

SAPLA 2022

TRENDS IN LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS



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SURVEY RESULTS

Participation:

109 of 199 ABA Approved
Law Schools

- ▶ 58 Private
- ▶ 51 Public
- ▶ Survey conducted 11/22

APPLICATION FEES

56% require a fee

- ▶ 70% \$26-\$50
- ▶ 26% \$51-\$75
- ▶ 2% \$76-\$100
- ▶ 2% \$100+

GRE

53%

ACCEPT THE GRE

22%

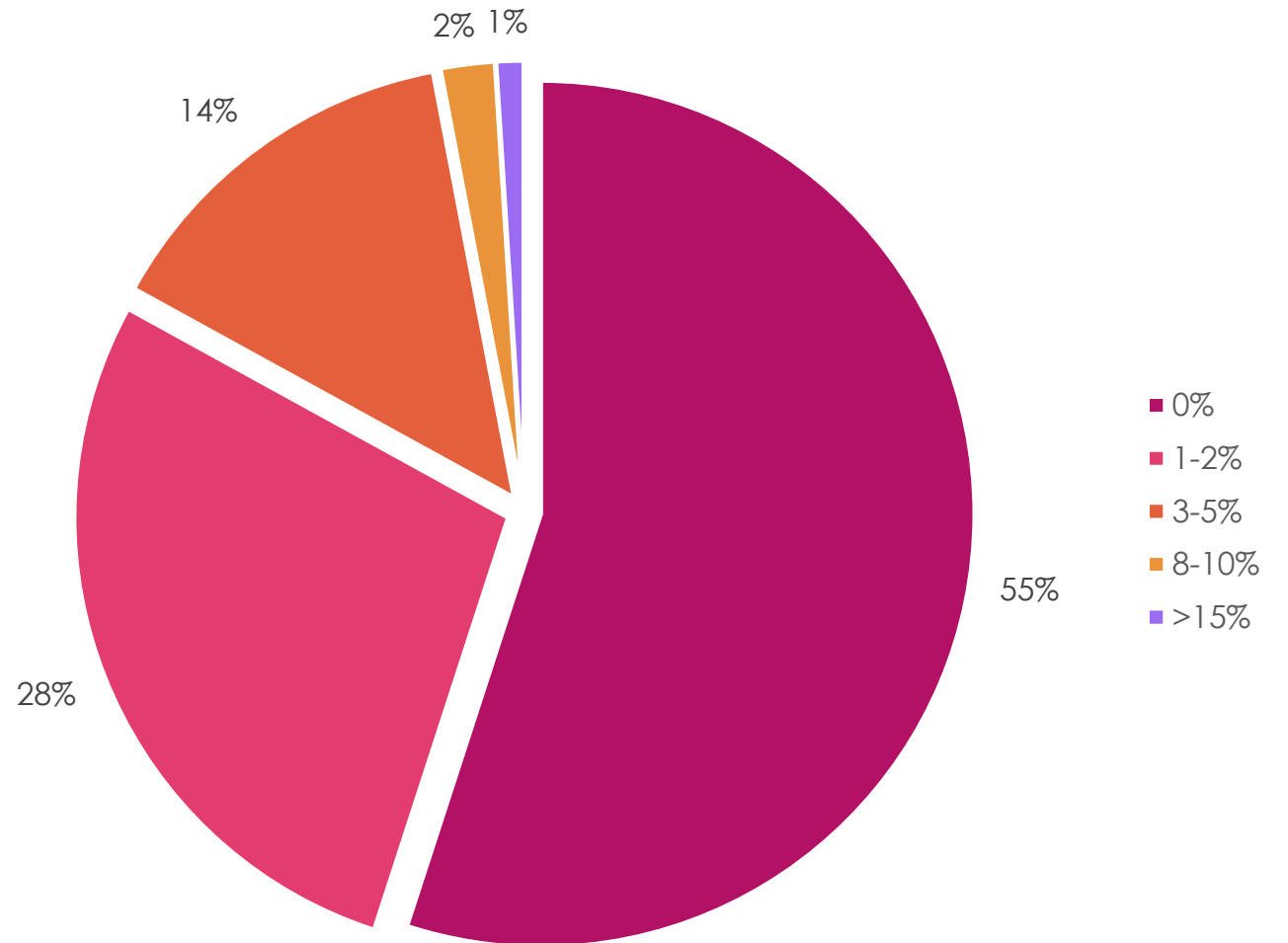
FUTURE PLANS TO
ACCEPT

GRE ADVICE

- ▶ 40% Just take the LSAT
- ▶ 58% Take the LSAT but consider the GRE
- ▶ 2% Just take the GRE

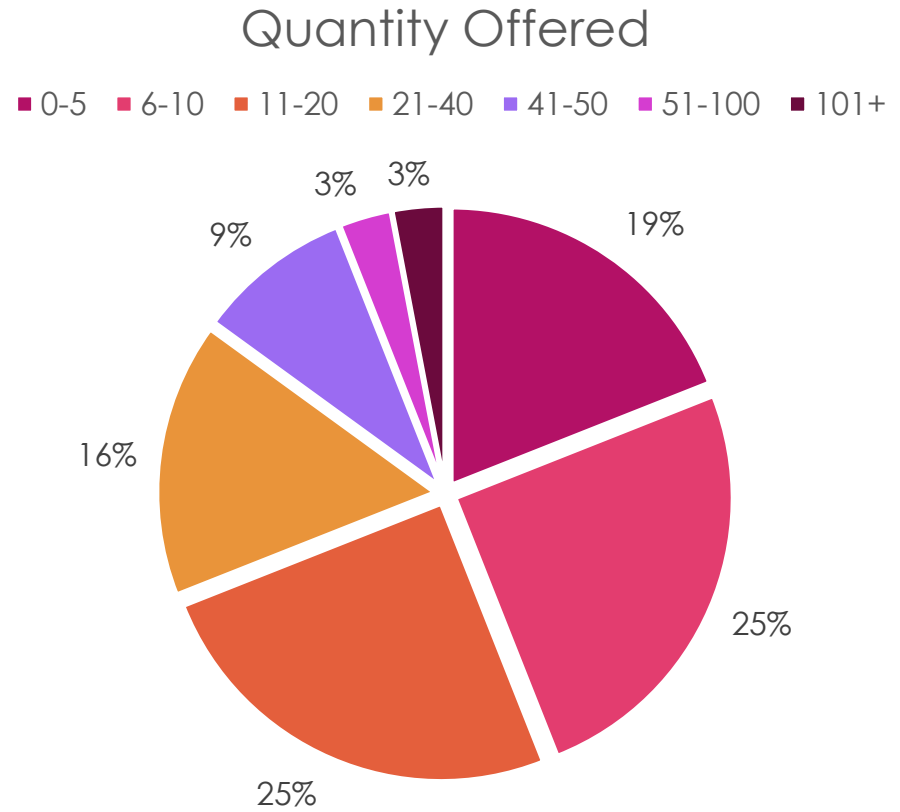
CLASS OF 2025

Percent Admitted Without LSAT



CAS FEE WAIVERS

33%* Offer CAS Fee Waivers



*11% offer only to deferrals

TUITION

16%

Froze

66%

Increased

3%

Decreased

16%

Froze AND Increased

SCHOLARSHIPS

65%

Merit Only

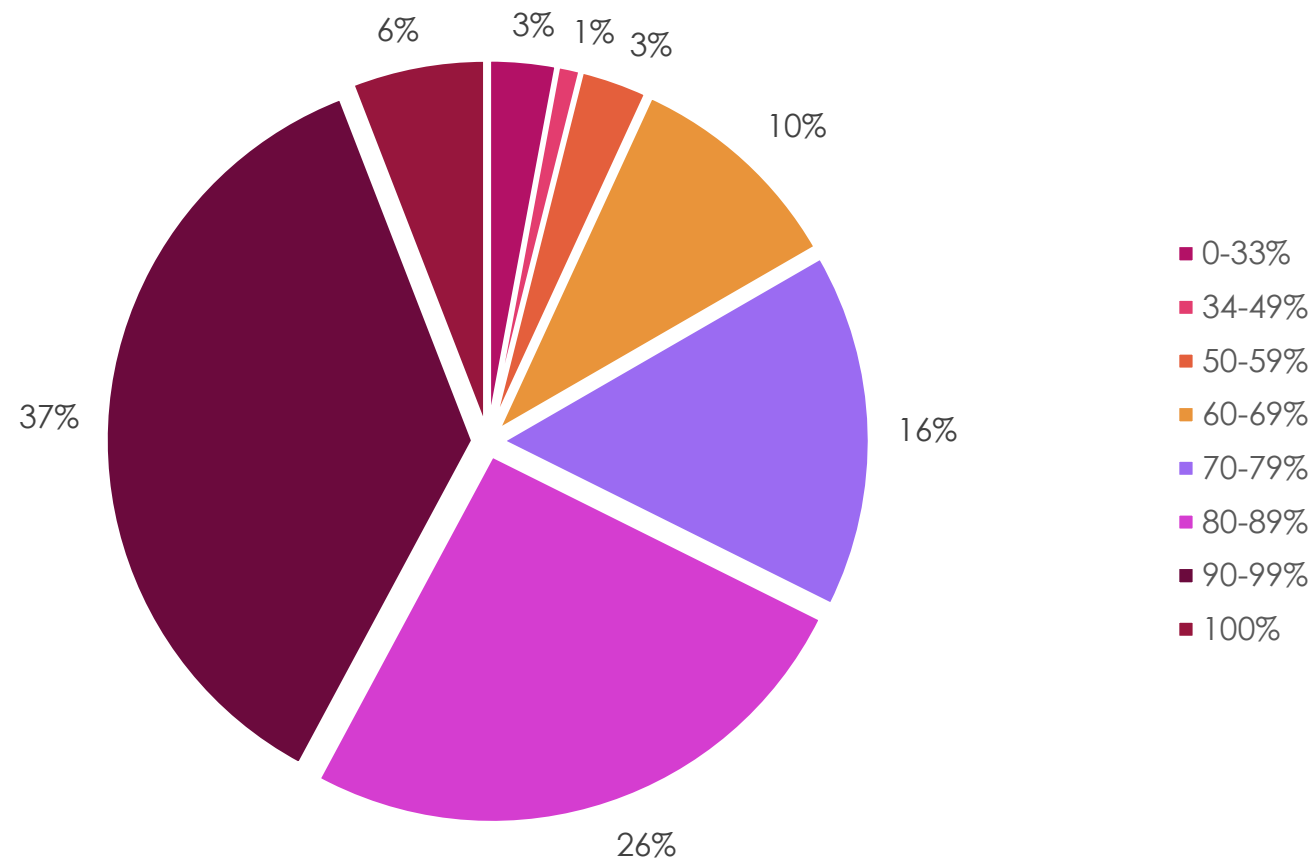
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Need Only

35%

Need AND Merit

Percent of 1Ls Receiving Scholarships



Scholarship Appeals

67% Yes

33% No

Scholarship Appeals During Last Cycle

23% schools
1-5

37% schools
6-10

19% schools
11-20

22% schools
20 OR MORE

LEADERSHIP

New Dean in the Last 3 Years

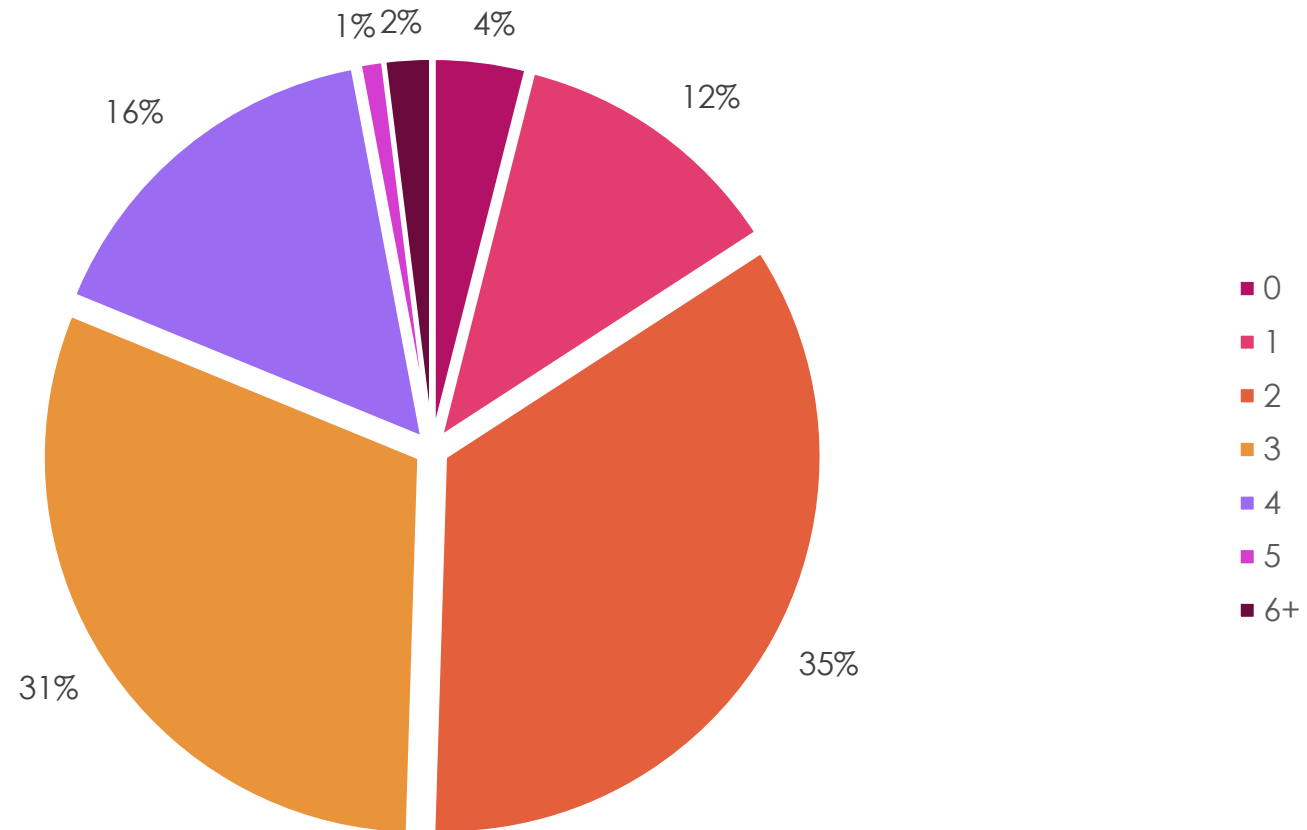
52%

Yes

48%

No

New Dean Since 2012



Pre-Law Advisor Help

17% Schools
0-10%

41% Schools
11-25%

37% Schools
25-50%

5% Schools
51-75%

1% Schools
76-90%

0% Schools
91-100%

LSAT CANCELTATION

9%

Yes

16%

No

75%

It Depends

Reason

Of those who said Yes or It Depends:

- ▶ Ill or family emergency the day of the exam
- ▶ Did not like their score
- ▶ Felt they could get a higher score next time
- ▶ Issues during LSAT exam
- ▶ Other

APPLICATION WEAKNESSES

7%

Resume

74%

Personal Statement

5%

Letters of Recommendation

3%

Diversity Statement

9%

Character & Fitness Addendum

2%

Other Addendum

BIGGEST PET PEEVE

ADMISSIONS OPENINGS

37%

Yes

62%

No