

# Report from LSAC

July 26, 2017

This is the first report from LSAC President and CEO Kellye Testy and Board Chair Christine Whitman.

## Huge Jump in June LSAT Volume

June 2017 test-taker volume increased by nearly 20% compared to last June—from 23,051 to 27,606. This is an increase of 19.8% (4,555 test takers) and is the highest volume for a June test since 2010-2011, when there were 32,973 test takers. As of July 21, registration was up by 11.6% for the September LSAT administration; we will provide an update once registration closes in early August. As part of President and CEO Kellye Testy's commitment to eliminating barriers for candidates interested in going to law school, LSAC has been continually monitoring space availability for the test and has been making arrangements to accommodate all test takers who wish to take the test in popular locations.

## Camille deJorna to Join LSAC

Camille deJorna, Associate Deputy Managing Director at the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, will join LSAC's leadership team effective August 28. She will serve as LSAC's Senior Director for Strategic Initiatives and Global Services. According to Dean Testy, "Camille's proven commitment to justice and the rule of law, her deep experience in legal education generally (and law school admission in particular), her knowledge about international legal education, and her extensive network of relationships throughout the profession (in the US and around the world) situate her uniquely to help us advance LSAC's mission and service." Prior to joining the ABA, Camille was active on LSAC's Board of Trustees and governance committees. She has spoken nationally and internationally on the subject of diversity and inclusion, and was recently awarded the 2017 Legacy in the Law Award by the Black Women Lawyers Association of Greater Chicago at its 2017 National Summit for Black Women Lawyers.

## LSAC Awards Over One Million Dollars from Diversity Fund to CLEO and AILC

Efforts to protect legal education, the rule of law, and our justice system must include increasing equity, diversity, and inclusion in law school and the legal profession. To help achieve these objectives, and to partly replace lost support from the federal government, LSAC's Board of Trustees in May approved grants of over a million dollars to two organizations who have worked for nearly 50 years to encourage and support students from groups that have long been underrepresented in law school and the profession.

The Board approved a five-year grant of up to \$625,000 to support the American Indian Law Center's Prelaw Summer Institute (PLSI) program. The Board also approved at total of \$450,000 for a contribution in celebration of CLEO's 50th anniversary in 2018, a grant to match anniversary-related contributions, and a five-year program grant.

## Introducing Interim CIO Troy Lowry



Earlier this year, LSAC's chief information officer, Bruce Bachman, announced his intention to retire in August 2017 after 21 years of outstanding service to LSAC, including having led the development of electronic law school applications. President Testy has appointed Troy Lowry, deputy chief information officer, to serve as interim CIO. Troy has been with LSAC since 1996, most recently as director of candidate services product development and deputy CIO. Troy has been instrumental in the creation of electronic applications, the law school admission software ACES and ACES<sup>2</sup>, the candidate account area of LSAC.org, the Letter of Recommendation Service, and many other services. He is chair of the steering committee that is researching alternative delivery methods for the LSAT, including the Digital LSAT, which will be field-tested this fall. Troy holds a BA from Northeastern University and an MBA from New York University. Prior to working at LSAC, Troy was vice president of technology and cofounder of Polaris Systems, which provides custom software solutions for large financial companies.

## Washington, DC Forum Attendance Up Over 23%

Great news from the Washington, DC Law School Forum—JD attendance totaled 853, up 23.4% from the 2016 DC forum. This year for the first time, LSAC has opened all of the forums to LLM programs. We don't anticipate large numbers of LLM attendees at each forum, but schools with LLM programs will be prepared to answer questions for those who do attend. LLM attendance in DC totaled 7.

## Number of LSAT Dates to Increase in 2018

Another way LSAC is reducing barriers for prospective law students is an expansion of the LSAT schedule starting in mid-2018. The more flexible testing schedule will benefit both prospective law students, who will have more options if they have a conflict with a particular test date, and law schools, whose application cycles have shifted in recent years. The changes in the schedule are detailed below.

### 2017–2018 LSAT DATES

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Monday, June 12, 2017	12:30 PM
Saturday, September 16, 2017	8:30 AM
Monday, September 18, 2017 (Saturday Sabbath Observers)	8:30 AM
Saturday, December 2, 2017	8:30 AM
Monday, December 4, 2017 (Saturday Sabbath Observers)	8:30 AM
Saturday, February 10, 2018	8:30 AM
Monday, February 12, 2018 (Saturday Sabbath Observers)	8:30 AM

### 2018–2019 LSAT DATES

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Monday, June 11, 2018	12:30 PM
Saturday, September 8, 2018	8:30 AM
Wednesday, September 5, 2018 (Saturday Sabbath Observers)	8:30 AM
Saturday, November 17, 2018	8:30 AM
Monday, November 19, 2018 (Saturday Sabbath Observers)	8:30 AM
Saturday, January 26, 2019	8:30 AM
Monday, January 28, 2019 (Saturday Sabbath Observers)	8:30 AM
Saturday, March 30, 2019	8:30 AM
Monday, April 1, 2019 (Saturday Sabbath Observers)	8:30 AM
Monday, June 3, 2019	12:30 PM

### 2019–2020 (5 additional dates to come)

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Monday, July 29, 2019 (starting in 2019, the testing year will begin in July)	12:30 PM
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## Volume Summary

The number of test takers who took the June 2017 LSAT was 27,606. This is an increase of 19.8% (4,555 test takers) compared to June 2016. As of July 21, there were 353,367 applications submitted to ABA law schools by 55,645 applicants for the 2017–2018 academic year. Applicants are down 0.2% and applications are up 1.4% from 2016–2017. Last year at this time, we had 99% of the preliminary final applicant count.

