## Law School Application Timeline

### FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE YEARS
- Attend a Pre-Law Advising Workshop at the UCI Division of Career Pathways (see details on Handshake at uci.joinhandshake.com)
- Consider an internship or part-time position in any field
- Get involved in pre-law student clubs or organizations
- Check out the Law School Admissions Council for complete application information at lsac.org

### JUNIOR YEAR
- Research law schools and make a preliminary school list
- Set up your LSAC account at lsac.org
- Attend a Law School Forum where you can talk with representatives from various law schools. Dates and locations are available at lsac.org
- Participate in the Graduate & Professional School Fair during the fall – another opportunity to speak with representatives

### END OF JUNIOR YEAR / SENIOR SUMMER
- Start writing your personal statement
- Consider taking an LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) test prep course
- Take the LSAT (offered multiple times per year)
- Start asking professors and employers for letters of recommendation

### EARLY SENIOR FALL
- Make a checklist and schedule for each application
- Send transcripts and have letters of recommendation sent or completed through lsac.org
- Finish your personal statement. Tailor it to specific essay topics, if any
- Explore financial aid options (a law school education could exceed $200k)

### SENIOR FALL / WINTER
- Complete online applications through lsac.org as early as possible
- Fill out the FAFSA and financial aid profiles, if required (varies by school)
- Check your LSAC Report for completion

*Keep in mind, this is a suggested timeline – your individual deadlines may vary depending on the schools to which you apply.*

## Application Checklist

### LSAC REPORT & TAKING THE LSAT
- Subscribe and submit documents (transcripts, etc.) to LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and take the LSAT, usually no later than the November test date for admission of the following year.

### APPLICATION FORMS
- Complete ABA-approved law school applications online through lsac.org.

### PERSONAL STATEMENT
- Write your personal statement. Adhere to what each law school is requesting.

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
- Submit letters of recommendation. LSAC has a letter of recommendation service, which is optional unless the law school to which you are applying states that it is required.

### DEAN’S CERTIFICATE
- A Dean’s Certificate is a verification of your student conduct record and is not required by all law schools. If needed, obtain the certificate through the Student Life & Leadership Office of Student Conduct.

### APPLICATION FEE
- Pay the application fee or request a fee waiver.