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.

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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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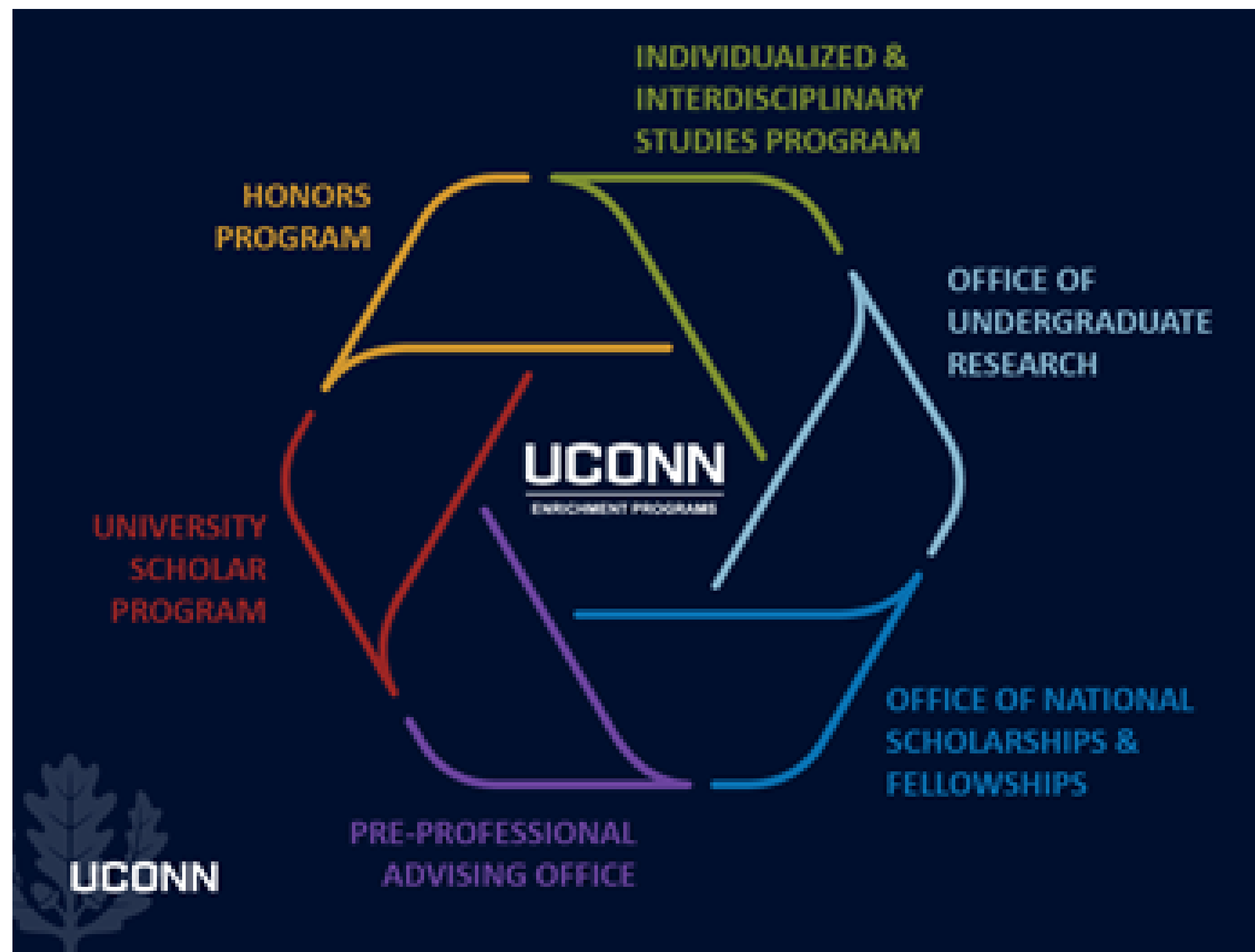
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I'D LIKE TO CLOSE THIS CASE

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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.
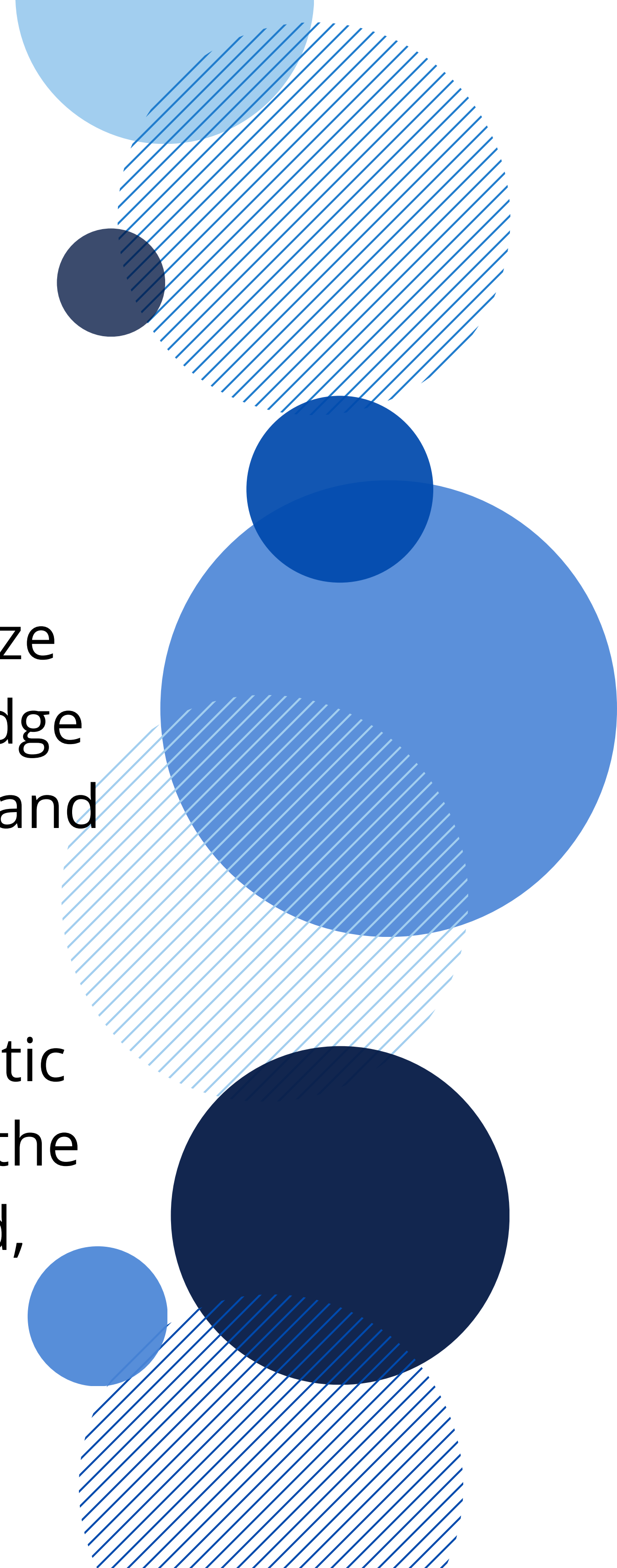
LSAC

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®

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LSAC

Credential Assembly Service (CAS)

- LSAC's service to verify transcripts, collect Letters of Recommendation, and any other documents needed for your application
- $207 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
- Law School Transparency
  - search tool through LawHub (free)
  - generates custom list based on your interests and preferences
- LSAT Demon
  - scholarship estimates

LAW SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY

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
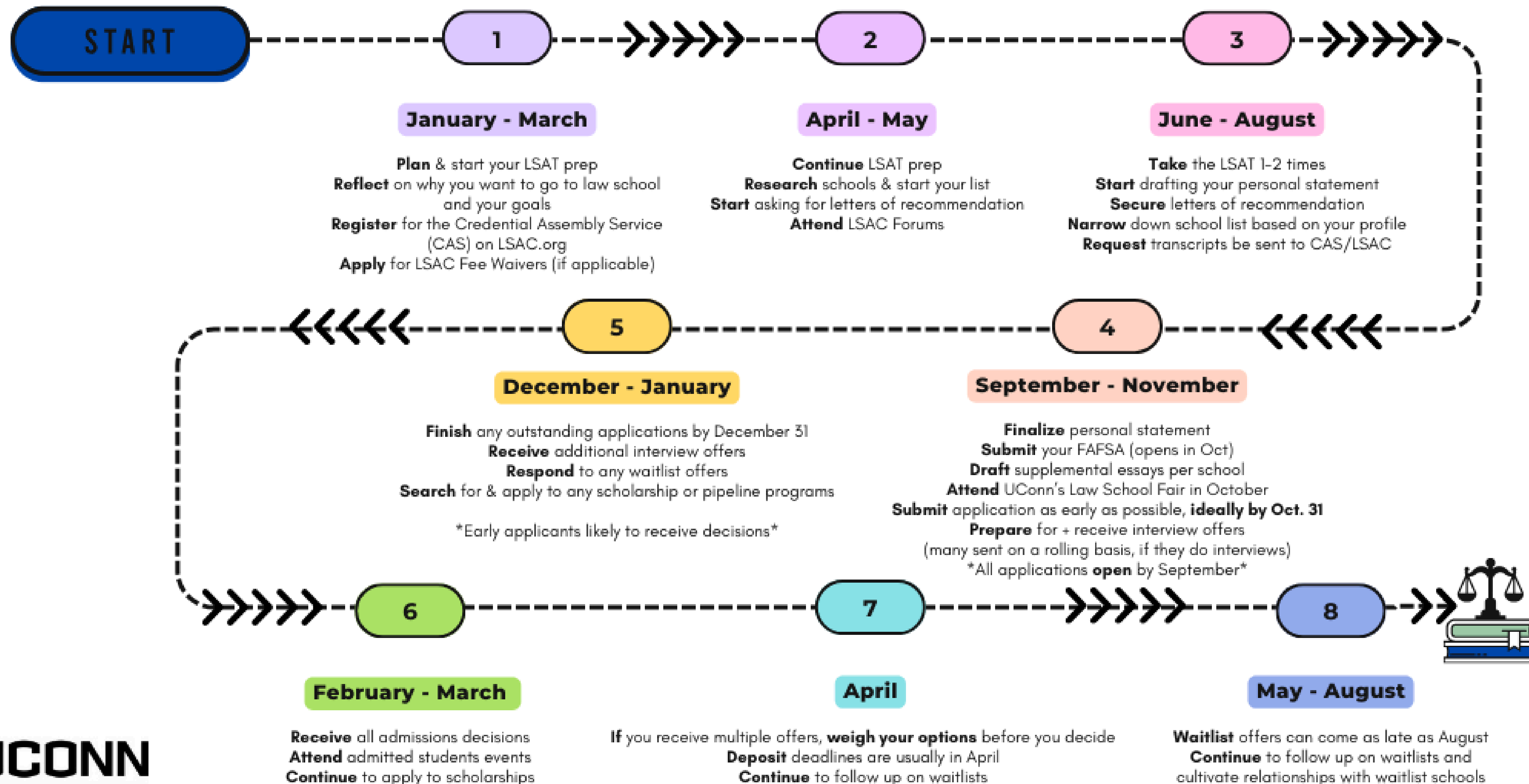
Important Things to Remember

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.

START

1 — January - March

Plan & start your LSAT prep
Reflect on why you want to go to law school and your goals
Register for the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) on LSAC.org
Apply for LSAC Fee Waivers (if applicable)

2 — April - May

Continue LSAT prep
Research schools & start your list
Start asking for letters of recommendation
Attend LSAC Forums

3 — June - August

Take the LSAT 1-2 times
Start drafting your personal statement
Secure letters of recommendation
Narrow down school list based on your profile
Request transcripts be sent to CAS/LSAC

4 — September - November

Finalize personal statement
Submit your FAFSA (opens in Oct)
Draft supplemental essays per school
Attend UConn's Law School Fair in October
Submit application as early as possible, **ideally by Oct. 31**
Prepare for + receive interview offers
(many sent on a rolling basis, if they do interviews)
*All applications **open** by September*

5 — December - January

Finish any outstanding applications by December 31
Receive additional interview offers
Respond to any waitlist offers
Search for & apply to any scholarship or pipeline programs

Early applicants likely to receive decisions

6 — February - March

Receive all admissions decisions
Attend admitted students events
Continue to apply to scholarships

7 — April

If you receive multiple offers, **weigh your options** before you decide
Deposit deadlines are usually in April
Continue to follow up on waitlists

8 — May - August

Waitlist offers can come as late as August
Continue to follow up on waitlists and cultivate relationships with waitlist schools

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:"

Is this kindergarten or The Hunger Games?

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 & some drill sets
  - 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.

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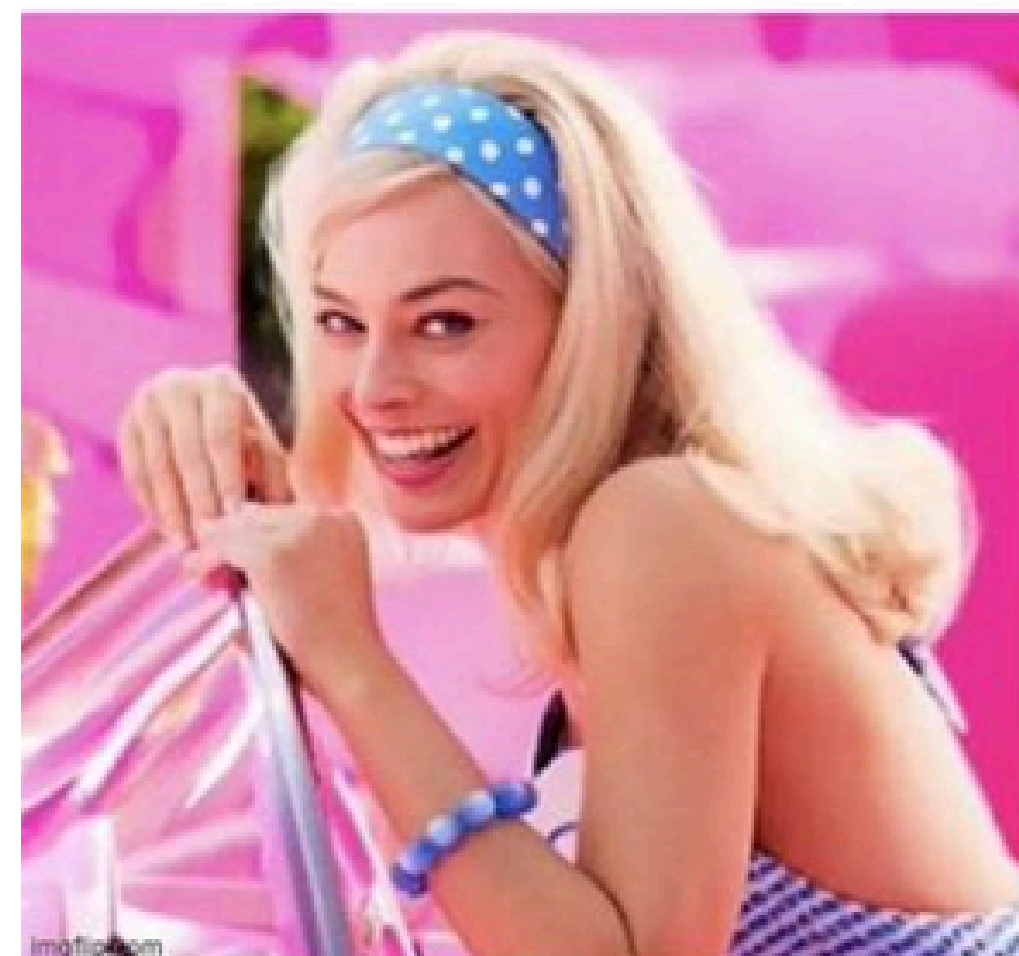
"I'm prepping for the LSAT."

Application Components

3. **LSAT**

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

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

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Application Components

3. LSAT testing dates
- 25-26 year

2025-2026 LSAT Testing Year

LSAC is finalizing details for the 2025-2026 testing cycle. Below you will find the LSAT test dates for the 2025-2026 testing year.

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

August 2025 – LSAT

Primary test dates:
Wednesday, August 6
Thursday, August 7
Friday, August 8
Saturday, August 9

Score Release:
Wednesday, August 27

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

September 2025 – LSAT

Primary test dates:
Wednesday, September 3
Thursday, September 4
Friday, September 5
Saturday, September 6

Score Release:
Wednesday, September 24

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

October 2025 – LSAT

Primary test dates:
Friday, October 3
Saturday, October 4
Monday, October 6
Tuesday, October 7

Score Release:
Friday, October 24

Region:
All testing regions

November 2025 – LSAT

Primary test dates:
Wednesday, November 5
Thursday, November 6
Friday, November 7
Saturday, November 8

Score Release:
Wednesday, November 26

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

January 2026 – LSAT

Primary test dates:
Wednesday, January 7
Thursday, January 8
Friday, January 9
Saturday, January 10

Score Release:
Wednesday, January 28

Region:
All testing regions

February 2026 – LSAT

Primary test dates:
Friday, February 6
Saturday, February 7

Score Release:
Wednesday, February 25

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

February 2026 – LSAT— Puerto Rico

Primary test dates:
Thursday, February 19
Friday, February 20
Saturday, February 21

Score Release:
Wednesday, March 11

Region:
Puerto Rico

April 2026 – LSAT

Primary test dates:
Thursday, April 9
Friday, April 10
Saturday, April 11

Score Release:
Wednesday, April 29

Region:
All testing regions

June 2026 – LSAT

Primary test dates:
Wednesday, June 3
Thursday, June 4
Friday, June 5
Saturday, June 6

Score Release:
Wednesday, June 24

Region:
All testing regions

Application Components
3. LSAT Fees

Basic Fees

LSAT (includes LSAT Argumentative Writing^{SM})	$238
Credential Assembly Service (CAS)	$207
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: **$45**
	If you sign up during a specified period after testing concludes: **$80**
Official Candidate LSAT Score Report (includes nonreportable LSAT scores)	**$50**
Score Audit	**$150** (or $75 if you have been pre-approved for a fee waiver)
Test Date Change	Through your test administration's registration deadline: **No charge**
	Up to 7 days after your test administration's registration deadline: **$145**
	8 days after your test administration's registration deadline through the day before testing begins: **$238**

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

FORGOT TO MENTION I NEED A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

AND AT THIS POINT I'M AFRAID TO ASK

Application Components

4. Letters of recommendation

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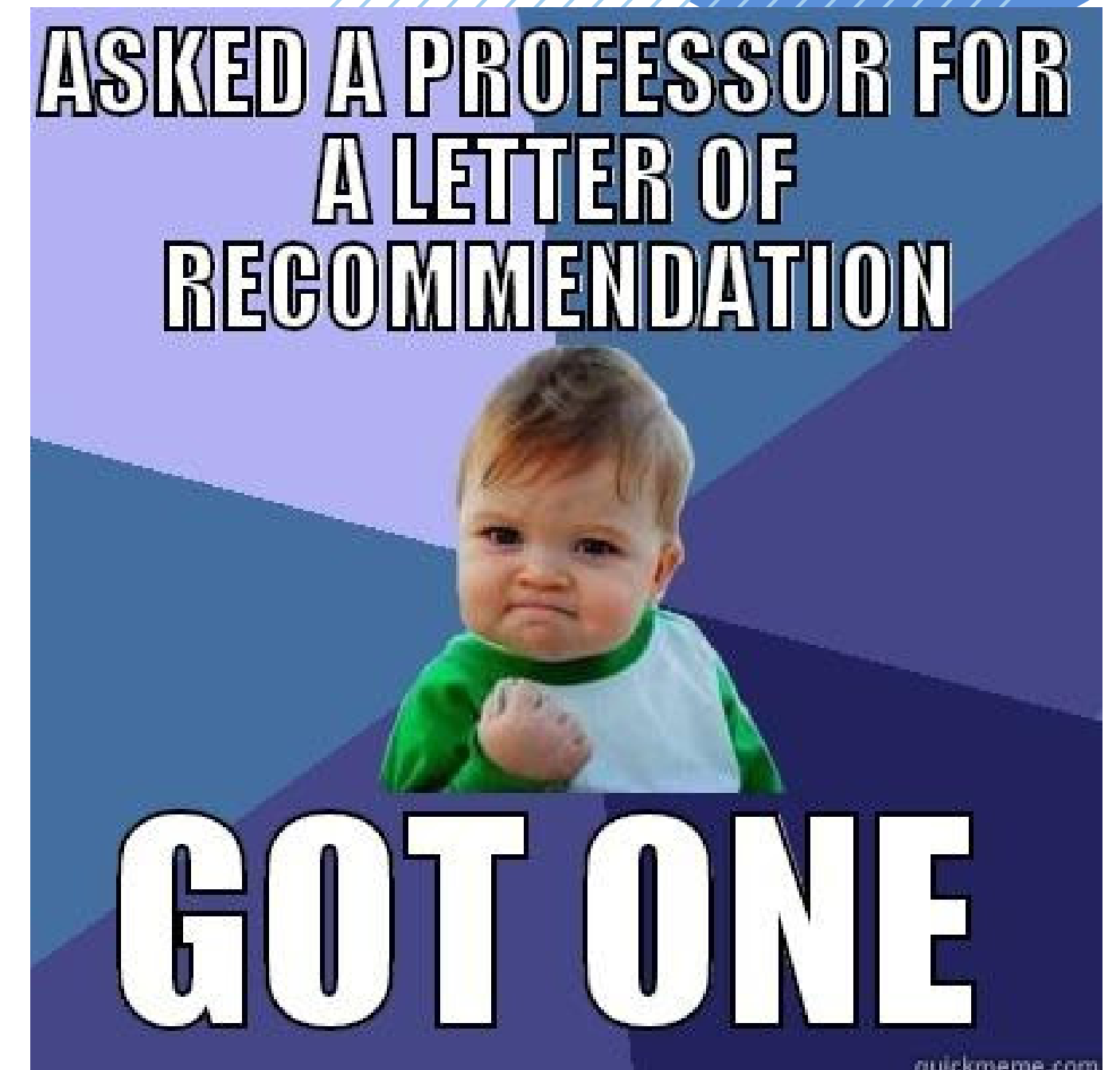
Application Components

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
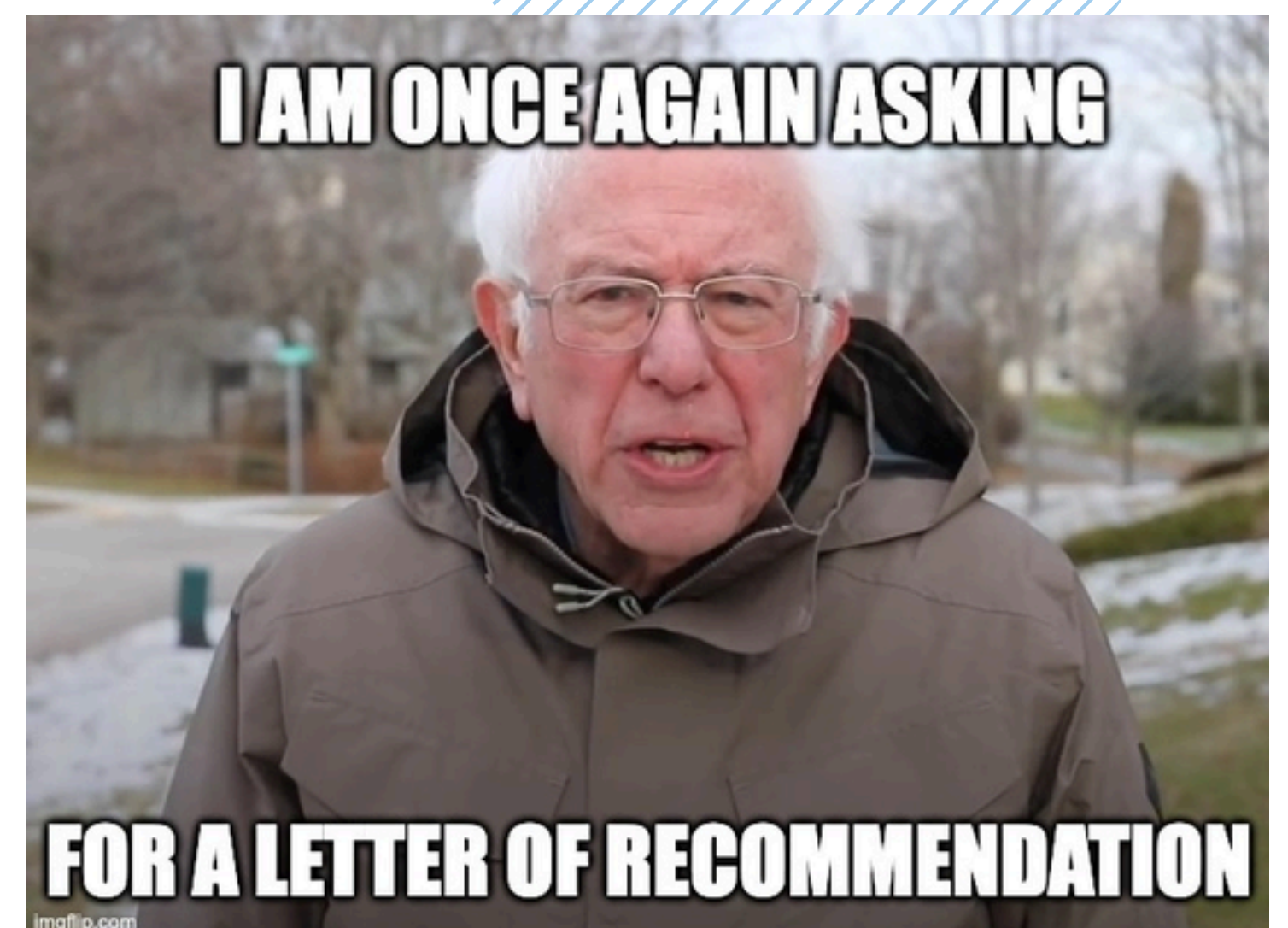
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4. Letters of recommendation

- 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 2024

GPA range = 3.35 – 3.87

(25th – 75th percentile)

LSAT range = 153 – 165

(25th – 75th percentile)

~61,300 applicants

69.9% acceptance rate

~42,900 accepted

37,750 matriculants
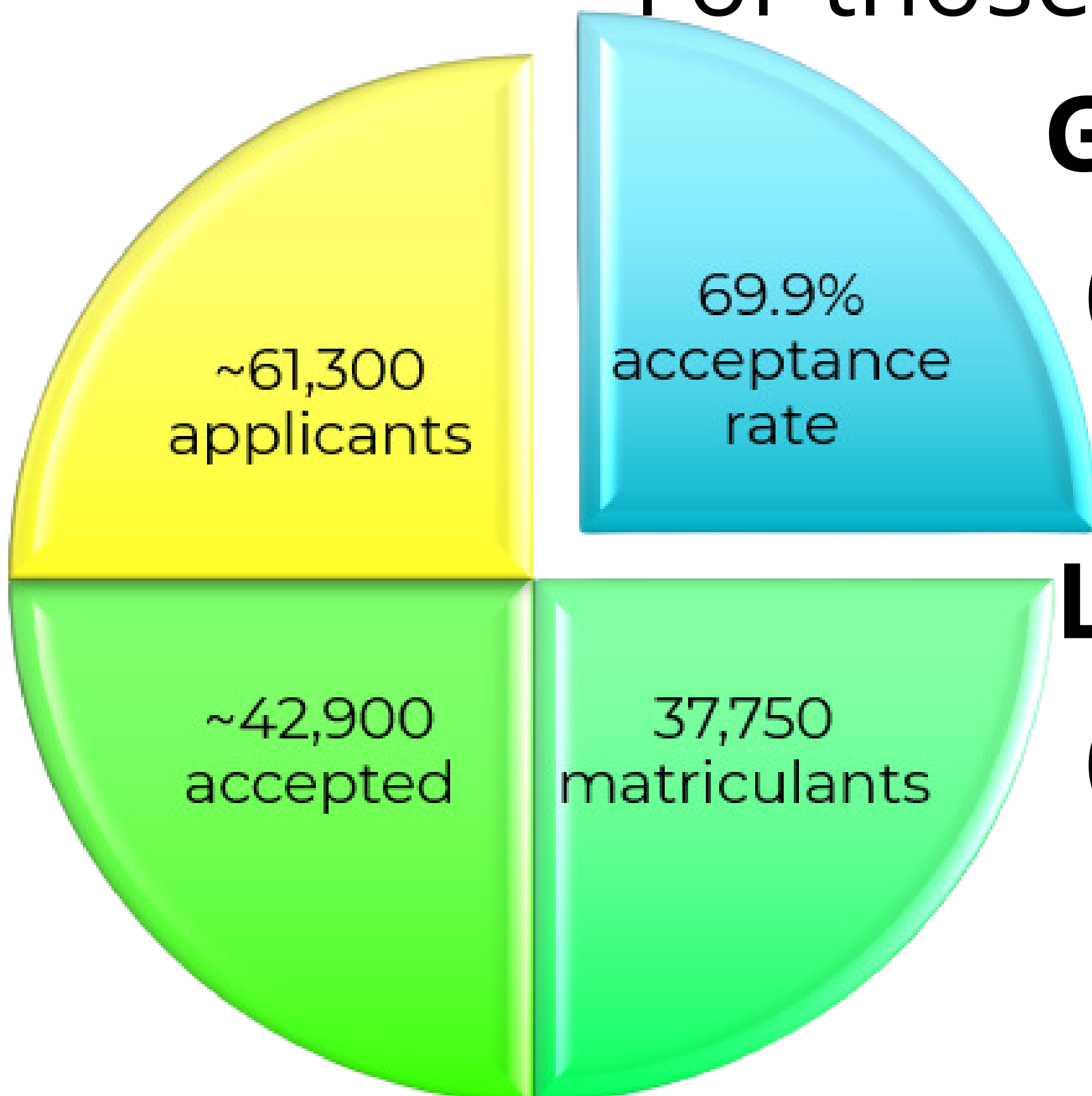
Some Data

Those who applied to attend law school starting Fall 2024.

174 applied to law school for the 2024 cycle
- 135 were offered acceptance to 1+ law schools
- 115 matriculated
- The average number of law schools applied to was 7.4

UConn applicants' acceptance rate in 2024 = **78%**
 this is about 9% 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 3.49
- LSAT scores ranged from 144 – 175 with an average of 155.4

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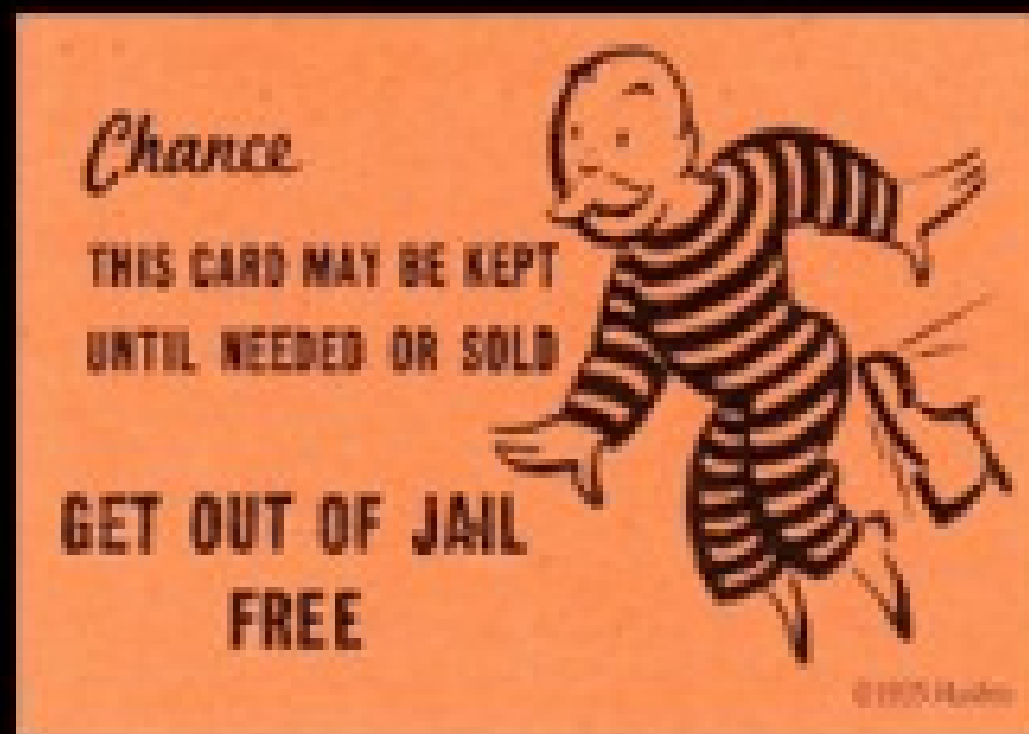
What Happens After?

- 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
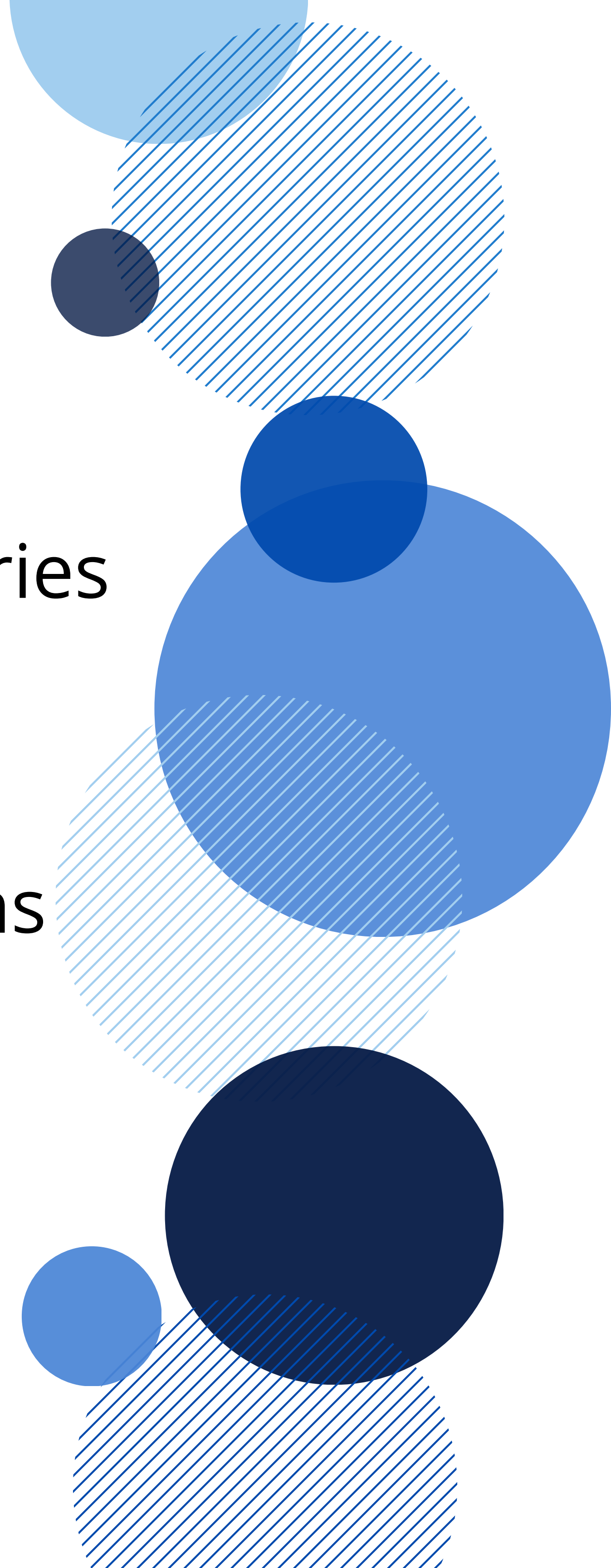
IMPORTANT

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

How to connect with us

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

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Thank you!