:**

Telephone: 734.764.0537  
 Fax: 734.647.3218  
 Email: law.jd.admissions@umich.edu

**Application fee:** \$75 (payable in U.S. funds only)

**Instructions**


Type or print in ink. Attach additional sheets whenever necessary. Please put your name and LSAC account number on every additional sheet. PLEASE SIGN THE CERTIFICATION(S) ON PAGE **A6**.

**I. Personal Information**

 Mr.  Ms.  
 Dr.  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ last (family) \_\_\_\_\_ first (given) \_\_\_\_\_ middle  
 Name you prefer to be called: \_\_\_\_\_ Former name, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

 LSAC Account number: L \_\_\_\_\_


 U.S. Social Security number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ (This will be used only to assist us in maintaining your records.)


 Gender (optional):  Male  Female  Other/more information \_\_\_\_\_

 Date of birth (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 month/day/year city state country


 Country of citizenship:  U.S.  Other \_\_\_\_\_


If you are not a U.S. citizen, indicate your status as of the date you submit this application:

 Permanent Resident Alien (U.S.)  U.S. Visa type, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Contact Information**




We will use a variety of methods to communicate with you throughout the admissions season. Please provide us with contact information that will be valid through the end of August 2014:


 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other phone: \_\_\_\_\_


 Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 street(1)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 street(2)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 city state postal code country

 Mailing address valid through: \_\_\_\_\_

 Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 street(1)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 street(2)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 county (for MI residents only) city state postal code country



 We often put our faculty, alumni, and students in touch with admitted applicants with shared interests or backgrounds so they can communicate with them about the Law School. Check here only if you do NOT wish to be contacted. 

 If you have previously been affiliated with the University of Michigan, please let us know:  

 Your unickname: \_\_\_\_\_ @umich.edu Your 8-digit UMID (located on your M-Card): \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please note:** If you are a current or previous UM affiliate, the Admissions Office is unable to change your contact information; you will need to do so yourself through Wolverine Access (wolverineaccess.umich.edu) if the information you provide in your application is different.



### III. Program Information

**First-year admission** (regular decision deadline February 15; early decision deadline November 15)



Either summer or fall term start (summer orientation begins May 27) (**Please note:** Admission to one term is not necessarily transferable to another term; decisions are at the discretion of the Admissions Office. If you are willing to be considered for both terms but have a preference for one or the other, we encourage you to let us  that.)

Fall term start only (fall orientation begins August 25)

*I wish to be considered for Early Decision, for which admission is to the summer term only. I understand that the deadline for Early Decision is November 15, and that all my application materials must be submitted to the Admissions Office in advance of that date in order to ensure that I meet the deadline. I understand that admission under the Early Decision program is binding and I have signed the certification (XIII at the end of the application). I understand that if I am not admitted under Early Decision, the Admissions Office will continue to consider me for regular-decision admission for both summer and fall term starts.*

**Deferred admission—2015 start;** attach explanation for request (deadline February 15): 

Summer term start       Fall term start

**Transfer admission** (deadline July 21):

Fall term start only

**Visitor admission** (deadline July 21) :

Fall term only     Winter term only     Both fall and winter terms



Are you an applicant for a dual degree program?  Yes  No If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have applied to the University of Michigan Law School before, state for which year: \_\_\_\_\_



If you have ever registered at a law school, please give the name of the law school, dates of attendance, and your reasons for not completing the degree: \_\_\_\_\_

List all dates you have taken, or plan to take, the Law School Admission Test: \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. Family Information

Mother  Father  Guardian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary occupation during working years: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education:

- Grade school
- High school
- Some college
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate or professional degree

Mother  Father  Guardian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary occupation during working years: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education:

- Grade school
- High school
- Some college
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate or professional degree

If anyone in your immediate family is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, please state name and year of graduation.



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## V. Educational Background

List all colleges and universities you have attended, including part-time, summer, graduate study, and those in which you are currently enrolled. Begin with the most recent.

Name of institution, location	Dates attended (MM/YY - MM/YY)	Field of concentration	Degree and date

List all high schools you attended.

Name of institution, location	Dates attended (MM/YY - MM/YY)

List all languages, other than English, that you speak or write, and state your degree of proficiency in each.

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If English is not your native language, when did you begin to learn it?

- By age 5    
  During elementary school    
  During high school    
  After high school

## VI. Experience



Please let us know the following, **in a résumé or in some other format**: (A) up to eight positions of full-time or significant part-time employment, paid or unpaid, beginning with your most recent, including the name and location of your employer, your job title, and the dates you held the position, along with any other information you think will be useful; (B) significant extracurricular/non-work-related activities; (C) academic and non-academic honors and awards received, including fellowships, prizes, and memberships in honor societies; and (D) hobbies or special areas of interest or academic pursuits. **If you are not presently enrolled in an educational institution**, we would find it particularly helpful to know what you are doing now; whether you are working, volunteering, traveling, seeking employment, or anything else, **please be sure to tell us your current and planned activities prior to enrolling in law school.**



## VII. Recommenders



List the names of your proposed recommenders. We require only one letter of recommendation, but encourage you to submit three.

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Employer/institution: \_\_\_\_\_

## VIII. Essays

The University of Michigan Law School has long understood that enrolling students with a broad range of perspectives and experiences generates a vibrant culture of comprehensive debate and discussion, and we view our student body as one of our richest resources. The wide-ranging and challenging conversations of our diverse student body, inside and outside the classroom, enrich the quality of our community's intellectual life and enhance the quality of the legal education here.

Essay submissions are an extremely helpful tool for evaluating your potential contributions to our community. As you prepare to write your personal statement and any optional essays, please keep the following in mind. First, we do not have a fixed checklist of particular attributes we seek in our students, and you will have the best insights into what is most important for us to know about you. Second, there is no set convention for communicating the information you choose to share. A successful essay might involve writing directly about expansive themes such as your goals or philosophy or background or identity, or very differently, might be a vignette that reveals something significant about you. In other words, think broadly about what you might wish to convey and how you might best convey it.

While the form and content of your essays are up to you, for ease of reading, please use double-spacing and at least an 11-point font.

### A. Personal Statement (required)

There is no formula for a successful personal statement, and different individuals will find different topics to be well-suited to them. Applicants have, for example, elaborated on their significant life experiences; meaningful intellectual interests and extracurricular activities; factors inspiring them to obtain a legal education or to pursue particular career goals; significant obstacles met and overcome; special talents or skills; issues of sexual or gender identity; particular political, philosophical, or religious beliefs; socioeconomic challenges; atypical backgrounds, educational paths, employment histories, or prior careers; or experiences and perspectives relating to disadvantage, disability, or discrimination. Any of these subjects, and many more, could be an appropriate basis for communicating important information about yourself that will aid us in reaching a thoughtful decision. The length of your personal statement is up to you.



### B. Supplemental Essays (optional)

Supplemental essays allow you an opportunity to provide us with relevant information that you were not able to include elsewhere in your application materials. If you wish, write one or two essays (but no more) on the following topics. Each essay should be about one page (and no more than two).

#### Essay One

Say more about your interest in the University of Michigan Law School. What do you believe Michigan has to offer to you and you to Michigan?

#### Essay Two

Describe your current hopes for your career after completing law school. How will your education, experience, and development so far support those plans?

#### Essay Three

If you do not think that your academic record or standardized test scores accurately reflect your ability to succeed in law school, please tell us why.

#### Essay Four

Describe a failure or setback in your life. How did you overcome it? What, if anything, would you do differently if confronted with this situation again?

#### Essay Five

Describe an experience that speaks to the problems and possibilities of diversity in an educational or work setting.

#### Essay Six

What do you think are the skills and values of a good lawyer? Which do you already possess? Which do you hope to develop?

#### Essay Seven

How might your perspectives and experiences enrich the quality and breadth of the intellectual life of our community or enhance the legal profession?

#### Essay Eight

Describe your educational experiences so far. What kinds of learning environments, teaching methods, student cultures, and/or evaluation processes lead you to thrive, or contrariwise, thwart your success?



## IX. Residency Status

Residency status for tuition and admissions purposes is determined by criteria set forth in the University’s Residency Classification Guidelines, which can be found, along with Applications for Resident Classification, at [www.umich.edu/~regoff/resreg.html](http://www.umich.edu/~regoff/resreg.html). Questions pertaining to your residency status should be addressed to the staff of the Residency Classification Office, University of Michigan Office of the Registrar, 1210 LSA Building, 500 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1382, phone 734.764.1400.

Are you a Michigan resident as defined by the Residency Classification Guidelines?

Yes, since \_\_\_\_\_  No

If you answered “yes” and any of the following circumstances applies, please be aware that you must file an Application for Resident Classification and be approved in order to qualify for in-state tuition:

- You currently live outside the state of Michigan for any reason, including education, volunteer activities, military service, travel, or employment.
- You have attended or graduated from a college outside the state of Michigan.
- You have been employed or domiciled outside the state of Michigan within the last 3 years.
- You are not a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident Alien.
- Your spouse, partner, or parent is in Michigan as a nonresident student, medical resident, fellow, or for military assignment or other temporary employment.
- You are 24 years of age or younger and a parent lives outside the state of Michigan.
- You are 24 years of age or younger and have attended or graduated from a high school outside the state of Michigan.
- You have attended or graduated from an out-of-state high school and have been involved in educational pursuits for the majority of time since high school graduation.
- You previously attended any U-M campus (Ann Arbor, Dearborn, or Flint) as a nonresident.

Other circumstances may also require you to file a residency application.

## X. Conduct

While answering the two questions below, when in doubt, err on the side of full disclosure, as the failure to fully answer any question may result in exclusion from law school or denial of the opportunity to take a state bar examination. (Please note each state has character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar; we encourage you to determine what those requirements are in any state(s) in which you are considering practicing.) If, following your completion of this application but prior to matriculation, matters arise that would require you to answer yes to either question, supplement your application with complete details. Note that an affirmative answer to either question does not necessarily preclude or even prejudice admission. Your answer will be reviewed on an individual basis in relation to all aspects of your experience, academic achievement, and potential. **You must submit a supplementary statement with any affirmative responses; provide complete details, including dates and resolution.**



- Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action for academic or other reasons in any of the colleges, universities, graduate, or professional schools you have attended, or are such charges pending or expected to be brought against you?  
 Yes  No
- Have you ever been convicted of a crime (following a jury or bench trial, a guilty plea, or a *nolo contendere* plea), or charged with a criminal offense that was later dismissed as a result of a plea bargain or alternative sentencing arrangement, or are such criminal charges pending or expected to be brought against you? Include misdemeanors and criminal infractions, as well as any interaction with a law enforcement agency that resulted in payment of a fine or order of community service. Do not include minor traffic violations or civil infractions or citations for which jail time was not a potential penalty.  
 Yes  No

## XI. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

(Optional) The information requested below is optional. Your answer, or decision not to answer, will have no bearing on the Law School's admission decision.

Please indicate if you identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual.

Please indicate if you identify as transgender.



## XII. Ethnicity

(Optional) The information requested below is optional and will not be used in the admissions process. It is collected to comply with state and federal reporting requirements, as well as for statistical purposes. Your answer, or decision not to answer, will have no bearing on the Law School's admission decision.

**Please indicate whether you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino.**

**No**, not Hispanic or Latino.

**Yes**, Hispanic or Latino: a person of Cuban, Mexican, Chicano, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

**In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:**

**American Indian or Alaska Native:** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Asian:** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**Black or African American:** a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**White:** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

## XIII. Certification



I hereby certify that all statements and representations on this application and on all accompanying materials are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that the thoughts and words contained in my personal statement and essays are my own, and that no one assisted in the creation of my personal statement and essays beyond basic proofreading or a general critique of my work. I understand that false statements may result in the revocation of an offer of admission or expulsion or rescinding of my degree.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## XIV. Early Decision Certification

I have applied to the summer-term program under the binding Early Decision plan. I understand that the deadline for applying is November 15, and that all my application materials must be received in the Admissions Office by that date in order to ensure that I meet that deadline. If I receive an offer from the University of Michigan Law School under this plan, I agree to commit to attend the School beginning May 27, 2014, as well as to withdraw all applications pending at other law schools and not to initiate any new applications.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Law School will contact you by email when we receive your application and again when your application file is complete. It is your responsibility to make sure that all necessary materials reach us. We cannot review incomplete applications.**

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ LSAC Account # or U.S. Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

## University of Michigan Law School Letter of Recommendation Information and Waiver Form

(You may photocopy this form, or use the LSAC waiver form.)

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ LSAC Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Letters of recommendation should be written on the recommender's letterhead and, if sent directly to the University of Michigan Law School, should have a copy of this completed form attached. **Recommendations sent in a packet from a placement office or through the LSAC letter of recommendation service need not have this form attached.**

Federal legislation gives students attending the Law School the right to inspect and review the letter(s) of recommendation contained in their educational records. However, the student or applicant may waive that right of access. The letter(s) will then remain confidential between the Law School and the writer(s). You are not required to waive your right of access as a condition for admission to the Law School or for the receipt of financial aid or other benefits. All letters of recommendation, whether written confidentially or not, are carefully considered in the admission decision. You alone must decide whether to waive your right.

Letters of recommendation are most helpful when they contain candid and objective assessments of an applicant. The Law School believes that the writer of a recommendation should know prior to writing it whether it will be held in confidence. We request, therefore, that you complete the declaration below and provide the completed form to each of your recommenders. Your recommenders, in turn, should complete the acknowledgment section at the bottom of the page and submit the form, along with their recommendation, directly to the Law School. If this form is not submitted with a letter of recommendation, or if the waiver on a submitted form is not completed, we will assume that you preserve your right of access to that letter.

### Applicant's Waiver Declaration:

I have read the statement above and understand that I am not required to waive the right of access provided by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as a condition for admission to the Law School or for the receipt of financial aid or other services and benefits.

- I hereby waive the right of access to this recommendation provided by law.  
 I do not waive the right of access to this recommendation provided by law.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommender Instructions

Your letter of recommendation will be most helpful to the Law School if it discusses the extent and nature of your acquaintance with the applicant and comments candidly on as many of the following subjects as possible: the applicant's intellectual and scholarly abilities, capacity for original thought, ability to analyze and critically assess information, quality of oral and written expression, growth potential, achievements, and personality, including interactions with peers and yourself or your colleagues.

Please do not return your letter of recommendation to the applicant. Mail it directly to the University of Michigan Law School, Admissions Office, South Hall, Suite 2200, 701 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3091, or send it by email to [law.jd.admissions@umich.edu](mailto:law.jd.admissions@umich.edu).

### Recommender's Acknowledgment:

I acknowledge having read both the above statement and the applicant's declaration concerning access prior to providing the attached letter of recommendation.

Signature of recommender \_\_\_\_\_ title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of recommender \_\_\_\_\_ institution \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ postal code \_\_\_\_\_