




Georgia State
University | COLLEGE
OF LAW



Georgia State Law, located in downtown Atlanta, understands the demands of today's legal market and trains students who are driven, passionate and capable of stepping into any position upon graduation.

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Amidst the vibrant city of Atlanta, you will find a law school in a historic building that exemplifies the program with it. In the last 84 years, the college is most proud of the extraordinary community of scholars and friends that it has created. In our home at 85 Park Place, we blend state-of-the-art design and technology with our innovative and practice-based curriculum.

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Welcome



"Come see what Georgia State Law has to offer: a new facility with an amazing practice-based program."

Steven J. Kaminshine
Dean and Professor of Law



85 Park Place

Within the heart of one of the nation's premier international cities, we truly have the ability to challenge and refine legal education. Students and graduates alike are passionate and contribute to the law school and beyond. Georgia State Law's location, programs and value are unrivaled.

(Photo: Georgia State Law students in the lobby of 85 Park Place.)





Learn in a facility
designed and equipped
for the demands of
21st century legal
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Engaged Learning
Georgia State Law offers the most diverse law school in the nation, develops attorneys with an understanding of and appreciation for their craft. Our hands-on courses, externships and numerous clinical and service centers let you explore your interests while gaining experience assisting the underserved community.

Flexibility
Whether you're right out of college, working full time, or raising a family, our program will work for you. Our program defines flexibility. We offer both full-time and part-time options with classes in both the day and evening. By taking our summer classes, students can lighten their course load throughout the year or complete their legal education early.

Community
Our students, alumni, faculty and staff create a rich, vibrant, supportive learning environment in which everyone can succeed and thrive.

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Atlanta

Study in a state-of-the-art facility designed for legal education of the future. It's possible at 85 Park Place.

Home to professional sports teams, the nation's largest aquarium and the busiest passenger airport, Atlanta is the **capital of the South**. With rich culture, dynamic museums, a thriving music scene, a burgeoning movie industry and five-star restaurants, Atlanta is the place to be.



Atlanta is the hub of business, health care, research, government, entertainment and nonprofit organizations in the South. Students network, work, and train with attorneys in all areas of the law with unparalleled opportunities for real-world experience.

With Atlanta as your playground, you can take advantage of all a big city has to offer. An urban city lifestyle mixed with Southern charm provides a unique and incomparable atmosphere. Georgia State Law students can enjoy a cup of coffee on the sixth floor garden terrace—taking in one of the best views in the city, gather with friends at a museum, or dine in one of Atlanta's many eclectic neighborhoods.

During a study break, you can stroll along the historic and unique Beltline, or show your Atlanta pride while cheering for the Hawks, Braves or Falcons at a game. You can join your classmates on our intramural teams or check out Atlanta's thriving art scene, including concerts from local artists to today's biggest stars. Atlanta is filled with exciting events such as Jazz Fest, Music Midtown and the Dogwood Festival. Whether you are lounging in Piedmont Park or shopping in a trendy boutique, Atlanta offers it all.

Experience

Students in our J.D. and LL.M. programs master the theory of law and put it into practice through our innovative curriculum. By incorporating legal theory with legal experience, our students are able to hit the ground running after graduation with the skills and confidence that employers value.



Full-Time and Part-Time Options

Regardless of which option you choose, when you apply to Georgia State Law you are applying to a world-class legal institution where all programs are taught by distinguished faculty.

Full-time students usually take three years to earn their J.D. and may attend classes during the day or a combination of both day and evening. Part-time students, usually those juggling full-time jobs or family obligations, typically take five years to complete their J.D. Part-time students can elect to take classes during the day, evening or a combination of both.

Summer Courses

Our courses during the summer allow students to catch up or lessen their schedules during the fall and spring. For part-time students, this means you can finish your degree in four years instead of five and full-time students can do so in two and a half years.

LL.M. Program

Our LL.M. Program for Foreign-Trained Lawyers enriches and adds a global perspective to our classrooms. Our LL.M. program caters to international attorneys who wish to advance their careers by qualifying to practice in the United States or broaden their knowledge in specialty fields. Learn more about our LL.M. program at law.gsu.edu/llm.



OUR DEGREES

Interdisciplinary Study

For students looking to obtain a dual degree, Georgia State, one of the nation's leading urban research universities, offers nine dual-degree options:

- Accelerated Bachelor/J.D. with the Honors College
- J.D./M.A. (Philosophy)
- J.D./MBA (Business)
- J.D./M.P.A. (Professional Accounting)
- J.D./M.P.A. (Public Administration)
- J.D./M.P.H. (Public Health)
- J.D./M.S.H.A. (Health Administration)
- J.D./MBA/M.H.A. (Business/Health Administration)
- J.D./M.C.R.P. (City & Regional Planning) with Georgia Institute of Technology
- LL.M. (Master of Laws)

Learn More: law.gsu.edu/dual-degree-programs



OUR CLINICS

In-House Clinics

- The Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Clinic allows students to work on cases related to children's health and welfare.
- The Philip C. Cook Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic gives students the opportunity to represent clients before the U.S. Tax Court and the Internal Revenue Service.
- The Investor Advocacy Clinic allows students to work directly with clients who have suffered losses due to broker misconduct.

External Clinics

- Capital Defender Clinic students help make a strong case for life at trial and build factual and legal narratives that can lead to the reversal of death sentences on appeal.
- Landlord-Tenant Mediation Clinic students mediate landlord/tenant disputes and other small claim civil issues.
- Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic students represent clients with disabilities to help them obtain needed assistance.
- GSU Law Volunteer Clinic for Veterans provides free legal services to veterans on the Georgia State University campus. Student volunteers receive pro bono credit.

Learn more at law.gsu.edu/clinics.

OUR CENTERS

- Atlanta Center for International Arbitration and Mediation
- The Center for Access to Justice
- The Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth
- The Center for Intellectual Property
- The Center for Law, Health and Society
- The Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- The National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism

Learn more at law.gsu.edu/centers.

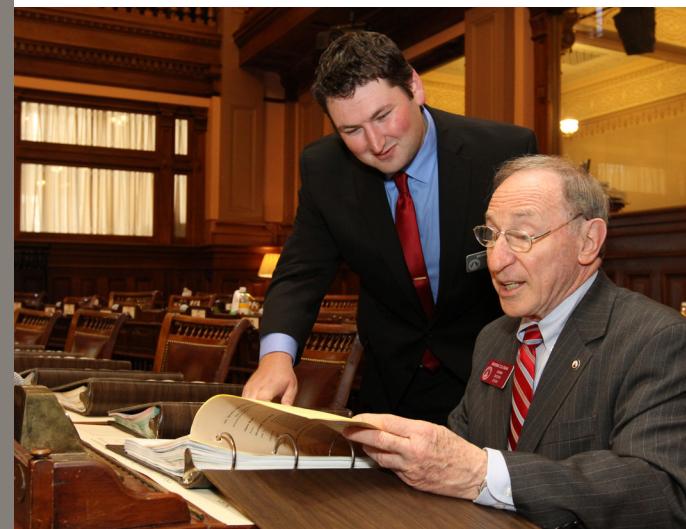
Under the Georgia Student Practice Rule, students gain real-world experience. Students certified to meet the minimum standards can be sworn in and practice law helping to serve the legal needs of underserved communities while earning their degrees.

Practice-Based and Simulation Courses

An invigorating classroom experience works hand-in-hand with our foundation in practice-based learning, giving students the knowledge and skillset they need to apply the law in their work as a student as well as in their professional endeavors.

Externships

With more than 75 externship sites, students are paired with site-supervising attorneys and placed in a wide range of government agencies, nonprofit organizations and judges' offices. These attorneys work one-on-one with students to develop their legal skills and provide valuable insight into the operation of the legal system.



Georgia State Law understands the demands of today's legal market. Our graduates are driven, passionate and capable of contributing in any position after graduation. Our holistic approach blends theory with practice, allowing our students broad academic choices while participating in externships, our research centers, clinical opportunities and practice-based classes.

Teaching Excellence. Our professors are sought-after practicing attorneys and researchers who develop casebooks, write legal codes, help frame civil rights issues, serve as legal experts, advise internationally and keep regular office hours. In fact, most employ an open-door policy, with offices on the same floor as our classrooms.



Engaged Faculty

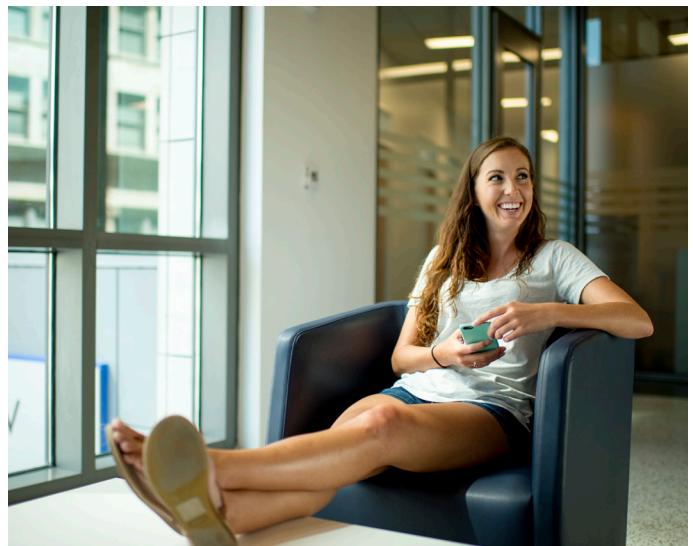
Once here, ask Professor Lauren Sudeall Lucas about her time clerking for Justice John Paul Stevens at the U.S. Supreme Court. Or take a seat in Paul Milich's Evidence class as he discusses the code he wrote. If your interests lie in Intellectual Property or entertainment, talk to Professor Michael Landau;

he's an internationally recognized authority on these subjects. Or if you need a break from the legalese, ask Professor Sam Donaldson about his New York Times crossword puzzles. He doesn't just do them; he creates them.





Georgia State Law doesn't merely assemble a first-year class. We build a community. When you enter 85 Park Place, you join the ranks of people who are committed to you and one another.





Join our ranks.

Student Organizations

We have more than 25 organizations that open the doors to the legal profession through service opportunities, community events, mentorships and networking. Our Student Bar Association sets the tone and ensures that everyone works together to advance the college and our chosen profession.

Co-Curriculars

Co-curriculars are student activities in which you also earn academic credit. They include Moot Court, Law Review and Student Trial Lawyers Association, our successful mock trial program. Additionally, our Law Review publishes the *Peach Sheets*, the only legislative history for Georgia.

Pro-Bono Recognition Program

Georgia State Law's culture of giving back is reflected in our Pro-Bono Recognition Program. At graduation, we celebrate our students who donate significant hours of service. The Class of 2016 alone donated 12,850 pro bono hours.

Committed to Your Success

Georgia State Law goes the extra mile for our students. We have a number of programs in place to help you navigate your first year and beyond.

- The Academic Success Program provides assistance in select required courses to help students avoid or overcome academic challenges.
- Faculty Advisement begins during Orientation, when you are paired with a professor who can help smooth the transition into law school, guides your course planning and suggests resources and services to ensure your success.
- Mentoring and advising begin your first week. Students, alumni and practicing attorneys share tips and resources through various groups like the Student Bar Association, Career Services, the Law Alumni Council and the Intellectual Property Advisory Board.
- Mindfulness Training and yoga help ground you and give you the skills to cope with life as a law student.



**They've been in your shoes,
and they want to help.**

Are you ready to join the ranks of the Georgia State Law alumni, a network of over 5,000 professionals committed to the college and its students?

Our alumni work in:

- large and small firms
- government agencies
- corporations
- international and regional nonprofit organizations

Our alumni are:

- Entrepreneurs
- Philanthropists
- Politicians

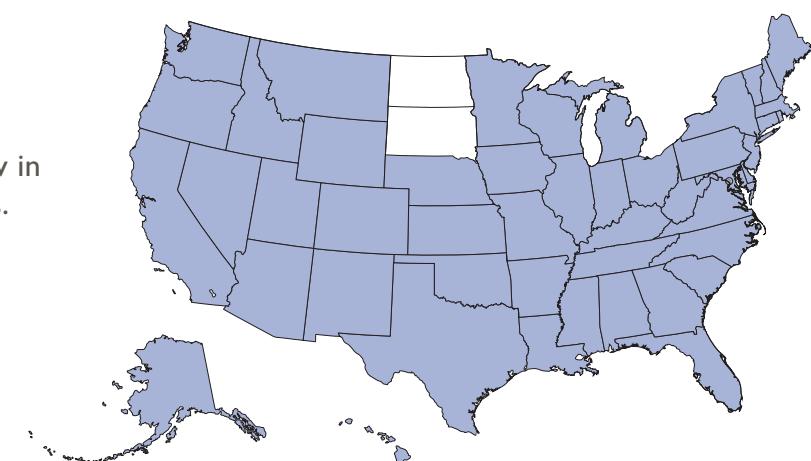


Our Distinguished Alumni

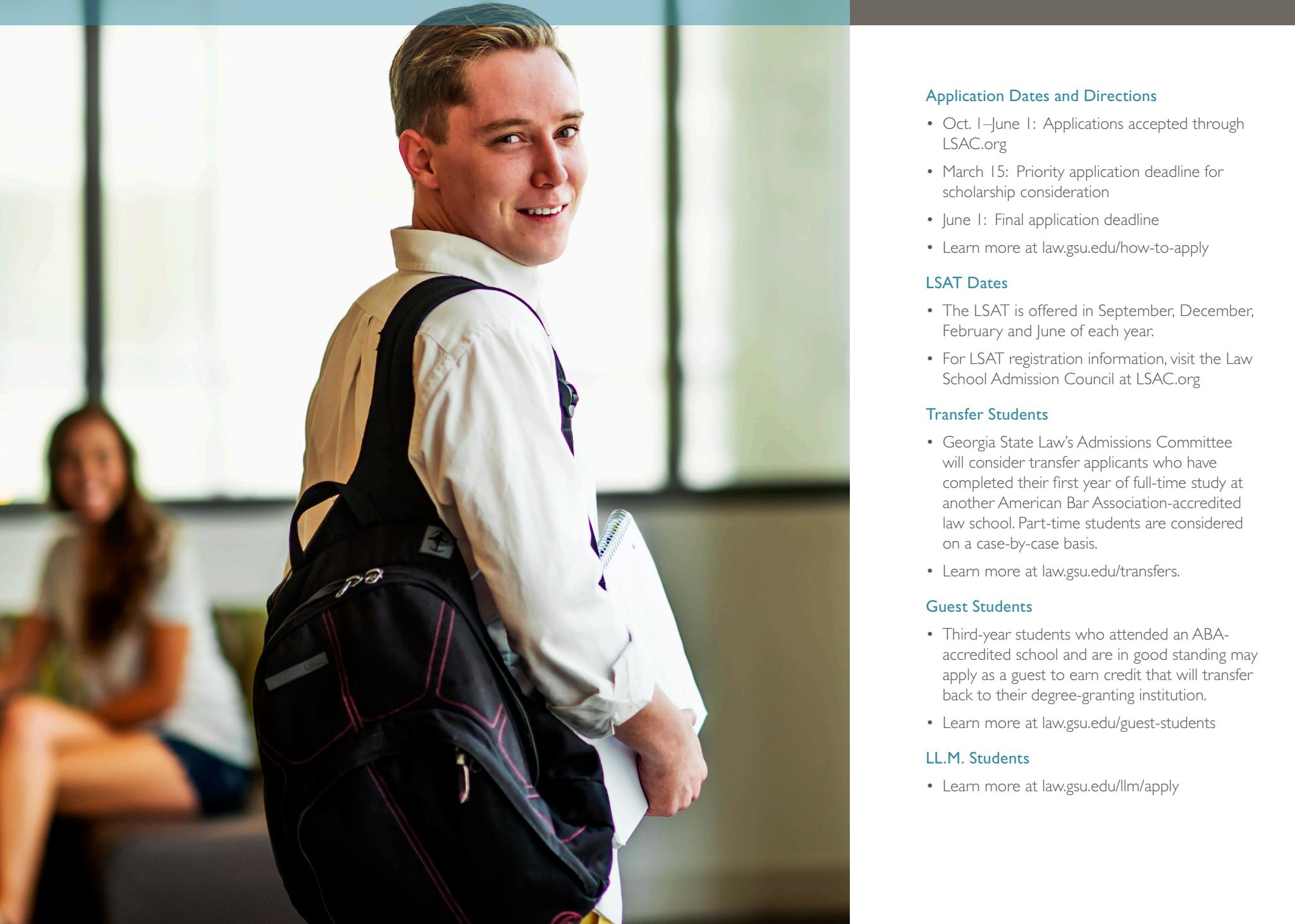


They live everywhere—from Atlanta and all over the Southeast to the West Coast and around the world. Wherever you go after graduation, our network will make it feel like home.

Georgia State Law
alumni practice law in
48 of the 50 states.



Apply



Apply to Georgia State Law electronically through LSAC.org.

Applications open on **Oct. 1**.

Your application must be submitted by **June 1** to be considered for the 2017 entering class.

For priority merit scholarship consideration, applications should be completed and received by the Office of Admissions by **March 15**.

Applications received or completed after the priority deadline may be considered by the Admissions Committee, at its discretion, for scholarship opportunities.

Application Dates and Directions

- Oct. 1–June 1: Applications accepted through LSAC.org
- March 15: Priority application deadline for scholarship consideration
- June 1: Final application deadline
- Learn more at law.gsu.edu/how-to-apply

LSAT Dates

- The LSAT is offered in September, December, February and June of each year.
- For LSAT registration information, visit the Law School Admission Council at LSAC.org

Transfer Students

- Georgia State Law's Admissions Committee will consider transfer applicants who have completed their first year of full-time study at another American Bar Association-accredited law school. Part-time students are considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Learn more at law.gsu.edu/transfers.

Guest Students

- Third-year students who attended an ABA-accredited school and are in good standing may apply as a guest to earn credit that will transfer back to their degree-granting institution.
- Learn more at law.gsu.edu/guest-students

LL.M. Students

- Learn more at law.gsu.edu/llm/apply

J.D. Application Checklist

- Register and take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).
- Register with the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS).
- Request official transcripts from all college/university registrars be sent to LSAC.
- Request recommenders send letters and form to LSAC directly. Georgia State Law requires two letters of recommendation and will allow a maximum of four letters.
- Submit application through LSAC.org by **March 15**, the priority deadline for merit scholarship consideration.
- Submit application through LSAC.org by **June 1**, the final application deadline.
- Submit a personal statement with your online application. Personal statement must be typewritten with a maximum length of two double-spaced pages.
- Pay \$50 nonrefundable Georgia State Law application fee through LSAC.org

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Twitter: [@GSULawadmissions](https://twitter.com/GSULawadmissions)

Our blog: law.gsu.edu/law-school-unplugged



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ADMISSIONS DISCLOSURE

The College of Law admits students based upon certification that the application materials are complete and accurate.

If you have omitted anything or any information changes, you must amend your application immediately. This obligation shall continue until you graduate from the College of Law. Misrepresentations may result in the invalidation of your application, revocation of admission, discipline under the College of Law Honor Code, report to the LSAC or bar authorities and/or other actions.

Pay close attention to Questions 3 and 4 on the Character and Fitness section of your application and the Criminal Certification following Question 4. Note: All moving violations must be disclosed; only parking tickets are exempt.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Georgia State University is an equal opportunity educational institution. Faculty, staff and students are admitted, employed and treated without regard to race, sex, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.

Georgia State University complies with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, Sections 503/504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act, as well as other applicable federal, state and local laws.

ABA CHARACTER AND FITNESS STATEMENT

Applicants are required to provide the ABA-accredited College of Law with information about their academic and personal background, including criminal history. The failure to answer any such questions fully and honestly may adversely affect one's application or result in actions, up to and including revocation of admission.

Every American jurisdiction in which you may practice law after graduation from law school requires each applicant for admission to the bar to meet character and fitness requirements as a condition of eligibility for admission. You are encouraged, as you go through the law school application process and before you enter law school, to determine the requirements of the

jurisdiction(s) where you intend to practice law. If you are uncertain where you will practice law, you may wish to review the Standard NCBE Character and Fitness Application, titled Request for Preparation of a Character Report, of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, which is used by a number of jurisdictions' bar admission authorities. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available at www.ncbex.org.

Complete information about Georgia's character and fitness rules, as well as bar exam and admission procedures, may be found at gabaradmissions.org. Students applying for admission in states other than Georgia are encouraged to review the specific admissions requirements of those states.

SACS ACCREDITATION

Georgia State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, masters, specialist and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 only for questions about the accreditation of the Georgia State University.

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