Your campaign for law school admission should begin up to 18 months before you step into your first law classroom. For example, if you plan to matriculate directly following graduation, you will want to start the process in the spring semester of your junior year. Below is a checklist/schedule of what you should be doing during each season.

**SPRING**
- Review the NYU Prelaw website at [http://prelaw.cas.nyu.edu](http://prelaw.cas.nyu.edu) for an overview of the law school application process.
- Meet with a preprofessional advisor to discuss the law school application process. If you haven’t met with one already, you must attend a prelaw overview session, which are offered several times every semester.
- Buy a law school guide (e.g., LSAC’s *The Official Guide to U.S. Law Schools*) and begin researching law schools.
- Register for the June LSAT (you can retake in October if your score needs improvement).
- Begin preparing for the LSAT using a method most appropriate for you (i.e., prep course, tutor, practice exams, etc.).

**SUMMER**
- Take the June LSAT.
- Subscribe to LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service (CAS). See LSAC.org for information on CAS services.
- Begin drafting your personal statement.
- Send transcript request forms to all undergraduate and graduate schools you have attended.
- Think about which faculty members you will ask for recommendations. Review the LSAC.org section on evaluations and letters of recommendation.
- Begin to compile a list of schools to which you might apply, and visit their websites for more information.
- Visit as many of your target law schools as possible (if you have the means).
- Register for the October LSAT if you are not satisfied with your June score.
- Meet with a career counselor at Wasserman to have your resume critiqued.

**EARLY FALL**
- Attend the “Writing the Personal Statement” workshop sponsored by our office.
- Meet with your recommenders. Provide them with a copy of your resume, personal statement, and transcripts so they have ample information to write the strongest recommendation possible.
- Make a checklist and schedule of important dates and deadlines for each law school application.
- Attend an LSAC law school forum if you are able to do so.
- Attend law school-specific information sessions on campus, which are presented throughout the fall semester.
- Meet with the expository writing center to revise your personal statement. Tailor it to specific essay topics, if any, on individual applications.
- Attend the “Admissions Deans Panel” sponsored by our office.
**MID-FALL**

☐ Finalize your personal statement. Have several people review it for tone and clarity and to ensure that it is error-free.

☐ Put the finishing touches on your applications.

☐ Check-in with your recommenders to find out the status of your letters of recommendation.

☐ Take the October LSAT, if necessary.

☐ Request financial aid application materials from your target schools, making sure that you review the instructions carefully.

☐ Obtain a copy of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application. You must complete this form to be eligible for federal and private aid.

☐ If you have completed your applications, send them in early.

**LATE FALL/WINTER**

☐ Verify that your recommenders have submitted their letters of recommendation to LSAC.

☐ Submit any remaining law school applications.

☐ Complete and submit all financial aid forms.

**SPRING AND SUMMER**

☐ Review financial aid notices from law schools.

☐ Attend law school events for accepted students to which you are invited.

☐ Decide which law school offer to accept, and submit the necessary deposit.

☐ Complete your student loan applications.

☐ Review your finances to be certain you will have sufficient resources to meet law school expenses.

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