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To ABA Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to report on our activities. Since our last update, LSAC has continued to focus on reengineering our programs, services, and organization to better serve law schools, the increasing number and types of programs they offer, and law school candidates worldwide. As we discussed in Chicago, we also look forward to assisting the Council over the coming months with appropriate next steps regarding Standards 501/503. We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with the Council and Section for the benefit of legal education and advancing our legal system.

- August 8 was the last update for applicant/application volume data for the 2018-2019 admission cycle until the data are finalized early next year. As of August 8, there were 60,687 applicants to ABA-approved law schools, up 8.1% from 56,142 last year, and 386,051 applications, up 8.7% from 355,159 last year. For real-time data, visit the [volume summary pages on LSAC.org](http://www.lsac.org/volume-summary-pages).
- Applicants from all racial and ethnic groups increased. Female applicants increased at a greater rate than male applicants, a trend that has been consistent for the past three years.

Race/Ethnicity	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	*	6	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	1287	1374	6.8%
Asian	5896	6711	13.8%
Black or African American	8441	8960	6.1%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	32	44	37.5%
Caucasian/White	35441	38505	8.6%
Hispanic/Latino	7432	8065	8.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	269	286	6.3%
Not Indicated	1317	1536	16.6%
Puerto Rican	1719	1750	1.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>61837</b>	<b>67237</b>	<b>8.1%</b>

Sex	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
Female	29,785	32,532	9.2%
Male	25,972	27,553	6.1%
Not Indicated	385	602	56.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,142</b>	<b>60,687</b>	<b>8.1%</b>

- There were double-digit increases in all LSAT score segments from 160 through 180. Please see the chart below for specific bands.

### LSAT Scores

Highest LSAT	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
< 140	4,270	4,382	2.6%
140-144	5,891	5,987	1.6%
145-149	9,572	9,801	2.4%
150-154	11,146	11,648	4.5%
155-159	9,893	10,558	6.7%
160-164	7,235	8,283	14.5%
165-169	4,023	5,131	27.5%
170-174	2,106	2,411	14.5%
175-180	435	694	59.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,571</b>	<b>58,895</b>	<b>7.9%</b>

- Thus far, while the total LSAT registration volume for the 2018 June/July administrations was up by 23.8% compared to June of last year, the combined volume for June, July, and September on this date is down 4.9% compared to June and September last year.

What does this mean? It is really best not to draw conclusions until we complete the testing year next spring. This is a period of redistribution of test takers, as test takers weigh more options for taking the LSAT. The admission cycle has also lengthened at many law schools, which affects test-taker behavior. We will continue to provide regular updates and analysis of test-taker behavior. Real-time data is always available at [LSAC.org](http://LSAC.org).

ADMIN	2017 REGIST.	2018 REGIST.	2018
			FIRST TIME TEST TAKERS
JUNE	30,333	24,909	16,707 (67%)
JULY		12,565	8,376 (67%)
SEPT	45,763	34,875	20,521 (59%)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>76,096</b>	<b>72,349</b>	
<b>Difference</b>		<b>-3,747 (-4.9%)</b>	

*The above chart shows registration numbers for the June 11 LSAT administration (final count), the July 23 LSAT administration (as of test date), and the September 8 (5 for Sabbath observers) LSAT administration (as of 8/29/2018).*

- We are launching our completely redesigned LSAC.org website on Tuesday, September 11. The new site will be much easier and more intuitive to navigate, with better presentation of streamlined content, less dense text and more photos and videos, optimized usability on phones and other devices, and a new LSAC blog with wide reach. With the launch of the new site, we will begin a major national Discover Law digital ad campaign to inspire potential students to think about law school and the legal profession, and to visit the Discover Law landing page on LSAC.org that will help them get started on their journey to the law.

- A new skills analysis study is in the works to update any changes in skills required to succeed in law school. This is a critical step in establishing content validity for any assessment instrument and is performed at regular intervals by LSAC to ensure that we are providing the appropriate tools to help our schools assess applicants' potential for success. We expect to report on our findings before the end of this year.
  
- LSAC's enhanced support for LLM and other non-JD programs has continued to grow. Additional support, beginning in September, includes:
  - Throughout LSAC.org, we will be using the term "LLM and Other Law Programs" to refer to the parts of the site that address non-JD programs;
  - Applicants who do not have a first degree in law will be able to create an account and provide their school/transcript information for processing;
  - We will be introducing coupons that schools can use to pay Document Assembly Service (DAS), International Transcript Authentication and Evaluation Service (ITAES), or Report fees on behalf of applicants. Later this year, we will pilot a similar process that will not require the use of coupons;
  - We have made changes so that schools may access applicant data sooner, including being able to prompt applicants to complete unfinished electronic applications;
  - We have made it easier for applicants to find all types of programs/applications so that all of your offerings are more accessible and visible. LSAC appreciates the helpful advice of the deans and admission professionals serving on our work group to help us continue to expand our services for LLM and other law programs.