

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF LAW JURIS DOCTOR PROGRAM – TRANSFER/VISITOR



### 1. DIVISION (please check only one)

- Full-time
- Part-time

### 2. ENTERING STATUS

Transfer: Fall / Spring (Circle one) 20 \_\_\_\_

Visitor: Fall / Spring (Circle one) 20 \_\_\_\_

Reapplication: Year previously applied \_\_\_\_

### 3. NAME

Mr. / Ms. / Dr.  
(please circle one)

Last

First

Middle

Name on previous academic records if different from above:

Last

First

Middle

### 4. MAILING ADDRESS (valid until \_\_\_\_) MM/DD/YY

Number and Street

City, State, Zip

Day Phone

Evening Phone

Cell Phone

E-mail Address\*

\*Please note that e-mail is the primary method of communication used by the University of San Diego School of Law admissions office.

### PERMANENT ADDRESS

Number and Street

City, State, Zip

Day Phone

Evening Phone

Cell Phone

E-mail Address\*

### 5. U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

(SSN may be used for tax reporting purposes)

### 6. L

LSAC Account Number

### 7. BIRTH DATE

MM / DD / YYYY

### 8. BIRTH PLACE

City

State

OR

Country

### 9. PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Female
- Male

### 10. CITIZENSHIP (please check one)

- U.S. citizen
- U.S. permanent resident but not citizen
- Non-resident alien: Will you obtain an F-1 Student Visa?  Yes  No

If you are currently on a visa, please list visa type

Country of citizenship

Country of legal permanent residency

### 11. U.S. CITIZENS ONLY

Colleges and university are asked by many organizations, including the federal government, accrediting associations, college guides, newspapers, and our own college/university communities, to describe the racial /ethnic backgrounds of our students and employees. Your responses to the following two questions will be used for statistical purposes only:

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino?  Yes  No

In addition, please select one or more of the following groups or subgroups to describe yourself:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Black American or African American
- Mexican
- Puerto Rican
- South or Central American
- Hispanic – Other
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Filipino
- Indian (Asian)
- Asian – Other
- Eastern European
- Middle Eastern
- White – Other

Please do not write in this space

DEC F P DATE S/S

12. LSAT (please list date[s] you have taken or will take the LSAT and score[s]) \_\_\_\_\_

13. PLEASE LIST ALL COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND LAW SCHOOLS ATTENDED. (if additional space is needed, attach a separate page)

Institution	Attendance Dates-Mo./Yr.	Major	Degree	Date received or expected

14. Are any members of your immediate family graduates of the University of San Diego School of Law?  Yes  No

Name	Relationship	Degree	Class year

15. Have you ever been subject to any academic or disciplinary action (e.g., allegation, expulsion, suspension, dismissal invitation or requirement to withdraw) from any institution attended, profession or professional association?  Yes\*  No

16. Have you ever attended USD School of Law or any other law school? If yes, state where and when and give clear reasons for leaving. You must provide a letter from the dean or other authorized official verifying your good standing, together with an official transcript from any law school previously attended.  Yes\*  No

17. Have you ever been convicted or acquitted of a misdemeanor or felony (or the equivalent in a juvenile court) or is any such charge now pending? As used herein, a conviction includes a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or a verdict or finding of guilt, regardless of whether a sentence was imposed by a court and even if the record was expunged or sealed.  Yes\*  No

18. Have you ever been convicted by General Court Martial or did you receive a dishonorable discharge from the military?  Yes\*  No

19. If we are unable to offer you a position in the full-time division, would you consider a position in the part-time division?  Yes  No

\*If you answered "Yes" to question 14, 15, 16 or 17, you need to submit an explanation on a separate page.

**20. EMPLOYMENT DATA**

Please attach a current resume or a list of previous and current employers.

**21. THE SELECTION PROCESS**

The educational mission of the University of San Diego embraces a commitment to academic excellence, individual dignity and the development of the knowledge, values and skills that will prepare students for service to their professional, global, civic and faith communities. As a Roman Catholic institution, USD has a moral and theological commitment to educating a diverse student body. Accordingly, USD welcomes and respects those whose lives are formed by different traditions, recognizing that diversity of viewpoint, background and experience (including race, ethnicity, cultural diversity, gender, religion, age, socioeconomic status and disability) among the student body is essential to the full and informed exchange of ideas and to the quality of legal education USD seeks to provide.

While LSAT scores and undergraduate GPAs are important elements, other factors can also be significant in the admissions decision. These factors include: other graduate study; work experience and community or professional service; awards and distinctions; personal recommendations; maturity and character; geographical background; undergraduate and graduate institutions and major; length of time elapsed since completion of undergraduate work; demonstrated motivation, discipline and leadership ability; demonstrated success in completing a demanding educational program or activity; demonstrated success in overcoming hardship, discrimination, a social or economic disadvantage or physical disability; and demonstrated evidence of future promise, including the capacity to contribute to the legal profession and society.

The goal of the admissions committee, which serves in an advisory capacity to the dean of the School of Law, is to consider all of the qualitative factors of each applicant that are demonstrative of the applicant's ability to successfully study law and serve as a member of the legal profession. In choosing from among the pool of qualified candidates, the admissions committee—cognizant of the educational mission of the university, the critical role students play in educating one another and the diverse needs of the legal profession—considers the diversity of the class as a whole. The admissions process is highly selective—the School of Law receives approximately 4,500 applications for 320 available spaces in its entering class.

**22. PERSONAL STATEMENT**

In your separate personal statement, please describe and discuss the aspects of your background, qualifications, experiences, activities, perspectives, etc. relevant to the criteria for selection set forth above. You may also wish to address: (a) why you wish to study law, setting forth your special qualifications or aptitudes; (b.) how you plan to use your legal training; and (c.) any additional information you deem important for the admissions committee to consider.

**23. USD POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

The University prohibits discrimination against current or prospective students and employees on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected characteristic. The University does not by this non-discrimination statement disclaim any right it might otherwise have to maintain its commitment to its Catholic identity or the doctrines of the Catholic Church.

**24. DISCLOSURE**

Failure to disclose an act or event such as those described in questions 14, 15, 16 and 17; failure to provide truthful answers; or failure to inform the admissions office of any changes to your answers may result in revocation of admission or denial of permission to practice law by the state in which you seek admission. It may also lead to a referral to the Law School Admissions Council for misconduct or irregularity in the admissions process.

By signing this application or transmitting it electronically, I certify that I have read all the information contained in this application and in all the supplemental materials I submit, and that I have answered all questions fully and frankly. I agree to sign a statement at registration on the accuracy of the information contained in this application if I have applied electronically. I understand that any false or misleading statement may disqualify my application or terminate my studies at USD. I understand that the application fee is nonrefundable. The University of San Diego School of Law admissions and financial aid office has my permission to release financial and/or academic standing information to any organization from which I may be eligible to receive a scholarship or other gift aid. I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to comply with USD School of Law's requirements and rules. I further understand that submitted records and documents, including transcripts and letters of recommendation, will not be photocopied by the admissions office for any purpose and are nonreturnable.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to maintain a valid mailing, as well as e-mail address, with the admissions office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**NOTE:** Responses to the following questions are not considered in the admission decision; they are included to assist us in evaluating our efforts to communicate effectively with prospective students. Thank you for your assistance.

**PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A PARTICULAR AREA OF LAW:**

- Children's Advocacy
- Civil Litigation/Constitutional Law/Civil Rights
- Corporate/Business Law
- Criminal Litigation
- Energy Policy
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Law
- Labor Law
- Public Interest Law
- Public Policy/Public Regulation
- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURSUING A CONCURRENT DEGREE PROGRAM:**

- J.D./M.B.A. (Master of Business Administration)
- J.D./I.M.B.A. (International Master of Business Administration)
- J.D./M.A. (Master of Arts in International Relations)
- J.D./LL.M. in Tax

**PLEASE INDICATE WHAT SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCED YOUR DECISION TO APPLY TO THE USD SCHOOL OF LAW:**

- Visit to USD
- USD School of Law Web site
- Prelaw advisor
- ABA/LSAC Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools*
- Other law school guide, title: \_\_\_\_\_

A USD law student or alumnus, name: \_\_\_\_\_

A USD law representative, name: \_\_\_\_\_

A USD publication, name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_