

## **2025 Cycle Application Orientation**



# Agenda

- Get to Know Us
- Application services
- Application components
- Some data
- What happens after?

How I think I look explaining the  
**pre-law** process to my bartender at  
3:00 am vs how I actually look.



# Two overall goals

- Inform you about the application process to law schools and the ways our office will support you in this process
- Enable you to gauge whether you feel ready to put your best foot forward if applying to law schools this upcoming cycle





# Two overall goals





# Get to Know Us



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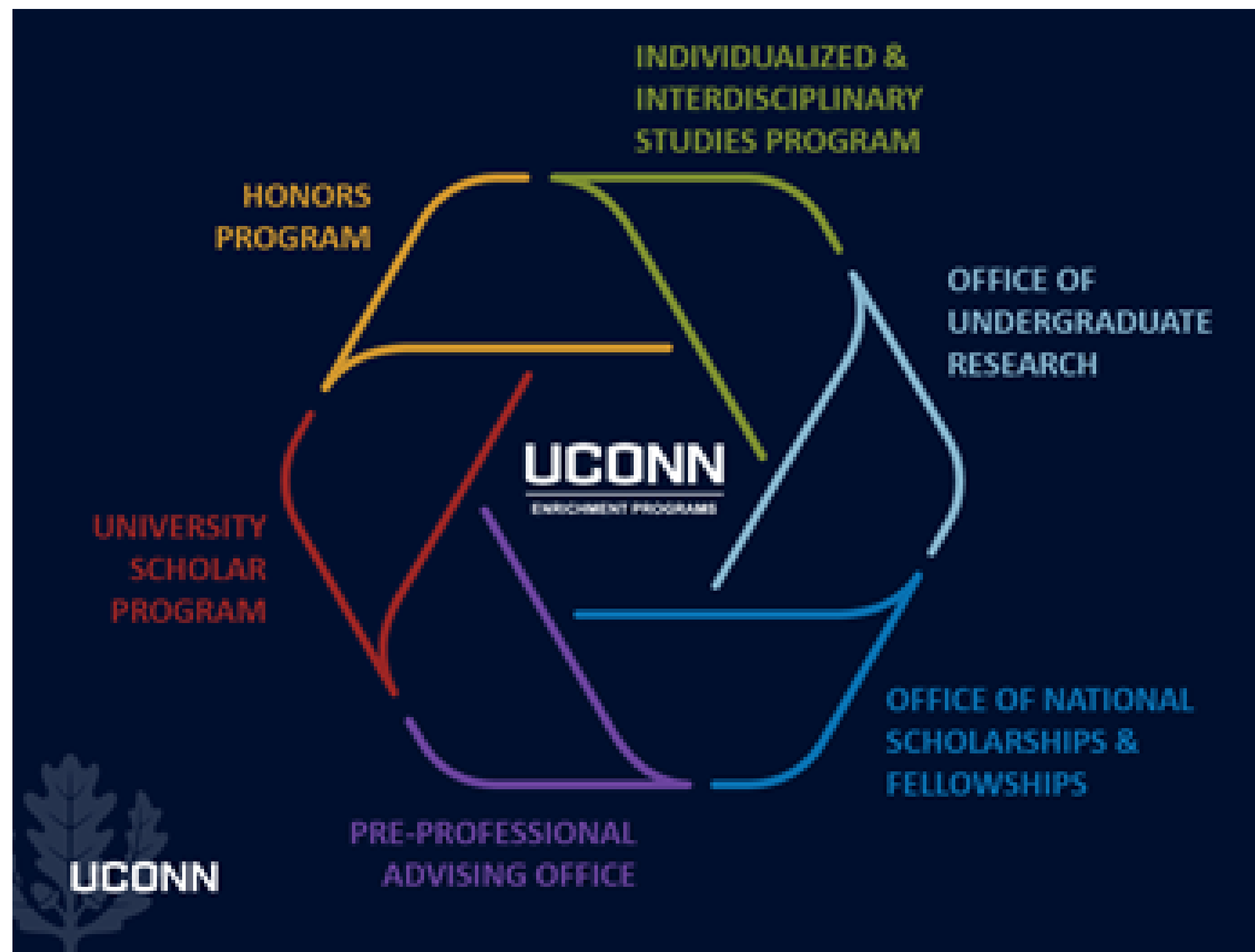
# Get to Know Us

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# Get to Know Us

ListServ/weekly newsletter

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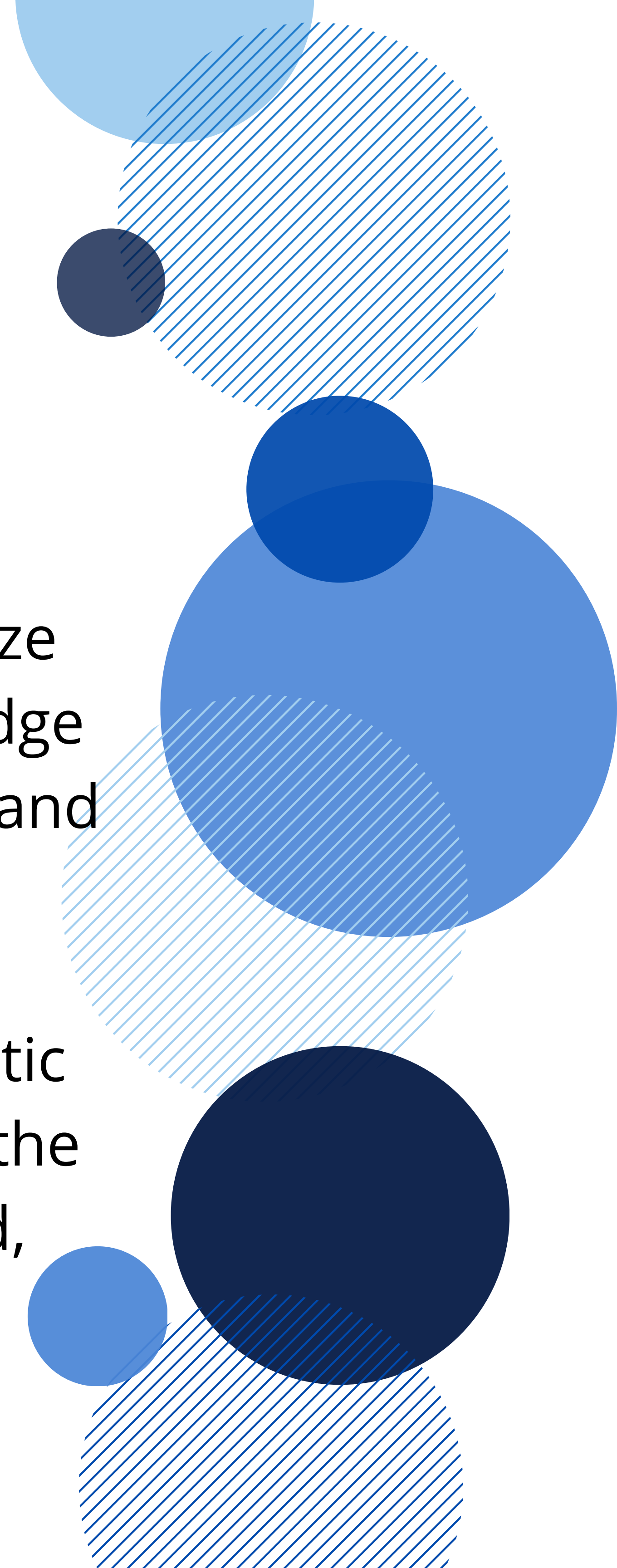




## **~Our commitment~**

At the Pre-Professional Advising Office, we recognize the importance of Black and Brown lives, acknowledge systems of oppression, and center diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of our work.

To this end, we are committed to a sustained, holistic approach to advising that supports and celebrates the success of students from historically marginalized, underrepresented groups.



# LSAC

## Law School Admissions Council

- Main hub for all things law school
  - LSAT, Applications, CAS, etc...
- Create an account for free now
  - Get familiar with LSAC and all it offers



# LSAC

## **Credential Assembly Service (CAS)**

- LSAC's service to verify transcripts, collect Letters of Recommendation, and any other documents needed for your application
- \$200 CAS subscription fee
- \$45 CAS fee per school





# Fee Waivers

## Two-tiered LSAC Fee Waiver program

- Tier 1 LSAC Fee Waiver covers one option:
  - Two LSATs
  - One CAS registration
  - Six CAS reports
  - One-year subscription to LawHub Advantage
  - Score Preview for two LSATs
  - If eligible, one LawReady registration

# Fee Waivers

## Two-tiered LSAC Fee Waiver program

- Tier 2 LSAC Fee Waiver covers one option:
  - One LSAT
  - OneCAS registration
  - Three CAS reports
  - One-year subscription to LawHub Advantage
  - Score preview for one LSAT
  - If eligible, one LawReady registration

# Find JD Programs

- Free service on LSAC with data for each school
- LST Wizard from Law School Transparency
  - search tool through LawHub (free)
  - generates custom list based on your interests and preferences



## Find a Law School

### ABA-Approved JD Programs

Earning a JD degree from an ABA-approved law school is the most straightforward path to becoming a lawyer in the United States.

Using LSAC's Official Guide to ABA-Approved JD Programs, you can search for law schools by location, keyword, and UGPA/LSAT combination to find schools that interest you. Each school's profile includes valuable information on admission data and requirements, tuition, special programs, student life, and more.

[Search the Official Guide](#) ➔



# Applying to Law School Timeline

## Important Things to Remember

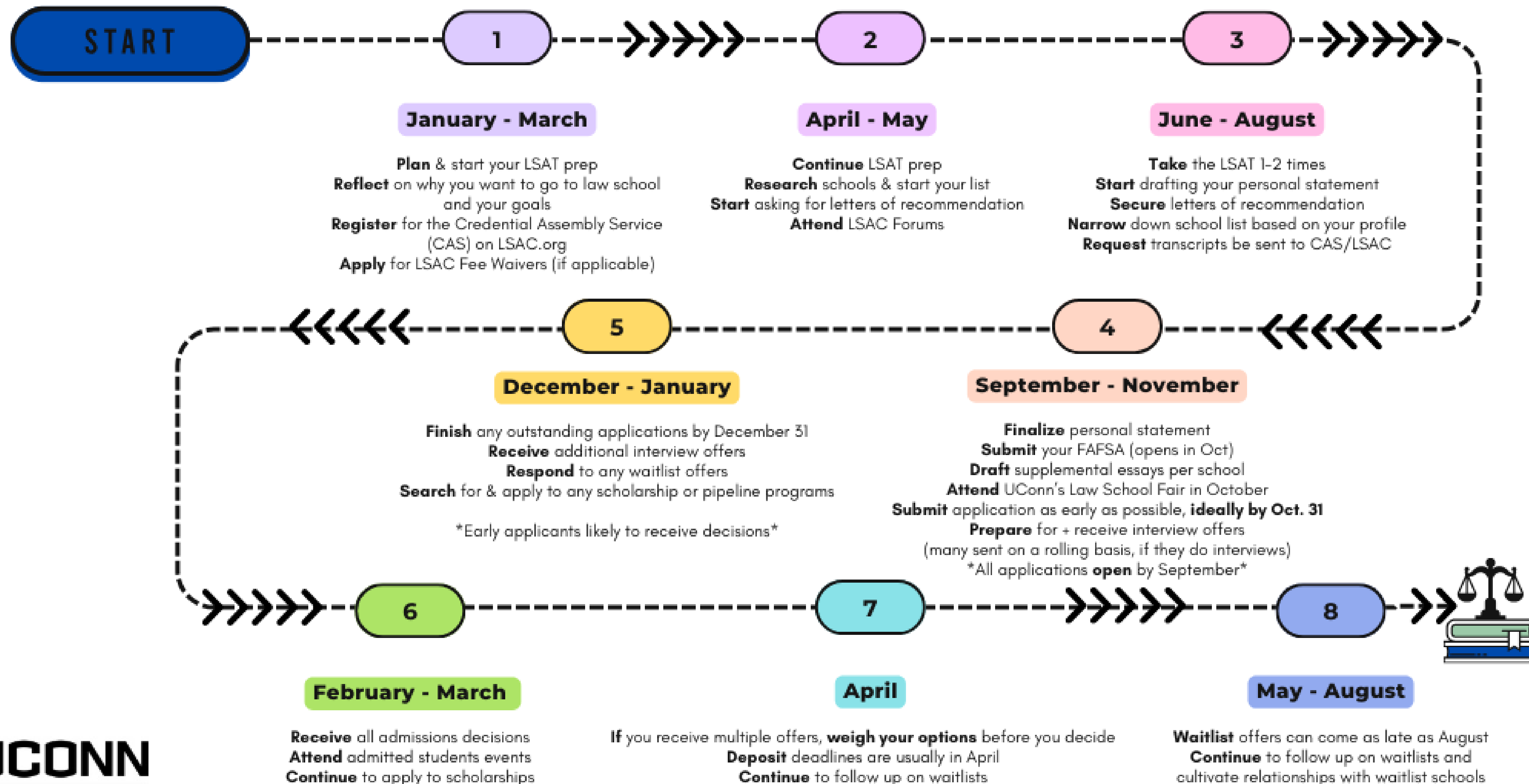
Everyone's journey looks different! This is just an example of an ideal timeline when applying to law schools.

The best time to start on law school applications is around a **year and a half** from your starting term.

(So, if you're starting law school in Fall 2025, you should get started around the beginning of the calendar year in 2024).

Starting early is especially important if you want to be a competitive applicant who applies early in the cycle.

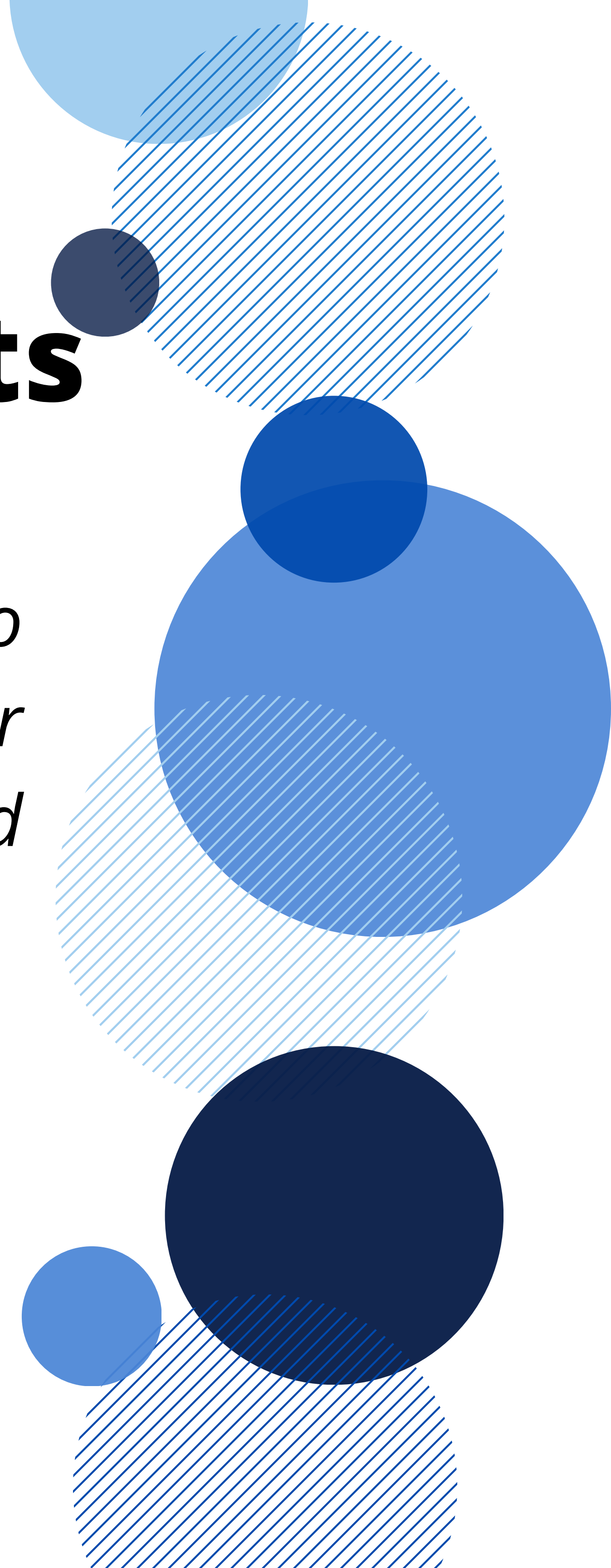
**The goal is to apply to law schools as early as you can WITHOUT sacrificing the quality of your application.**



# Application Components

## Holistic admissions

*“LSAC advocates for a holistic approach to admissions, using LSAT score along with other indicators of a candidate’s **educational** and **personal** history.” (LSAC)*



# Application Components

1. Application
2. Personal Statement
3. LSAT score
4. Letters of recommendation

*\*A school does not typically touch any part of your application until all 4 components are received.*

“Law School defined:”





# Application Components

## 1. Application

- *ABA approved schools will have their application in LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS)*
- *With CAS, your **transcripts, letters of recommendation, and any other documents** required for each of your law school applications only need to be sent one time to LSAC*



# Application Components

## 2. Personal Statement

- Likely limited characters
  - Some schools may have specific prompts
  - Some schools set no limit for personal statements, but most suggest either 2–3 or 2–4 pages.
    - Aim for two pages, double-spaced.
    - Do not make the error of thinking that more is better.
    - Law schools value the ability to persuasively convey information in a relatively short space.
- Focus on you
  - Your statement should sound the way you speak
- “Why” law school?
- What is your vision for post-JD life?



# Application Components

## 2. Personal Statement continued...kind of...

- Some schools may have school specific supplemental/optional essay questions
- The most common two types of optional essays are: (1) a diversity/perspective statement and (2) a “Why 'X Law School'?” essay.

# Application Components

## 3. LSAT

- 3 hours (Four, 35 min. sections)
- Can be taken in person or remotely.
- Testing accommodations
- LawHub offers four free practice exams
  - For even more practice, you can purchase LawHub Advantage, which provides one year of access to an extensive library of full Official LSAT PrepTests® for just \$115.

"I think I want  
to go to law school."



"I'm prepping for  
the LSAT."





# Application Components

## 3. LSAT

- Logical Reasoning (x2 scored sections)
- 1 scored Reading Comp. section,
- 1 unscored section of either:
  - Logical Reasoning or
  - Reading Comp.

## Changes to the LSAT

- Beginning August 2024
- Removal of logic games
  - Two logical reasoning sections



# Application Components

## 3. LSAT

- We **strongly recommend** that you take the LSAT ***no later than mid/late November.***
- You can submit your application **before you've taken the LSAT!**
  - Kick off verification process
    - AKA transcript summarization
  - Only need to apply to one school





# Application Components

## 3. LSAT

- You can take the LSAT...
  - up to 3 times within the calendar year (Aug-June)
  - up to 5 times in 5 years
  - up to 7 times in a lifetime
- Cancelled LSAT scores will be counted against these limits

# Application Components

## 3. LSAT testing dates

- 24-25 year

### 2024-2025 LSAT Testing Year

LSAC is finalizing details for the 2024-2025 testing cycle. Below you will find the LSAT test dates for the 2024-2025 testing year, which officially begins on July 1, 2024.

Registration for these administrations will open in mid-May. At that time, we will also provide updated information, including registration deadlines.

#### August 2024 – LSAT

**Primary test dates:**

Wednesday, August 7  
Thursday, August 8  
Friday, August 9  
Saturday, August 10

**Score Release:**

Wednesday, August 28

**Region:**

United States (including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and Canada

#### September 2024 – LSAT

**Primary test dates:**

Wednesday, September 4  
Thursday, September 5  
Friday, September 6  
Saturday, September 7

**Score Release:**

Wednesday, September 25

**Region:**

United States (including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and Canada

#### October 2024 – LSAT

**Primary test dates:**

Tuesday, October 1  
Wednesday, October 2  
Friday, October 4  
Saturday, October 5

**Score Release:**

Wednesday, October 23

**Region:**

All testing regions

#### November 2024 – LSAT

**Primary test dates:**

Wednesday, November 6  
Thursday, November 7  
Friday, November 8  
Saturday, November 9

**Score Release:**

Wednesday, November 27

**Region:**

United States (including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and Canada

#### January 2025 – LSAT

**Primary test dates:**

Wednesday, January 15  
Thursday, January 16  
Friday, January 17  
Saturday, January 18

**Score Release:**

Wednesday, February 5

**Region:**

All testing regions

#### February 2025 – LSAT

**Primary test date:**

Friday, February 7  
Saturday, February 8

**Score Release:**

Thursday, February 27

**Region:**

United States (including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and Canada

#### April 2025 – LSAT

**Primary test date:**

Thursday, April 10  
Friday, April 11  
Saturday, April 12

**Score Release:**

Wednesday, April 30

**Region:**

All testing regions

#### June 2025 – LSAT

**Primary test dates:**

Thursday, June 5  
Friday, June 6  
Saturday, June 7

**Score Release:**

Wednesday, June 25

**Region:**

All testing regions



# Application Components

## 3. LSAT Fees

### Basic Fees

LSAT (includes LSAT Writing)	\$222
Credential Assembly Service (CAS)	\$200
CAS Report	\$45

# Application Components

## 3. LSAT Fees

- Auxiliary
  - In addition to basic fees

LSAT Score Preview	If you sign up prior to the first day of testing for a given test administration: <b>\$45</b>
	If you sign up during a specified period after testing concludes: <b>\$75</b>
Official Candidate LSAT Score Report (includes nonreportable LSAT scores)	<b>\$50</b>
Score Audit	<b>\$150</b> (or <b>\$75</b> if you have been pre-approved for a fee waiver)
Test Date Change	Through your test administration's registration deadline: <b>No charge</b>
	Up to 7 days after your test administration's registration deadline: <b>\$135</b>
	8 days after your test administration's registration deadline through the day before testing begins: <b>\$222</b>

# Application Components

## 3. LSAT score

- Scores range from 120-180
  - Median score 152
- Remember- this is just 1 **part** of your application



# Application Components

## 4. Letters of recommendation

- Two to four letters total
- Recommenders should be people who can tell **good stories** about you as a student and applicant





# Application Components

## 4. Letters of recommendation

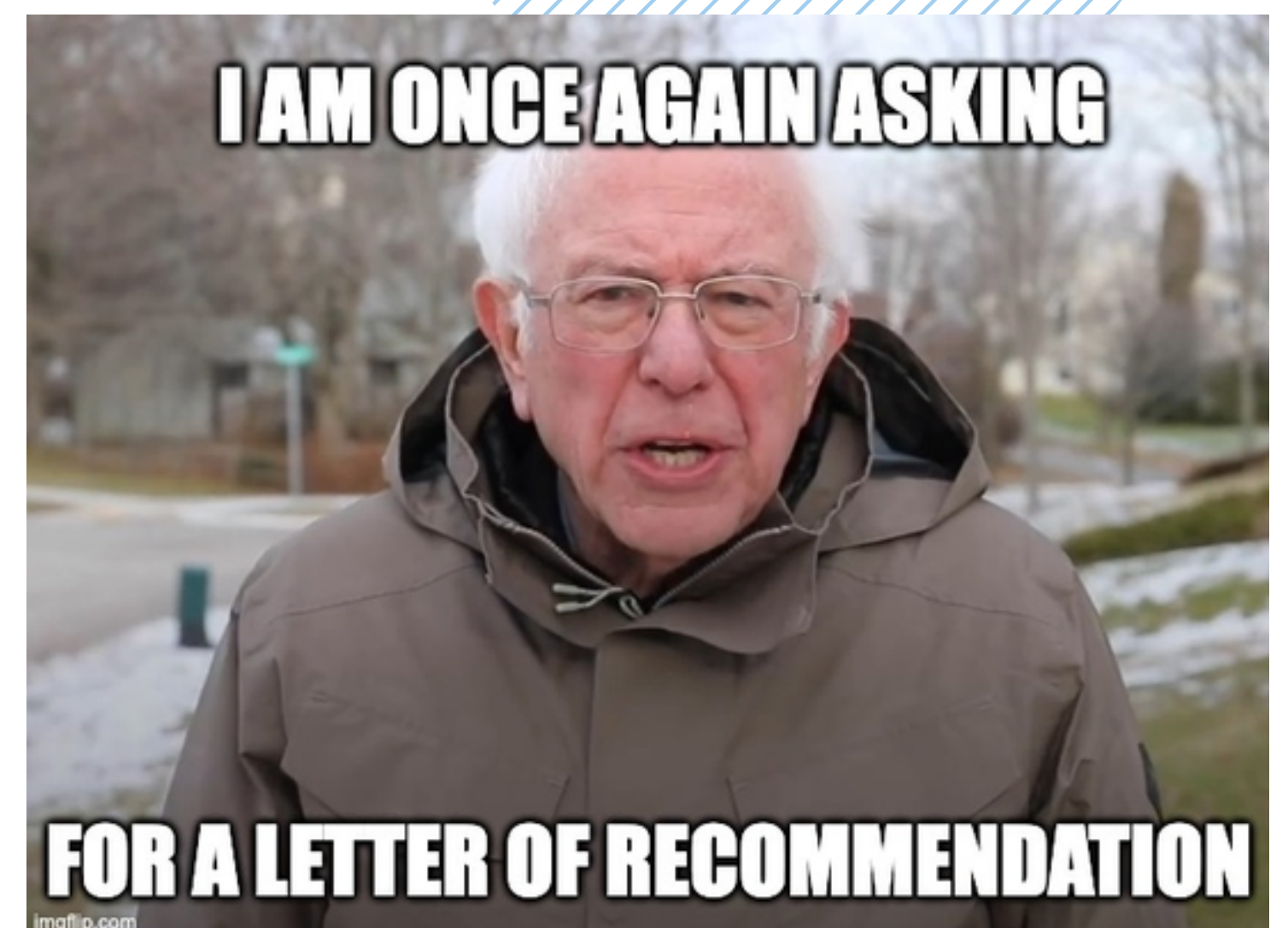
- We recommend:
  - 2 faculty LOR
    - *Your major and another area*
  - 1-2 character references



# Application Components

## 4. Letters of recommendation

- Ask with 1-2 months notice
- Never assume someone will write
- Be prepared to share resume and personal statement draft with letter writers



# Application Components

## 4. Letters of recommendation

- Remember to send your individual LOR writers a thank you message. It takes several hours to draft an excellent letter and some of them write dozens of LOR! Also, keep them updated throughout the application cycle.



# Application Components

## 4. Letters of recommendation

- Formatting:
  - Date
  - Letterhead (professional or personal)
  - Hand signature (electronic hand signature OK)



# Application Components

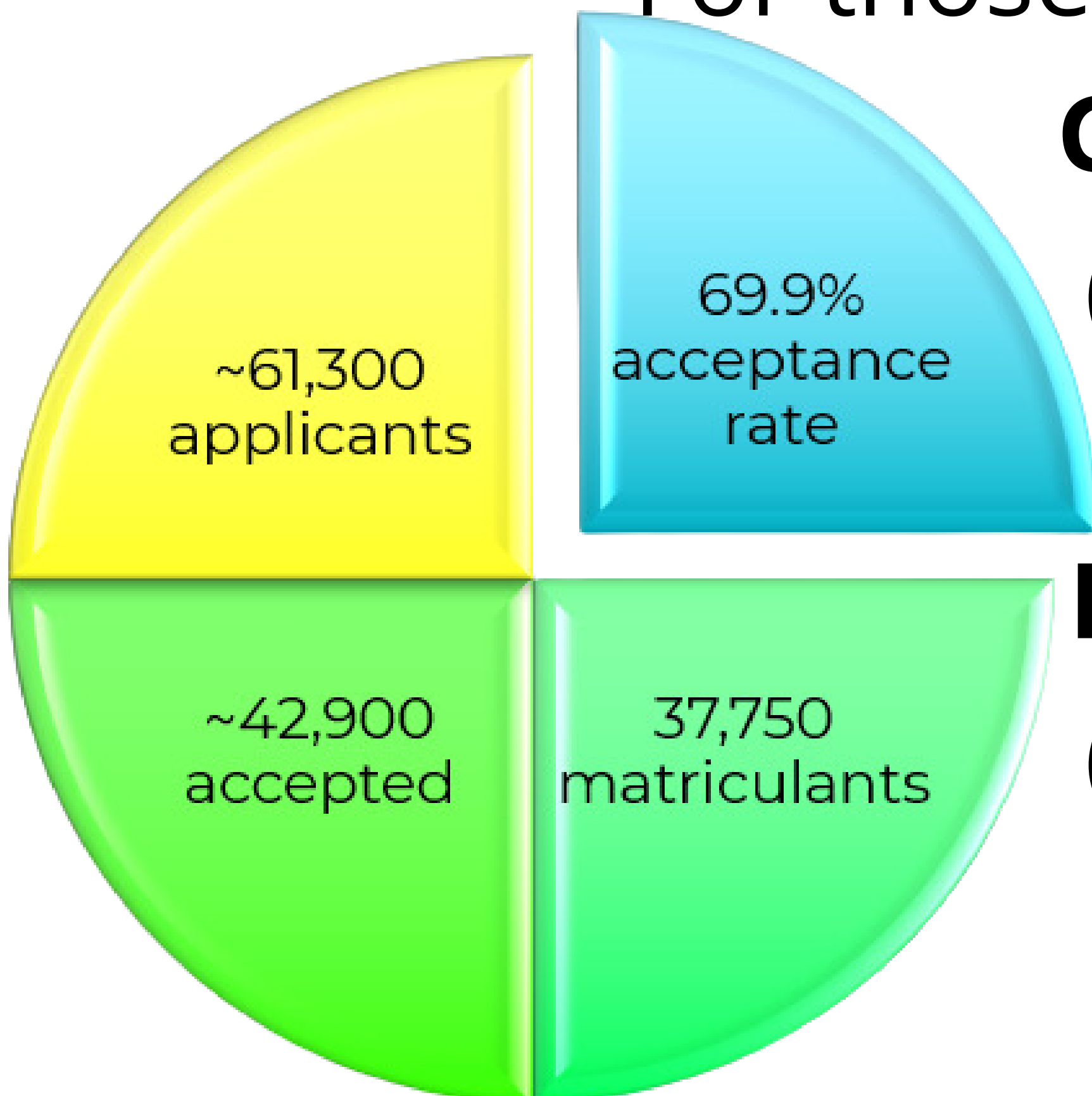
- **A note about official transcripts:**
  - Only the UConn Registrar can release official transcripts
  - UConn uses the **Parchment e-transcript service** (request in Student Admin)
  - Wait until spring grades are posted before requesting

# Some Data

For those accepted to law school for 2023

**GPA range = 3.31 – 3.86**  
(25th – 75th percentile)

**LSAT range = 152 – 165**  
(25th – 75th percentile)



# Some Data

**Those who applied to attend law school starting Fall 2023.**

165 applied to law school for the 2023 cycle

- 129 were offered acceptance to 1+ law schools
- 114 matriculated
- The average number of law schools applied to was 7.7

UConn applicants' acceptance rate in 2023 = **78.2%**

\*this is 8.3% higher than the national acceptance rate\*

For those admitted to a law school:

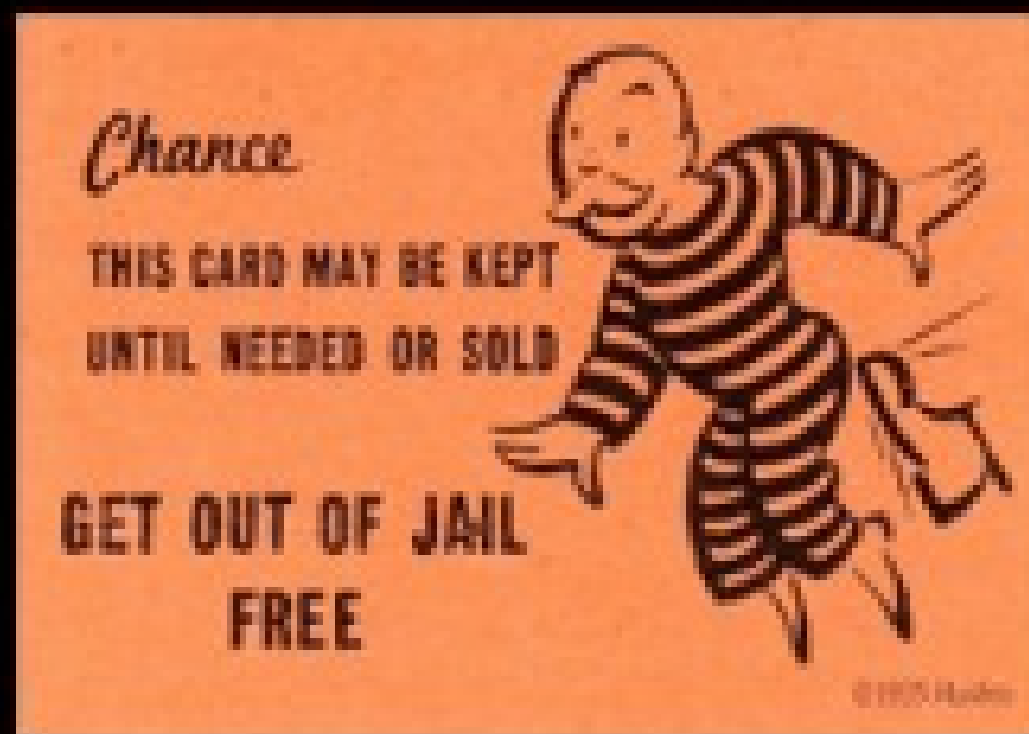
- Average age was 25
- Ages ranged from 20 – 43
- Undergrad GPAs ranged from 2.0 – 4.0 with ave. GPA of 3.54
- LSAT scores ranged from 144 – 175 with an average of 158.8

# What Happens After?

## Law School



What society think I do



What my friends think I'll do for them



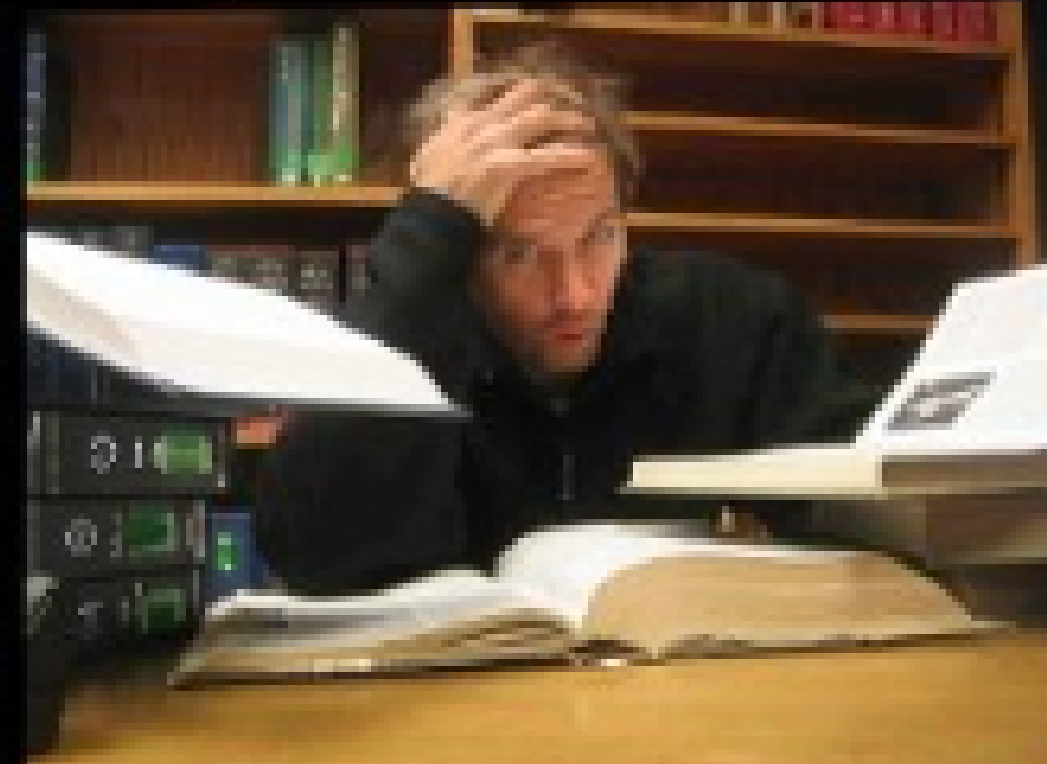
What my teachers think I do all day



What classmates think I do



What I think I do



What I really do



# What Happens After?

- Center for Career Development (CCD)
  - 45-minute mock interviews
  - Personal statement review (also: W Center)
  - Husky Mentor Network for alumni networking



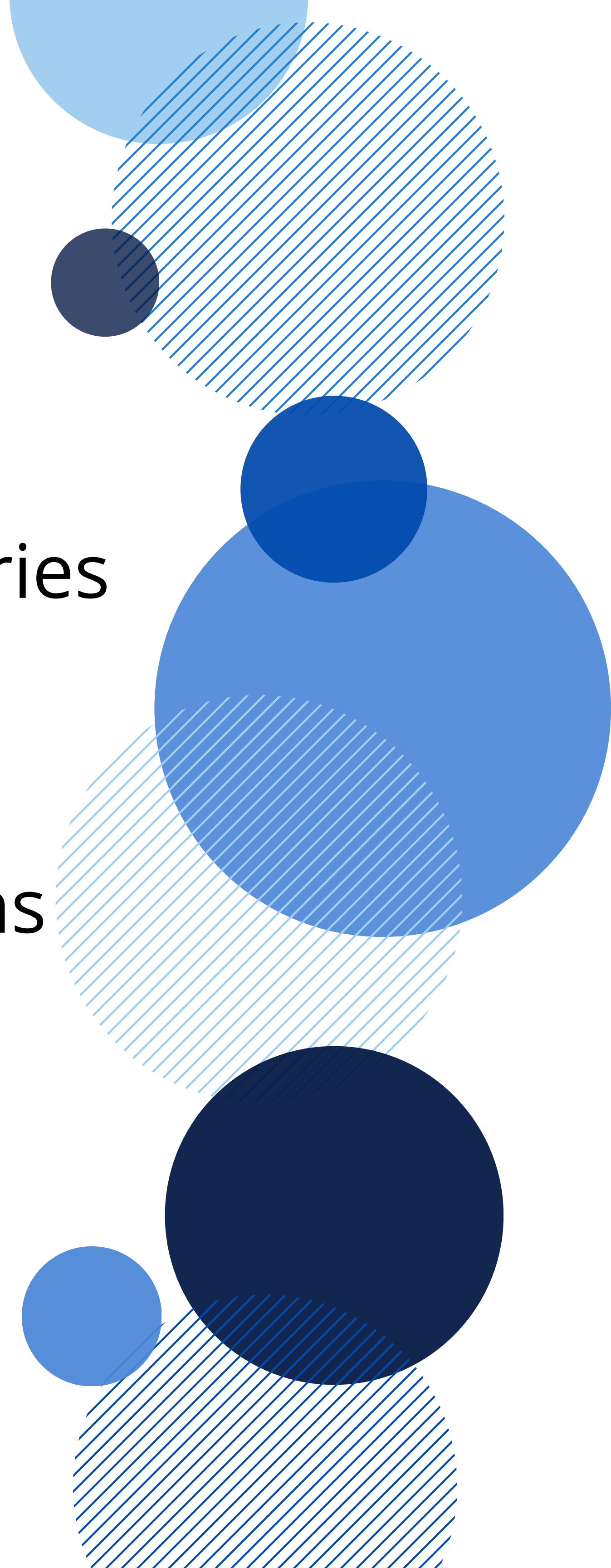
# What Happens After?

- Use caution when sending updates/letters of interest to schools: not all want them.
- We are here to counsel you on ways to improve your application and/or growth year plans.



# What Happens After?

- The timeframe for each law school varies
  - Some schools may contact you within a month
  - Other schools may take 3-4 months



# IMPORTANT

- **TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF THROUGH THIS PROCESS**

me thinking  
about my  
dream job



me studying for  
my dream job





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- Join our newsletter!
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- Workshops, appts., drop-ins, etc...



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# Thank you!

