

# Pre-Law E-Newsletter

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## 1. MESSAGE FROM THE ADVISOR

Current Applicants: If you have applied to law schools that require Dean's Certification Forms and have submitted the forms to this office for completion, please be sure to follow up with each law school within 1 week of delivering the forms to this office. You will need to determine whether the forms are on file with each respective law school. If you determine that the Dean's Certification forms are not on file, please follow up with your respective Administrative Coordinator to ensure that you have all required items on file with this office. The Dean's Certification Forms cannot be completed unless all required items are on file with this office.

Who to follow up with regarding your office file:

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For students whose last name begins with A-G, contact Ms. Harding.

Carolyn Mae Krause, Administrative Coordinator, ckrause@jhu.edu 410-516-6744  
For students whose your last name begins with H-O, contact Mrs. Krause.

LaTonia Sanders, Administrative Coordinator, ladytee@jhu.edu 410-516-4140  
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Ana L. Droskoski, Esq.

## 2. NEW YORK LEGAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM 2008 (NY LEO)

### Introduction

THE NY LEO PROGRAM assists minority, low-income and educationally disadvantaged college graduates in acquiring the fundamental and practical skills necessary to succeed in law school. The program is available to qualified candidates who will attend law school in New York.

THE NY LEO PROGRAM is an intensive six-week summer program offered by the New York State Judicial Institute. Honorable Robert G.M. Keating, the Dean of the Judicial Institute, administers the program. Students are required to live on the campus of Pace University Law School in White Plains, NY and participate in the program full-time. Experienced law professors will provide instruction in first-year law school core courses as well as in legal research, writing and analysis. As part of the program, students will have the opportunity to visit courts in session and meet with members of the judiciary and other legal professionals

### Eligibility

To be eligible to participate, a student must:

- be a minority, low-income or educationally disadvantaged;
- receive his or her college degree by the beginning of the summer program;

- have been accepted by or have an application pending at a New York law school; and
- agree to attend law school in New York.

#### Financial Assistance

The NY LEO Program is provided free of charge to selected participants. Covered expenses include:

- courses and textbooks
- dormitory room
- meals
- access to Pace University libraries and computer facilities
- stipend

#### Application Requirements

To be considered for admission to the NY LEO Program, submit an application to the NY LEO Offices by March 26, 2008. Applications should be mailed to

#### NY LEO Program

New York State Judicial Institute  
84 N. Broadway  
White Plains, NY 10603

Download: 2008 NY LEO Application form will be posted the week of December 17, 2007, and can be found by visiting: <http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/leo/appform.shtml>.

#### 3. FAQs: the LSAT (see [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org))

Generally, the LSAT is the most persuasive factor in your law school application package. Below are some of the more frequently asked questions regarding this test.

##### What is the LSAT?

The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is a half-day, standardized test administered at designated testing centers throughout the world. Most law schools throughout the US and Canada use the LSAT results as part of their admission process. All ABA-approved law schools, most Canadian law schools, and many non-ABA-approved law schools require applicants to take the LSAT.

##### When is the test administered?

The LSAT is administered four times a year in late September/early October, December, February, and June. The June LSAT is administered on a Monday, whereas the other three administrations are on a Saturday (with Monday dates for Sabbath Observers).

##### What is the format of the LSAT?

The test consists of five 35-minute sections of multiple-choice questions. Four of the five sections contribute to the test taker's score. These sections include one reading comprehension section, one analytical reasoning section, and two logical reasoning sections. The unscored section, commonly referred to as the variable section, typically is used to pretest new test questions or to pre-equate new test forms. The placement of this section in the LSAT will vary.

A 35-minute writing sample is administered at the end of the test. The writing sample is not scored by LSAC, but copies are sent to all law schools to which you apply.

##### How is the LSAT scored?

The score scale for the LSAT is 120 to 180. Generally, to be competitive for a top ten law school, you will need a score of 170. However, you can still be a competitive law school applicant with a LSAT score much lower than 170.

##### What is the purpose of the LSAT?

Law schools will rely on your LSAT score rather heavily when making admission decisions. This is

because the design of the LSAT intends to measure skills that are considered essential for success in law school, such as: the reading and comprehension of complex texts with accuracy and insight; the organization and management of information and the ability to draw reasonable inferences from it; the ability to think critically; and the analysis and evaluation of the reasoning and arguments of others.

What is the quickest way to register for the test?

Registering online is the quickest and easiest way to register. You can also call 215.968.1001 or use the registration forms located in the current LSAT & LSDAS Registration Packet.

How long after the test will I receive my results?

LSAT takers who have LSAC online accounts will automatically receive their LSAT scores by e-mail approximately three weeks after taking the test. This is the quickest way to obtain your LSAT score. LSAC will send score reports by mail approximately four weeks after each test and may require a fee for online account holders.

Should I take the test more than once?

You really should prepare for and intend to take the test only once. If you believe, however, that your test score does not reflect your true ability, you should consider taking the test again. If you were averaging considerably higher on practice tests, or did not prep as well as you could have for the test, these can be good gauges in determining whether you should retake the test. Also, if you became ill during the test or were vying with some other concurrent issue during your initial administration date, you may consider retaking the test. Data show that scores for repeat test takers often rise slightly. However, be aware that your scores may drop. Although having two comparable (or an later improved) LSAT scores on file will not hurt you, having more than two scores may. When determining whether to retake the LSAT, be sure to make an appointment with Ana L. Droskoski, Esq. to discuss your individual situation and circumstances when rendering this decision.

#### 4. UPCOMING PRE-LAW MEETINGS AND PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Programming - coming soon!

LSAT Administration for 2008

Location: On campus, Hodson 110 - check with LSDAS for additional testing locations

Dates: Saturday, February 2, 2008

Time: Registration begins at 8:30am - consult with LSDAS for all controlling details

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STAFF IN THE OFFICE OF PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS AND ADVISING

Ana L. Droskoski, Esq., who advises Pre-Law students:

Pre-Law Walkins: Mondays 10:00am to 11:30am

Pre-Law Appts: Mondays/Thursdays 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Wednesdays 10:00am to 11:30am & 2pm to 3pm

David Verrier, Ph.D., Director, who advises Pre-Health students:

Walkins: Friday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Appts: Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

The Administrative Coordinators are available to answer questions and schedule appointments:

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Please feel free to use the resource library between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. everyday or visit our website  
<http://www.jhu.edu/preprof> for additional information.

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