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Dear ABA Council Members:

LSAC has had a very active and productive period since our last update.

Priorities have included the following major initiatives. Please refer to the attached newsletter for details, volume charts, and other LSAC news.

1. Preparing a summary of research on test-optional admission policies.
2. June launch of free, comprehensive LSAT Prep with Khan Academy.
3. Increasing frequency of LSAT administrations for 2018-2019 cycle, with more to come.
4. Launching Digital LSAT in 2019.
5. Discover Law national digital ad campaign to promote legal education and law as a career to launch in July.
6. New LSAC Presidential Innovation Fellows program assists pipeline-building efforts.

Report from LSAC

April 2018



Volume Increases Continue

LSAT Volumes

Testing Year June 2017–February 2018

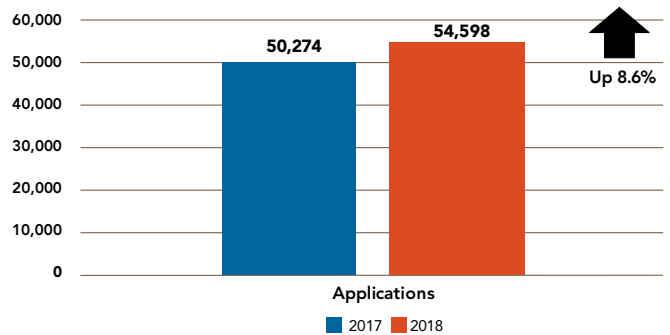
June Test Takers	Percent Change
27,606	19.8%
September Test Takers	Percent Change
27,606	10.7%
December Test Takers	Percent Change
40,096	27.9%
February Test Takers	Percent Change
32,026**	10.8%
Total	Percent Change
129,165	18.1%

New DAILY Volume Reports on LSAC.org

We know that the data LSAC collects about the applicant pool is an important benefit for law schools and prelaw advisors. To make this data even more accessible, LSAC's Applicant and Application Volume Summary data reporting has undergone a major makeover. With our new, interactive report, users can easily see the increase or decrease in applicant and application volumes across the US and Canada. The aggregate data is available to all without a password. The best feature of these reports is that they are updated every evening! Please don't hesitate to contact Josiah Evans, LSAC's Assistant Director of Social Science Research, if you have any questions or suggestions for improvements of these reports at reports.feedback@LSAC.org.

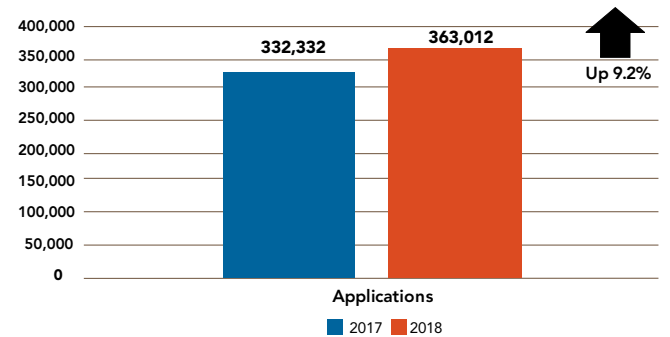
ABA Applicants and Applications

ABA Applicants Year-to-Date as of April 20, 2018



Last year at this time, we had 90% of final count

ABA Applications Year-to-Date as of April 20, 2018



Last year at this time, we had 94% of final count

Free LSAT Prep Launches with LSAC and Khan Academy



LSAC is committed to providing students an opportunity to learn the skills they need most to do well on the LSAT and succeed in law school. Since our partnership with Khan Academy was first announced in early 2017, both organizations have been hard at work to bring that vision to life. At our annual meeting, LSAC's President Kellye Testy will join Sal Khan, founder and CEO of Khan Academy, to celebrate the official unveiling of Khan Academy Official LSAT Prep on KhanAcademy.org. We can't wait to offer personalized online LSAT practice available to all for free!

Discover Law Digital Ad Campaign to Launch in July

In early July, LSAC will launch a major national digital ad campaign to highlight the importance of the rule of law, promote the value of a law degree, and build a diverse pipeline of new lawyers.

Campaign Objectives

- ✓ **Expand the justice pipeline** for more individuals who are underrepresented or not currently in the LSAC universe
- ✓ **Increase visibility** into the many ways that a legal education is used in varied career pathways as well as the many programs law schools offer
- ✓ **Take advantage of LSAC.org's relaunch** to reintroduce DiscoverLaw.org as the hub for information and resources for potential candidates
- ✓ **Bring greater transparency and support** to the process of applying to and being admitted to law school to enhance access to the profession

LSAC Sponsors Future of Legal Education Conference at FIU

On April 12 and 13, legal education leaders gathered at Florida International University in Miami for The Summit on the Future of Legal Education and Entry to the Profession. The event, cosponsored by LSAC, jump-started a conversation about how best to align law school admissions, legal education, bar requirements, and the practice of law, laying the groundwork for a broader conference, The Rule of Law in America, to be convened in the fall by LSAC. Millions of Americans have unmet legal needs, from criminal defense to civil litigation to the need for everyday legal documents. At the same time, public-sector funding for legal services has been reduced and law school remains financially challenging for many potential students, particularly when the nature and number of jobs for law graduates are being affected by technology, globalization, and other forces. The Summit and the upcoming conference are the beginning of an LSAC initiative to bring together leaders from diverse sectors to rethink how we are building the justice pipeline and to develop a blueprint for improvements in access to justice for all Americans.



More than 100 people registered to attend the Summit in person, 264 people tuned in to a livestream of the conference on Thursday, and another 118 tuned in on Friday. Kellye Testy's conversation with ABA President Hilarie Bass on Friday was a highlight of the Summit. Watch for details about the fall conference in the near future.

Cynthia Nance Wins ABA's 2018 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award



LSAC congratulates former Board member and longtime governance volunteer Cynthia Nance on winning the American Bar Association's 2018 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award. The honor, established in 1991 by the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession, recognizes

and celebrates the accomplishments of women lawyers who have excelled in their field and have paved the way to success for other women lawyers. Dean Nance is the dean emeritus of the School of Law at the University of Arkansas.

Registration Open for First-Ever July LSAT Administration

Registration is brisk for the new July administration of the LSAT on July 29. The final day for registration is June 13. This is a nondisclosed Monday test that begins at 12:30 PM in hundreds of test centers throughout the US. Registration will open in May for the September 2018–January 2019 LSAT administrations (PDF).

2018 LSAC Annual Meeting and Educational Conference

JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa
Las Vegas, NV • May 30–June 2, 2018

Hope to see you there!



2018 Admission Newcomers Workshop Set for September 5–8

The Newcomers Training Workshop is offered each September in Philadelphia and will take place this year on September 5–8, 2018. This four-day, intensive course introduces newcomers to the fundamentals of the complex world of law school admission. Key topics include the *LSAC Statement of Good Admission and Financial Aid Practices*; use of the LSAT; data services offered by LSAC; recruiting, marketing, and publications; diversity in law school; legal issues in admission, and more. It also helps new admission professionals to develop an invaluable professional network and to get to know the LSAC staff members who support their work. The Newcomers Planning Work Group prepares and presents most of the sessions for this workshop. The 2018 Newcomers Planning Work Group is being chaired by Michelle Heck, Missouri. Members of the work group include April Fox, Tulsa; Lisa Gear, Southwestern; Matthew Kerns, Arkansas, Little Rock; Nicolas Jamison, Vermont; Jimmi Nicholson, Kentucky; Tom Shaffer, Roger Williams; and Rebecca Scheller, Wisconsin, ex officio.

Miguel Willis Named First LSAC Presidential Innovation Fellow



Inspiration to pursue a legal education can come from many different directions—a friend or relative, a perceived injustice, or even a new TV show. LSAC has added another source of inspiration—a fellowship that supports emerging leaders who will work to inspire prospective students to pursue legal education by developing innovative

pathways to advance justice and the rule of law. LSAC's first Presidential Innovation Fellow is Miguel Willis, the 2016 National Jurist Law Student of the Year.

Miguel's entrepreneurial spirit, drive to innovate, and commitment to diversity and access to justice made him the ideal choice to become LSAC's first Presidential Innovation Fellow. He is committed to using his law degree in a nontraditional way to solve seemingly intractable problems. At LSAC, he will grow his Access to Justice Tech Fellows Program, which he founded while obtaining his JD from Seattle University School of Law. It is a national 10-week, summer fellowship program that trains law students to work with technology to improve delivery of legal services, many through Legal Services Corporation (LSC)-funded organizations. Training is primarily online and covers technology competence, project management, legal design thinking, and cultural competency. For the coming summer, his program will support 25 fellows from 23 law schools.

LSAC Presidential Innovation Fellows will serve two-year overlapping terms. Fellows assist LSAC with its work in building the justice pipeline while having structured support to incubate their fellowship project. The application process for selection of the next Presidential Innovation Fellow (term to begin in September 2019) will open on September 10, 2018, at LSAC.org.

Seeking Student Stories from the Justice Pipeline

Law school students around the country are committed to making a difference by working on legal issues that matter to them. If you have students whose stories might inspire others, please send them to us so that we can review them for posting on LSAC.org so that they can inspire aspiring law students. We want to showcase as many students as we can from as many law schools as possible. We look for the stories, and videos and photos, in short newsy format, and there is no limit on how many we will take from each school.



Did You Know?

Credential Assembly Service (CAS) updates now flow into ACES² every day—including weekends. This new service ensures that law schools will always have the most up-to-date CAS information for each applicant.

Camille deJorna Attends 2018 African Law School Leadership Conference



Camille deJorna, LSAC's Senior Director for Strategic Initiatives and Global Services, recently participated in the 2018 African Law School Leadership Forum Conference on Legal Education at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. The theme of the conference was "From Imitation to Innovation: Comparative Perspectives on Legal Education." Camille spoke about ABA Law School Accreditation and discussed LSAC's services, including those related to international assessments. She was honored to meet Mogoeng Thomas Reetsang Mogoeng, Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa.

Kellye Testy Visits UALR Bowen School of Law and Pre-Law Society

At the invitation of Dean John DiPippa, Kellye Testy toured the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law and spoke to UALR's Pre-Law Society at their monthly Law@Lunch Meeting. According to Kellye, it was a wonderful visit and she was very inspired by the commitment of all of the students she met. Kellye is very interested in visiting a wide array of schools and prelaw groups to meet the next generation of law students.



Prelaw students Cecelia Bonds, Joe Giammo (prelaw advisor), Melissa Vachon, Kevin Shatley, Mckenzi Baker, Kellye Testy (LSAC), Kyle Winters, Amber Watson, Harold Moses

2018 Summer Workshops—Save a Date

Each summer, LSAC hosts a series of regional workshops to provide information to law school admission professionals on narrowly focused topics that are of current interest to the law school admission community. These workshops provide an excellent opportunity for professional development and continuing education with very little cost, as participants pay only for their own travel.

A survey was sent to law school admission offices for workshop topic recommendations. LSAC's Services and Programs Committee is working to determine the topic for the 2018 Summer Workshops. The workshops are tentatively scheduled for the following dates and cities

Date	City
July 20, 2018	Washington, DC
July 24, 2018	Los Angeles, CA
July 25 or 26, 2018	Chicago, IL

LSAC Law School Forum Dates, Times, and Locations 2018

Registration/Housing Deadlines

Washington, DC—May 14, 2018
Fall Forums—July 9, 2018

Representative Name Deadlines

Washington, DC—June 11, 2018
Fall Forums—August 13, 2018

Cancellation Deadlines

Washington, DC—May 30, 2018
Fall Forums—August 6, 2018

Washington, DC

Saturday, July 21, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM
Marriott Wardman Park—[Map and Directions](#)
2660 Woodley Road NW
Washington, DC 20008
202.328.2000

Toronto, ON

Monday, September 17, 1:00 PM–6:00 PM
Hyatt Regency Toronto—[Map and Directions](#)
370 King Street West
Toronto, ON Canada M5V 1J9
416.343.1234

Chicago, IL

Saturday, September 29, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM
Palmer House Hilton—[Map and Directions](#)
17 East Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603
312.726.7500

Los Angeles, CA

Saturday, October 6, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM
The Westin Bonaventure Hotel—[Map and Directions](#)
404 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071
213.624.1000

Miami, FL

Saturday, October 13, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM
Hyatt Regency Miami—[Map and Directions](#)
400 SE Second Avenue
Miami, FL 33131
305.358.1234

Atlanta, GA

Friday, October 19, 1:00 PM–6:00 PM
Westin Peachtree Plaza—[Map and Directions](#)
210 Peachtree Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30303
404.659.1400

New York, NY

Friday, October 26, 1:00 PM–6:00 PM
Saturday, October 27, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM
New York Hilton Midtown—[Map and Directions](#)
1335 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10019
212.586.7000

San Francisco, CA

Friday, November 2, 1:00 PM–6:00 PM
Marriott Marquis San Francisco—[Map and Directions](#)
780 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
415.896.1600

Houston, TX

Saturday, November 10, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM
JW Marriott Houston—[Map and Directions](#)
5150 Westheimer Road
Houston, TX 77056
713.961.1500

Boston, MA

Monday, November 12, 1:00 PM–6:00 PM
Boston Marriott Copley Place—[Map and Directions](#)
110 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02116
617.236.5800