

RESEARCHING LAW SCHOOLS



Consider applying to law schools that are within a region you hope to work following law school. Most law firms will hire law graduates who have attended nearby law schools often due to pre-established networks gained through internships.

Here are some steps to assist you in your search:

1. Choose a region you would like to work within that relates to your future plans.

List of States within Regions (taken from LSAC.org)

Far West: California, Hawaii, Nevada

Great Lakes: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin

Midsouth: Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

Midwest: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota

Mountain West: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming

New England: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

Northeast: New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania

Northwest: Oregon, Washington

South Central: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas

Southeast: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Puerto Rico

2. <https://officialguide.lsac.org/Release/Search/DetailedSearch.aspx>

a. The above link helps identify law schools using the following items:

- Region
- State
- Individual School
- Keywords
- Admission
- Enrollment
- Finances
- Curriculum
- Faculty
- After Graduation

3. https://officialguide.lsac.org/release/OfficialGuide_Default.aspx

a. Using the link above, insert your GPA and LSAT score (or predicted LSAT score) to be used as an additional resource in helping you identify possible law schools to research.

4. Generate a list of law schools as result of steps 1-3.

5. Using your list, compare each school by visiting websites, speaking to admission representatives and visiting law schools in attempt to narrow down choices.

6. Apply to at least one school you think you will have trouble getting into ("reach schools"), some that will be challenging for you to get into but you probably can ("competitive schools"), and then at least one you're sure you can get into ("safety schools").

Everybody applies to the top law schools in their minds, the ones that everybody has heard of, but there are a lot of really good law schools in the country especially for people who aren't willing or able to relocate.