



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

TRULY PERSONALIZED MANNER OF TEACHING – ENDURING CORE COMPETENCIES – EXCEPTIONAL LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING PROGRAM

To apply on-line (preferred) – http://www.valpo.edu/law/admit/applying.php

If applying on-line, do not also mail a copy of your application

- Application Year: Fall 20__ [] Full-time student [] Part-time student [] Transfer student [] L.L.M.
[] J.D. [] J.D./M.B.A. [] J.D./M.A. Psy. [] J.D./C.M.H.C. [] J.D./M.A.L.S. [] J.D./M.S.S.A. [] J.D./M.S.I.C.P. [] J.D./M.A.C.S.
[] My \$60 application fee (non-refundable) is enclosed

If you select a dual-degree option you must submit two separate applications. Submit one for the J.D. program and one for the Masters program of your choice.

I. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Last Name First Name Middle Name LSAC Number Social Security Number

Present Address: Street City State Zip

Permanent Address: Street City State Zip

Telephone: Cell Home Work

Present Address Good Until Primary E-Mail Secondary E-Mail

Date of Birth* (M / D / Y) Religion*

Race* :

- [] Asian / Pacific Islander
[] Black / African American
[] Hispanic / Latino
[] Chicano / Mexican American
[] Puerto Rican
[] American Indian / Alaskan Native
[] White / Caucasian
[] Multiracial
[] Other

Citizenship:

- [] United States
[] Permanent U.S. Resident (Citizen of: _____)
[] Non U.S. Country _____

If non-U.S., please indicate visa you will apply for:

- [] Student (F-1)
[] Exchange (J-1)
[] Other (specify _____)

Gender* : [] Male [] Female

*Optional. For statistical purposes only.

Valparaiso University provides equality of opportunity to its applicants for admission, enrolled students, graduates, and employees. The University does not discriminate with respect to hiring, continuation of employment, promotion and tenure, other employment practices, applications for admission, or career services and placement on the basis of race, color, gender, age, disability, national origin or ancestry, sexual orientation, or (as qualified herein) religion. An institution committed to its Lutheran tradition, the University reserves the right to promote the teaching of the church and to exercise preferences in admissions and employment-related practices in favor of Lutherans.

II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY)

A: Please list all colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools attended.

School

Dates of Attendance

Degree Received / Expected

GPA

Major(s)

B: Please list any collegiate extra-curricular or co-curricular activities in which you participated and any awards, honors, scholarships, etc. that you received.

C: Have you ever been in attendance at another law school, including any summer conditional program?

Yes No Please list name of school(s) and dates of attendance.

If yes, please attach an explanatory statement that includes a detailed description of your current status at the relevant law school and reasons for leaving.

D: Have you previously applied for admission to Valparaiso University School of Law? Yes No

If yes, date(s) _____ What action was taken (admit, reject, cancel, etc.)? _____

E: I will take / have taken the LSAT in _____, _____.

Please list all scores received _____

III. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

A: Were you employed as an undergraduate student? Yes No

Number of hours per week: _____ Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

B: Please attach your resumé. (Required)

IV. ESSAY (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY)

Each entering class is composed of exceptionally accomplished people who bring a vast spectrum of experiences and perspectives to our community. To aid in selecting a class, we require a personal statement that demonstrates the ways in which you can contribute your talents and experiences to Valpo Law. Successful applicants have elaborated on significant personal, academic, and professional experiences; meaningful intellectual interests and extracurricular activities; factors inspiring them to obtain a legal education; and significant obstacles, challenges, or disadvantages met and overcome.

Please submit your essay with this application.

V. CHARACTER AND FITNESS TO PRACTICE LAW

Because of the high ethical standards to which lawyers are held, the failure to disclose an act or event such as ones described below is often more significant, and leads to more serious consequences, than the act or event itself. Failure to provide truthful answers, or failure to inform the School of Law of any changes to your answers, may result in revocation of admission from, dismissal from, or disciplinary action by, the School of Law, or denial of permission to practice law by the state in which you seek admission.

You are advised to check your transcripts, or consult with registrars, deans, or other school officials before answering question A. Errors, omissions, incorrect or incomplete responses may result in referral of the matter to the LSAC Subcommittee on Misconduct and Irregularities in the Admission Process or to legal counsel.

Please be advised that a condition for admission to the Bar is proof of good moral character. You are advised to check with the Board of Law Examiners or Supreme Court in the state(s) in which you intend to practice law to determine whether any incident you may have had will preclude your admission to the Bar.

A: Have you ever been dropped, suspended, warned, expelled, placed on academic or disciplinary probation, disciplined, or requested or advised to resign from any post-secondary school, college, university, professional school, or law school?

Yes No If yes, please explain **fully** on a separate sheet.

B: Have you ever been or are you currently a plaintiff, defendant, or other party in any civil or criminal proceeding; any administrative or alternative dispute resolution forum; any mediation or arbitration proceedings; any traffic-related proceeding (**except for parking tickets**). **You must report incidents even if the record has been or will be expunged or sealed.**

Yes No If yes, please explain **fully**, including information regarding final disposition, or current status of the matter (including probation, deferred adjudication or any other type of pretrial diversion) on a separate sheet.

C: In addition to B. above, have you **ever** been accused of, or arrested (includes receipt of a citation or traffic ticket) for, any violations of law (**please list ALL except parking tickets**)?

Yes No If yes, give specific details of the arrest or accusation, a full description of the incident, the date, city, state, and law enforcement agency involved, and current status and disposition of the matter.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

You must submit two letters of recommendation (you may submit more if you wish).

Recommendations need to come from persons who can attest to your ability to succeed in law school. We often receive recommendation letters from highly credentialed persons who, at best, know of the applicant, but who have no basis to attest to the applicant's ability to succeed in law school. Such letters are of little value.

You may submit your letters of recommendation with your application under separate cover directly to the School of Law or through the LSAC letter of recommendation service. This service is included in your LSDAS subscription. All letters of recommendation should include a Letter of Recommendation Form found in the LSAT Registration and LSDAS Information Book.

Please list the names of your recommenders.

Check this box if one of your recommenders is an alumnus/ae of Valpo Law.

VII. SURVEY INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

A: If you have relatives who have attended or are now attending Valparaiso University, please give their names and relationship to you. In addition, please specify their college within the University.

B: Please list other law schools to which you are applying.

C: Who or what influenced you to apply to Valparaiso University School of Law?

VIII. SIGNATURE

I authorize the release of evaluations and information from my school records and understand that the material will be confidential.

I certify that the information that I have supplied in this application is complete and accurate.

I understand that any false, incomplete, inaccurate or misleading information, or any omission, may result in the denial of admission, revocation of admission, or dismissal from the School of Law. Such action may also result in a disciplinary action investigation by LSAC. I also understand that I am under a continual duty from this point on to immediately inform the School of Law should there be any change of status or detail in any response I have made or failed to make to this application or any other matter included in or requested by this application.

Signature

Date

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