

LSAC Update to the Southern Association of Prelaw Advisors

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LSAC's mission

“To advance law and justice by encouraging diverse, talented individuals to study law and by supporting their enrollment and learning journeys from prelaw through practice.”

<https://www.lsac.org/about/mission-history>

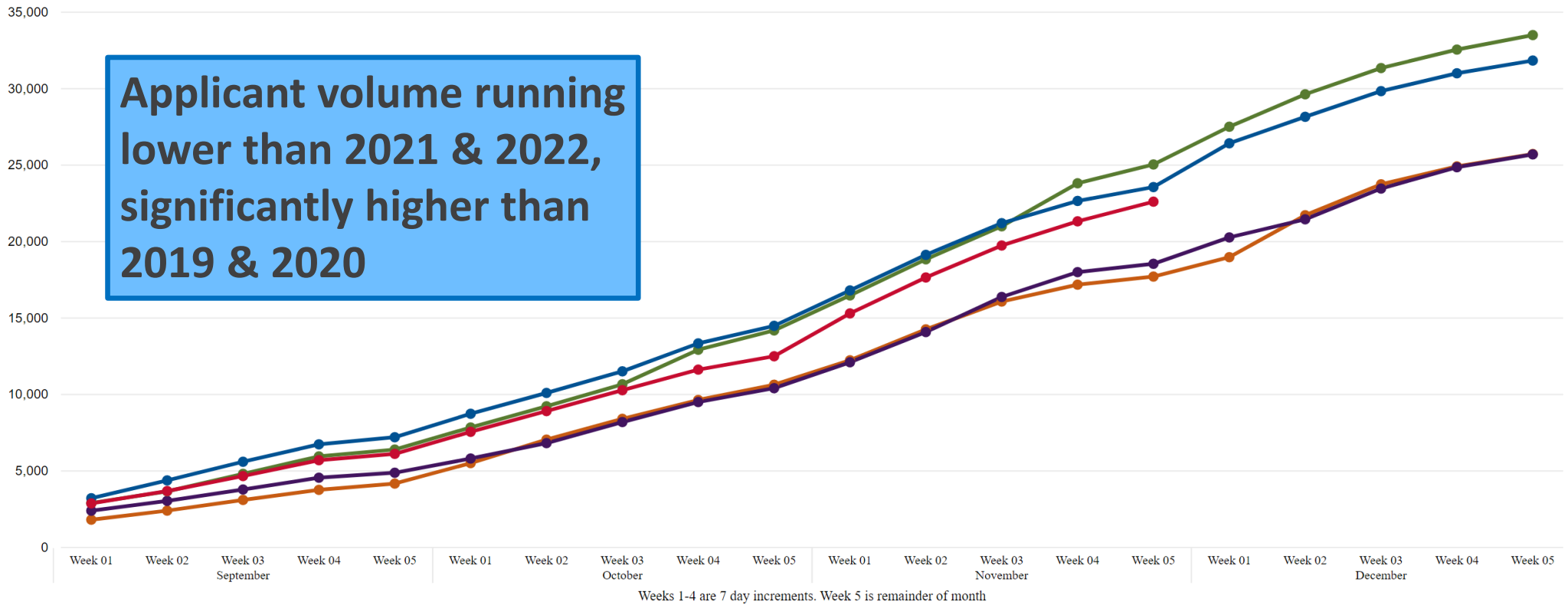
2022-23 Admission Cycle Update



US ABA Applicants

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Applicant volume running lower than 2021 & 2022, significantly higher than 2019 & 2020

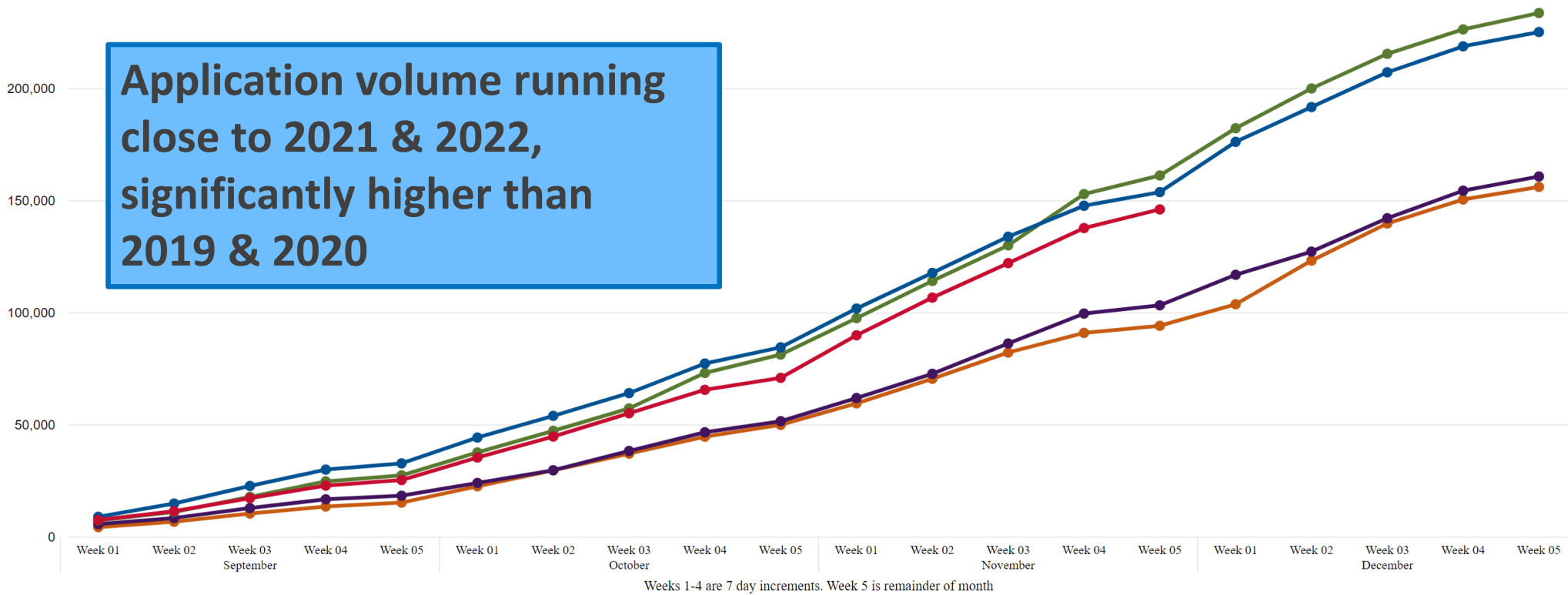


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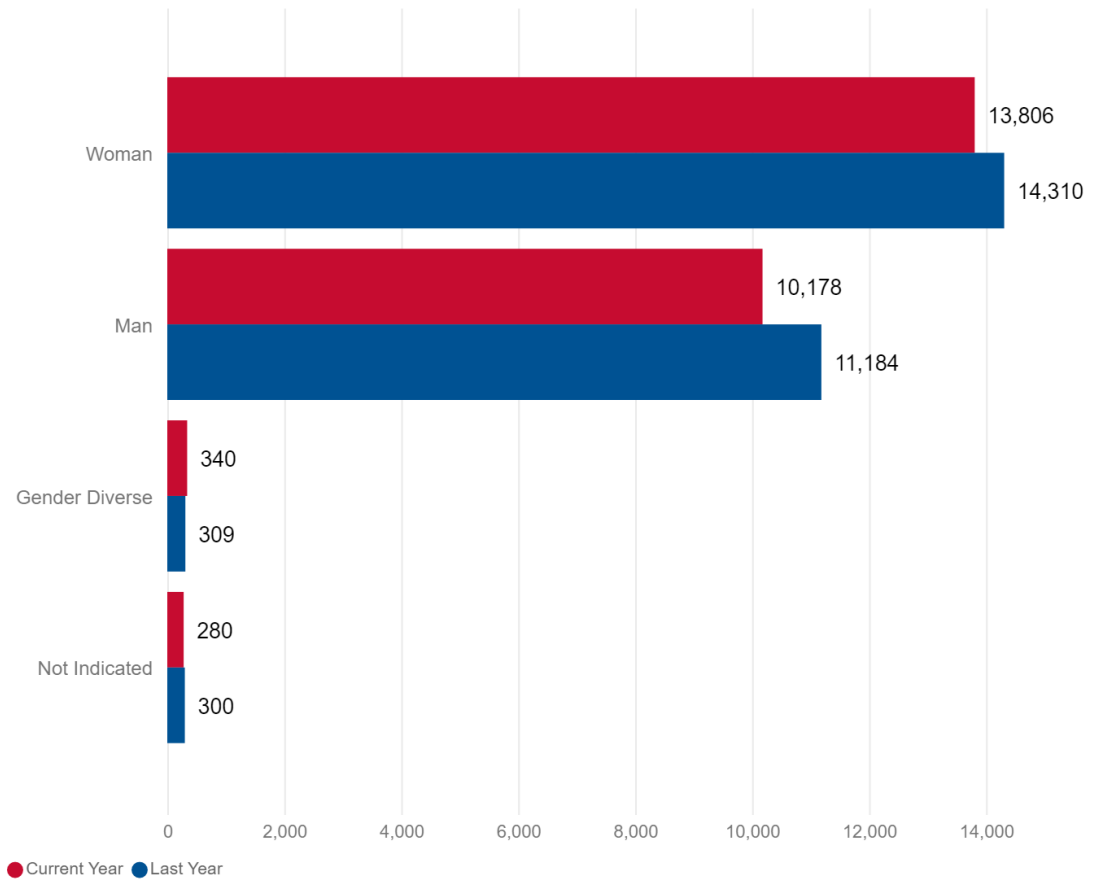
Application volume running close to 2021 & 2022, significantly higher than 2019 & 2020



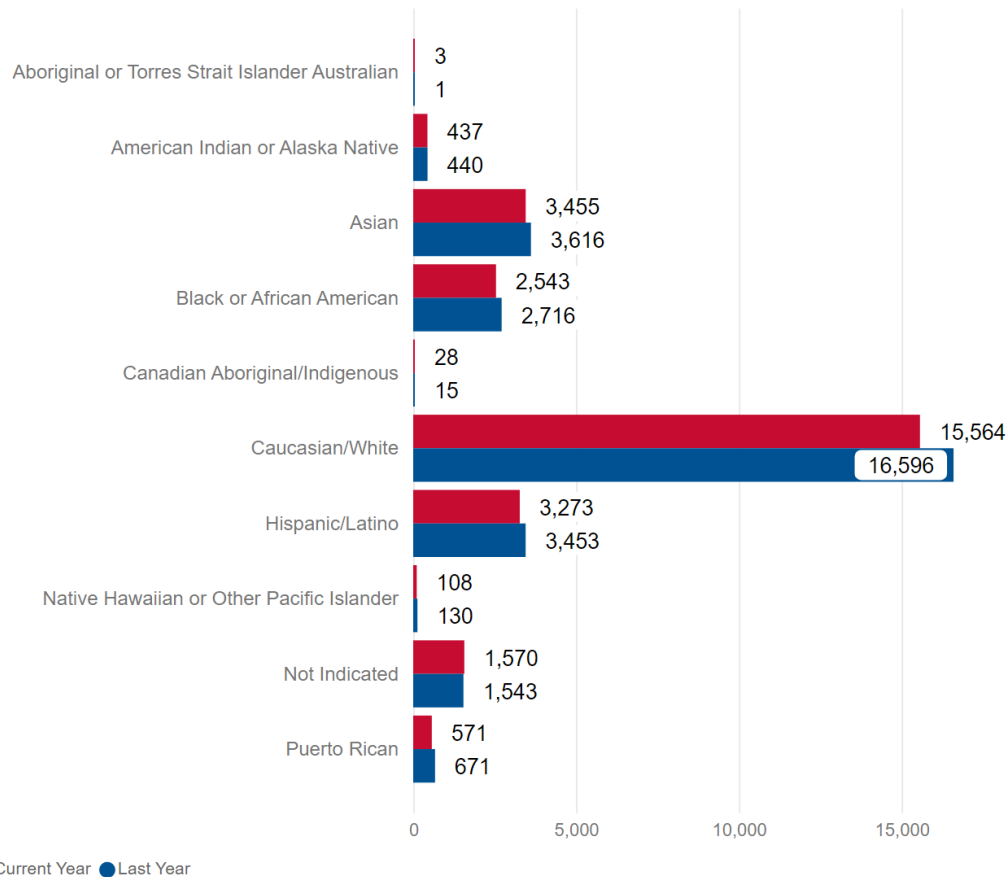
As of 12/5/2022, there were 161,869 applications for the 2023 enrollment year. Applications are down 5.0% from 2022 and down 8.8% from 2021. Last year on this date, we had 40% of the final application count.

2023 Enrollment Year - Applicants by Gender

Gender	2023	2022	Percent Change 2022 to 2023
Man	10,178	11,184	-9.0%
Woman	13,806	14,310	-3.5%
Gender Diverse	340	309	10.0%
Not Indicated	280	300	-6.7%
Total	24,604	26,103	-5.7%



2023 Enrollment Year - Applicants by Ethnic\Racial Group



Ethnic/Racial Group	2023	2022	Percent Change 2022 to 2023
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	3	1	200.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	437	440	-0.7%
Asian	3,455	3,616	-4.5%
Black or African American	2,543	2,716	-6.4%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	28	15	86.7%
Caucasian/White	15,564	16,596	-6.2%
Hispanic/Latino	3,273	3,453	-5.2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	108	130	-16.9%
Not Indicated	1,570	1,543	1.7%
Puerto Rican	571	671	-14.9%
Total	24,604	26,103	-5.7%

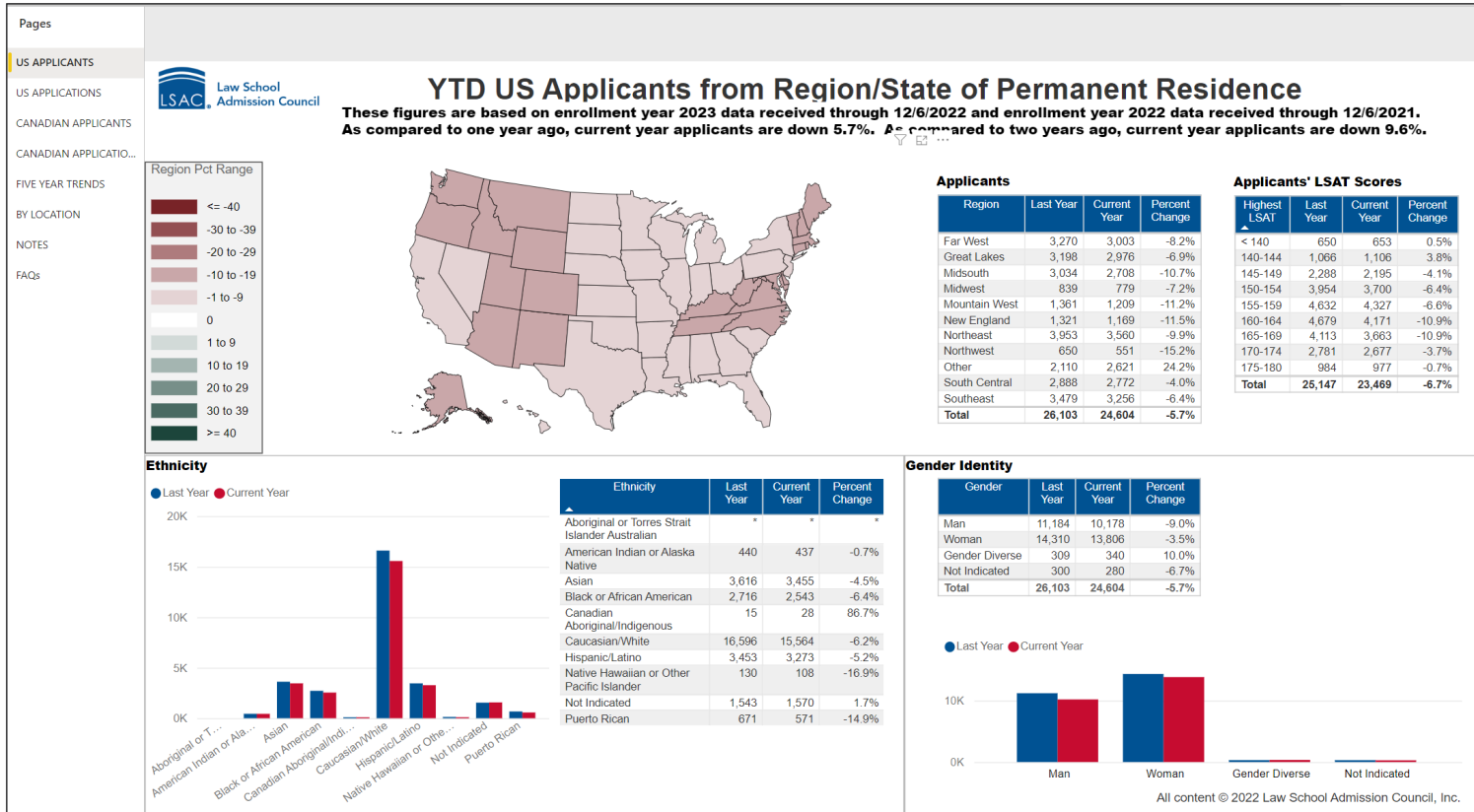
NOTE: The totals will be higher than the total number of applicants, because applicants can self-select multiple ethnic\racial groups.

2023 Enrollment Year - ABA Schools Applicants by LSAT Score Band

**Percent change
year-over-year as of
12/6/2022**

High LSAT	2023	2022	Percent Change 2022 to 2023
< 140	653	650	0.5%
140-144	1,112	1,066	4.3%
145-149	2,196	2,288	-4.0%
150-154	3,695	3,954	-6.6%
155-159	4,311	4,632	-6.9%
160-164	4,162	4,679	-11.0%
165-169	3,656	4,113	-11.1%
170-174	2,677	2,781	-3.7%
175-180	976	984	-0.8%
Total	23,438	25,147	-6.8%

Updated daily, 365 days/year



<https://report.lsac.org/VolumeSummary.aspx>

Looking Ahead to 2022-23



When will the LSAT be offered?

- ✓ August 12, 2022
- ✓ September 9, 2022
- ✓ October 14, 2022
- ✓ November 11, 2022
- January 13, 2023
- February 10, 2023
- April 14, 2023
- June 9, 2023

We had 4 fall tests this cycle, compared to 3 fall tests last year. That makes year-over-year comparisons a little challenging, but we had roughly the same number (slightly more) of test takers this fall as we had last fall.

What's new, what's the same?

- Things that aren't changing:
 - Test will continue to be remotely proctored
 - 4 sections – 3 scored, 1 unscored; unscored writing sample
 - Same section types: Reading Comprehension, Logical Reasoning, Analytical Reasoning
 - Continuing free loaner devices and hotel reimbursement
- Things that are new:
 - The Score Preview option is now available for purchase by every test taker, not just first-time test takers.
 - Test price \$215 (had been \$200 for the past 3 years); NOTE: CAS, school reports, score preview and most other prices unchanged
 - Expanded fee waiver program (more on that later)
 - Exploring possibility of in-person testing at test centers, potentially starting after June 2023

Why should students take the LSAT?

- LSAT is the only test accepted by all law schools – taking the LSAT gives applicants the greatest range of schools
- Incoming fall 2021 class – 98+% of all law school matriculants used the LSAT
- LSAT is the **only** test designed specifically for law school admission
- LSAT is designed in direct consultation with law schools, to assess the **critical reasoning, reading comprehension, and persuasive writing skills** that are critical to success in law school
- So LSAT provides important information for schools AND students – research consistently shows LSAT is the best single predictor of law school success, even better than undergraduate GPA

Testing accommodations?

- LSAC offers a wide range of options for candidates who have documented disabilities and require accommodations, including:
 - Additional testing time
 - Additional break time
 - Alternative testing formats (pencil-and-paper, braille, etc)
 - Many others
- Streamlined request and documentation upload process through LSAC.org account

What about other tests?

- LSAT measures the skills that are critical to law school success. Other tests measure other things – high school algebra, vocabulary.
- There is no “correction” or “correlation tool” that can make scores comparable.
- Class of 2021 – 98+% of all matriculants used the LSAT
 - Recent anonymous survey found law school admission officers give more weight to the LSAT
 - <https://www.law.com/2022/03/04/law-schools-may-still-be-favoring-lsat-applicants-over-gre-applicants/>
- No evidence that use of other tests increases admission of historically underrepresented groups.
- <https://www.lsac.org/prelaw/brochures-and-handouts>

ABA Council's test-optional proposal

- Nov 18 – ABA Council advances test-optional proposal for House consideration in Feb 2023.
 - IMPORTANT – Even if the ABA House approves, test optional policy will not begin until the admission cycle starting in fall 2025, for the incoming class of 2026-27.
 - No matter what, LSAT or another valid admission test will be required until the cycle beginning Fall 2025.
 - Important to let students know that any change won't occur for nearly 3 years.
- Unclear whether ABA House will approve test-optional or send it back for more consideration.
 - Vast majority of deans, admission officers & other law school leaders comments opposed test-optional
 - Letter from 60 deans, warning of potential negative impact on diversity
 - Letter from 51 deans, ADMs, diversity leaders associated with the Minority Network
 - By contrast, only a handful of comments from deans or ADMs in support
- LSAC's position:
 - We support greater flexibility in law school admission, but test-optional is not the right approach
 - We've proposed a number of steps that would allow law schools more flexibility, while retaining the important information tests like the LSAT provide to schools and students.
- No matter what happens, we will continue to keep you and your students informed.

LawHub



Free and Low-Cost LSAT Prep

LSAT Prep

- ✓ **Free!**
- ✓ 5 full Official LSAT PrepTests
- ✓ LSAT Writing Practice

LSAT Prep Plus

- ✓ **\$99 for 1-year unlimited access**
- ✓ 70+ full Official LSAT PrepTests
- ✓ LSAT Writing Practice
- ✓ LSAC Fee Waiver applicable

BOTH INCLUDE

- ✓ Authentic test interface
- ✓ Self-paced and simulated exam modes
- ✓ A record of practice test history
- ✓ Instant practice test scoring feedback
- ✓ Take it to Official LSAT content licensees
(commercial test preparation companies or one-on-one coaches)

Law School Transparency

- LSAC acquired Law School Transparency in March
 - Kyle McEntee joined LSAC as senior director for prelaw solutions
- Migrating LST's tools and resources to LawHub over time
 - *I am the Law* podcast
 - Data Tools such as *Law School Wizard* and *Legal Career Compass*
- And that's just the beginning
 - Kyle McEntee will be working with LSAC colleagues across the organization to strengthen tools, services, and resources for students and prelaw advisors
 - Sharing our diverse perspectives and advancing student outcomes

Law School Success

- Designed to support 0L and 1L students
- Created and taught by experienced law school faculty
- Led by Susannah Pollvogt, who most recently taught at University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and who joined LSAC as our senior director of legal education solutions
- Core foundational skills critical to law school success:
 - ✓ Law School Unmasked – 4,000 students registered for this summer’s 3-week virtual program
 - ✓ Legal Analysis Boot Camp
 - ✓ Law School: What You Really Need To Know
 - ✓ Modern Law Practice
 - ✓ Law School Unmasked On Demand
 - ☐ Becoming an Expert Learner (coming this spring)
- \$59 for a one-year subscription; available at www.LSAC.org/LawHub

Institute for Future Law Practice (IFLP)

- LSAC acquired IFLP in November 2021
 - Kevin Colangelo joined LSAC as senior director of legal professional solutions
- Excited to offer Modern Law Practice through LawHub
 - Curriculum complements traditional law school offerings
 - Builds the business and client-driven skills needed to succeed in today's complex modern law practice

LawHub Events

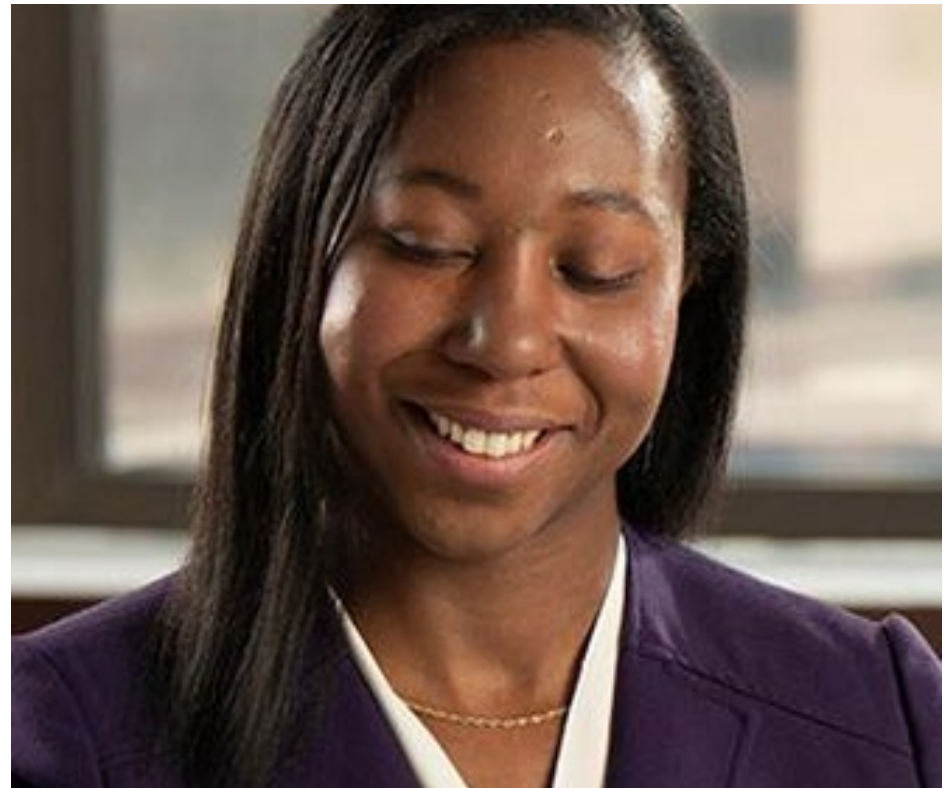
- Webinars every month
- Annual programs, to share with your students:
 - Law School Unmasked
 - Aimed at incoming 1Ls
 - Help students to start to “think like a lawyer”
 - Admission Unmasked
 - Just completed our first year!
 - Aimed at prospective applicants
 - Insights to strategically and effectively navigate the law school admission process

Advancing Diversity



DEI is at the center of everything we do

- CDO Angela Winfield
- Six-month nationwide listening tour to inform LSAC's DEI strategic plan



Khan Academy FREE LSAT Test Prep

- Personalized training, 100% free
- Equivalent of ~40 practice tests
- Up to 70,000 students access Khan LSAT test prep every month
- Heaviest use among Black/African American students, women, and economically challenged students.
- Studies show it works – students who spend the most time prepping with Khan LSAT test prep show the biggest gains.

Expanded fee waiver program

- Key part of LSAC's efforts to increase equity and access.
- Program has been expanded
 - Tier 1: Same as previous years – 2 LSATs, LSAT PrepPLUS, Score Preview, CAS, 6 law school reports.
 - Expanded eligibility – ex., Indep individ <250% fed poverty guideline
 - New Tier 2: 1 LSAT, PrepPLUS, Score Preview, CAS, 3 reports
 - Eligibility - independent candidate 250-300% federal poverty guidelines
- Impact: 52% more qualified for Tier 1, 72% increase overall!
- Vital for diversity:
 - More than 70% of fee waivers go to people of color
 - Nearly 2,000 matriculants in 2021 received an LSAC fee waiver
- Apply through LSAC.org account

Online Testing Assistance

- Free loaner device to anyone who needs one to test
- Hotel reimbursement to anyone who needs reliable internet or a quiet place to test
- Since May 2020:
 - **More than 10,000** free loaner devices
 - **Nearly 5,000** hotel reimbursements
- Concrete investment in diversity
 - **70%** of assistance goes to students of color
 - Nearly 1,000 matriculants in Fall 2021 received online testing assistance
- Please encourage your students to request!

LawReady

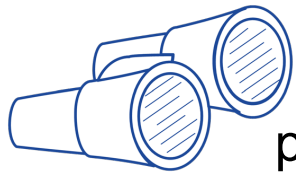
(formerly known as the Legal Education Program)



Supporting Student Journeys to Law School

- LawReady is being developed in partnership with students, law schools, undergraduate institutions, DEI advocates, and members of the legal profession.
- This development will be rooted in measurement science, using LSAC's deep expertise in assessment science and research to build an additional tool that will reliably predict law school success.
- Initial pilot programs are being conducted at undergraduate institutions this fall.

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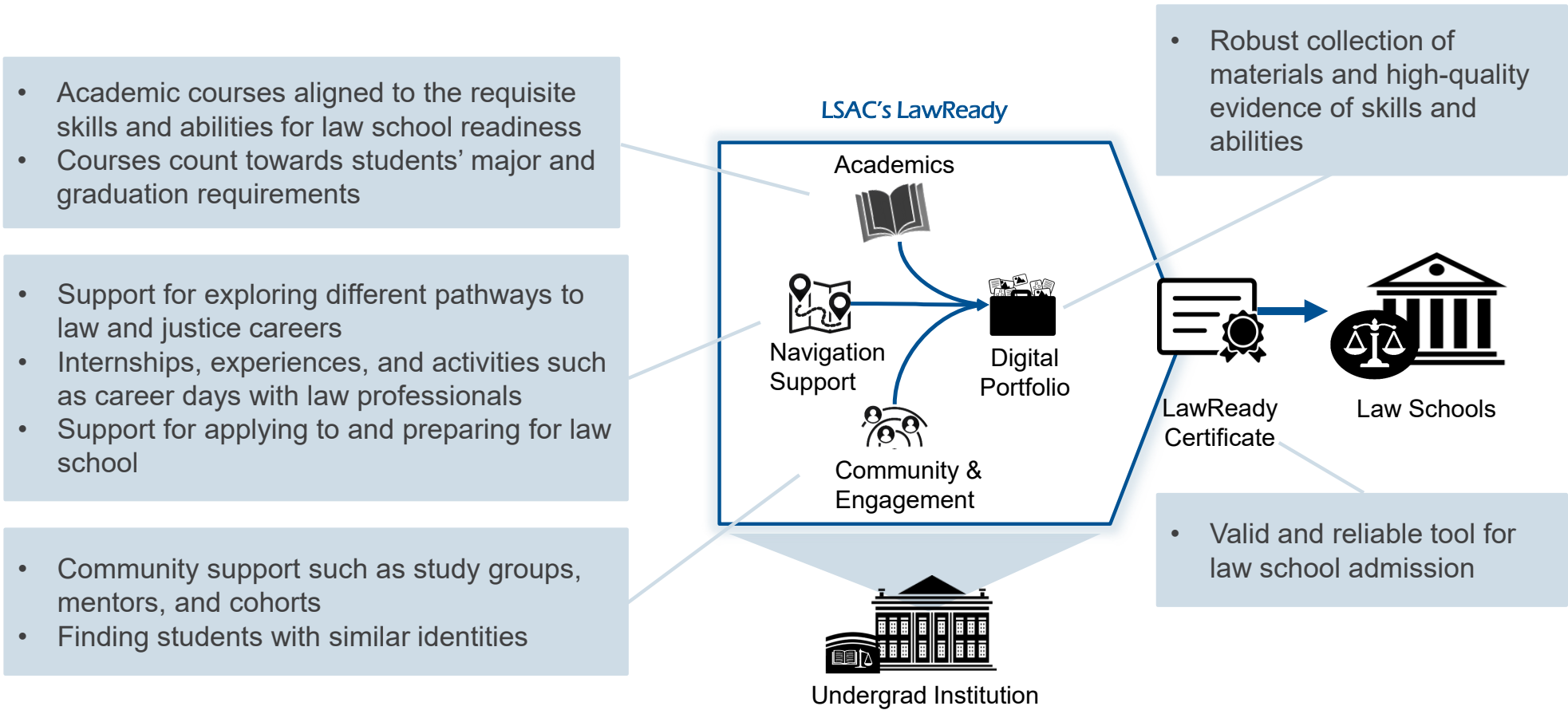
Imagine a pathway to law school and a legal career that begins earlier in students' educational journeys – one that helps students develop and demonstrate the skills necessary for success in law school as part of their regular undergraduate academic coursework.



*Imagine a pathway so visionary, innovative, and **accessible** that students who may never have considered law school can now see themselves making an impact through law... and know how to get there.*



LSAC's LawReady Components



Exciting progress

- Undergraduate pilot program
 - ~60 students/4 undergraduate institutions: Cornell College, George Mason University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and University of South Alabama
 - Second pilot program in spring with 3-4 additional schools
- Law school “Early Adopter” program
 - 70+ law schools have already joined the early adopter program
 - More joining every week
- Goal is to offer the LawReady across a large number of undergraduate institutions in Fall 2023.

Does this mean the LSAT is going away?

- Absolutely not.
- Goal is to create a second valid and reliable alternative for law school admission that will co-exist with and complement the proven LSAT exam.
- Early days – lots of work to do to design, pilot, measure, and demonstrate the benefits and validity.
- Will work closely with law schools, undergrad institutions, and other stakeholders.
- Ultimately, the LSAT and LawReady will provide two excellent pathways to law school so that prospective students can choose the pathway that best meets their needs.

Continuing Engagement with Prelaw Advisors

- Input from prelaw advisors has helped to shape this concept since inception
- Ongoing design partnerships with undergraduate institutions
- Continuing feedback via interviews and surveys
- Webinars and continuing updates
- Going forward, we are eager for deeper engagement with prelaw advisor community.

Supporting Prelaw Advisors and Your Vital Role



Tap into our Ambassadors

- LSAC Ambassadors are trained experts in law school admission
- They can provide both educational presentations and professional consultation on a wide range of topics, including:
 - Why Law School
 - Preparing for the LSAT
 - Law School Offers: How to Make the Best Choice
 - Financing Your Legal Education
- Ambassadors can also provide expert guidance to PLAs, on topics such as:
 - LSAC Services and Tools for Prelaw Advisors
 - How to Best Use the Data in LSAC's Prelaw Information Center
- <https://www.lsac.org/events/lsac-ambassadors-program>

Law School Forums

- LSAC's Law School Forums provide a unique opportunity for students to hear from 100+ member law schools, to learn about the admission process and decide which schools might be the best for them.
- Building on the success of last season's LSAC Law School Forums, we again conducted both in-person and virtual events, to maximize access to these events for candidates.
- We have one more Forum this cycle – a digital Law School Forum in February – please encourage your students to sign up!
- <https://www.lsac.org/lawschoolforums>

New digital resources for PLAs & students

- Admission journey brochure
- 24-month application and admission checklist
- LSAT brochure
- Digital poster with QR code, giving students quick access to all LSAT test dates and deadlines
- What else can we provide?

Applying to Law School
Navigating the Application Process

At LSAC, we know every journey to law school is different. This checklist can serve to help you navigate the application process.

24 Months Before You Want to Start Your 1L Year

- ✓ Register for a free account at [LSAC.org](https://lsac.org)
- ✓ Sign up for a free **LSAC LawHub** account to access resources, including the LSAT[®] prep tools, and more.
Create an account at [LSAC.org/LawHub](https://lsac.org/LawHub)
- ✓ Apply for a **fee waiver**, which is valid for two years, if you qualify.
Learn more at [LSAC.org/FeeWaiver](https://lsac.org/FeeWaiver)
- ✓ Create an LSAT study plan. Research shows that first-time test takers should start three to six months before their test date.
Visit [LSAC.org/LSATprep](https://lsac.org/LSATprep) to learn more.
- ✓ Research law schools using LSAC's **Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools**, available from **LawHub** and **Law School Transparency** to find your best fit.
Start your search at [LSAC.org](https://lsac.org)

18 Months Before Your 1L Year Begins

- ✓ Choose a date and register for the LSAT, and be sure to request testing accommodations if you are eligible. Schedule your test date for at least six months before your application is due.
Register at [LSAC.org/LSATRegister](https://lsac.org/LSATRegister)
- ✓ Create an outline for your personal and diversity statements. Decide who you want to request a recommendation.
- ✓ Sign up for **LSAC's Credential Assembly Service**[™], which will help you compile and submit your law school applications. The best part is that you only need to upload documents one time to LSAC, no matter how many schools you are applying to.
To learn more, visit [LSAC.org/CAS](https://lsac.org/CAS)
- ✓ Attend **LSAC LawHub webinars** to get the answers you need to plan and prepare for law school.
For more information, visit [LSAC.org/webinars](https://lsac.org/webinars)

Your Journey to Law School
Resources to Help You Prepare and Succeed

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Q&A
