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Dear Deans of LSAC Member Schools:

LSAC is committed to providing accurate and reliable law school admission data. We do this through a variety of services to member schools including the matriculant certification service. Because of the uncertainty concerning Standard 503 and the possible use of alternative admissions tests, we are no longer confident that our certification will present an accurate and complete profile of law school matriculants. As a result, the LSAC Board of Trustees has authorized us to inform you that, subject to consideration of input from our members, we intend to suspend the matriculant certification service.

As many of you know, LSAC agreed in 2011, at the request of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, to certify matriculants’ LSAT and UGPA data in response to widespread concerns about the accuracy of admission data reported by law schools. Based on this request, LSAC developed a process to certify matriculants’ 25th, 50th, and 75th LSAT and UGPA percentiles, which law schools are required to report on the ABA Annual Questionnaire. The matriculant certification service was made available at no cost to LSAC member schools beginning in October 2012, and has been offered since then.

Consistent with LSAC’s mission, the goal of this service is to provide accurate and reliable information about the LSAT/UGPA profile of a law school’s matriculants. Given the current uncertainty about the Section’s position on the use of admission tests other than the LSAT, and the current or potential use by some law schools of admission tests other than the LSAT, we no longer believe that this goal can be met. Moreover, the reporting of LSAT scores to US News without similarly reporting other test scores that may be used by some law schools in the admission process has the potential to disadvantage many of our member schools. Because the US News rankings are so volatile, the nonreporting of selected test scores could provide a significant advantage to certain law schools and would reduce the reliability of the certification of matriculant data.

LSAC remains committed to providing accurate and reliable law school admission data and to supporting legal education in other ways, many free of charge or with significant subsidies to our members. A list of those services is attached. After the Section has clarified the reporting requirements for all admission-test scores, LSAC would consider resuming our participation in the matriculant certification service if we can be assured that the certification service would provide an accurate and complete profile of law school matriculants.

If you wish to provide input on LSAC’s plans to suspend the matriculant certification service, please do so immediately by emailing us at DBernstine2@lsac.org. We intend to share this announcement at the upcoming Section meeting and ABA Dean’s breakfast later this week.

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Chair                                                 President

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Services for Law Schools and Their Applicants
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A complete description of these services can be found at:
http://www.lsac.org/docs/default-source/admission-resources-(members)/law-school-services.pdf

Application Process

ACES² (Admission Communication & Exchange System)
Candidate Referral Service (CRS)
Credential Assembly Service
FlexApp flexible electronic law school applications
Letter of Recommendation Service
LLM Credential Assembly Service
LSAC Fee Waivers
Matriculant Certification (may be suspended)

Communication

Admit-F email Listserv
Admit-L email Listserv
Admit-LLM email Listserv
Calendar of Services
Interpretive Guide to Undergraduate Grading Systems
Law School Support Services Newsletter
Law School Support Services Website
LSAC Board of Trustees Report
LSAC.org
LSAC Report
Directories
LSAC Directory
Prelaw Advisor Directory

Diversity Initiatives
DiscoverLaw.org
DiscoverLaw.org Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program
Diversity Matters Award
DiscoverLaw.org Student Ambassador Program
DiscoverLaw.org Two-Year College Initiative
Conditional Admission Programs Listing
Forum Subsidies
LGBT Outreach and Survey
Pipeline Diversity Directory
Why Diversity Matters brochure

Education
Annual Meeting and Educational Conference
Electronic Services Training
Newcomers Workshop
Regional Training Workshops
Summer Workshops

Grants
DiscoverLaw.org Months: Diversity Outreach for High School and Early College Students
DiscoverLaw.org Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars Program (PLUS)
Diversity Initiative Fund General Grants
Forum Subsidies
LSAC Outreach Grants
The LSAT

Cautionary Policies Concerning LSAT Scores and Related Services brochure
Free, Sample LSAT
Interpretive Guide for LSAT Score Users
Law School Admission Test (LSAT)
Spanish LSAT
LSAT Dates Poster
LSAT Preparation Materials

Publications

Admission Surveys
Applicant Studies
Biennial Report
Financial Aid for Law School brochure
Forum Guidelines
Guide to LSAC Admission Services and Policies
JD Statement of Good Admission and Financial Aid Practices
Law School Support Services Newsletter
LLM Statement of Good Admission Practices
LSAC Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools
LSAC Official Guide to Canadian Law Schools
LSAC Official Guide to LLM/Graduate Law Programs
Out & In brochure
Reaching Out to LGBT applicants
Rules Governing Misconduct and Irregularities in the Admission Process
Simpler Law School Admission Process (Candidate Brochure)
**Recruiting**

JD Recruitment Calendar  
LLM Recruitment Calendar  
Law School Forums

**Reports**

Admission Surveys  
Applicant Profile Reports  
Applicant Studies  
Application and Acceptance Overlap Reports  
Commitment Overlap Reports  
Correlation Studies Reports  
JD Credential Assembly Service Law School Reports  
LLM Credential Assembly Service Law School Reports

**Current Volume Summary**

**Data**—Data reports available on LSAC.org include:

- All-term Applicants, Admitted Applicants, & Matriculants to ABA-Approved Law Schools by Country of Citizenship  
- Admitted Applicants by Ethnic and Gender Group  
- Applicants by Age Group  
- Applicants by Ethnic and Gender Group  
- Applicants by Major  
- Applications by Law School Region  
- Behind the Data: What Applicants Said as Freshmen  
- Current Volume Summary by Region, Race/Ethnicity, and LSAT Score  
- End of Year Summary: ABA Applicants, Applications, Admissions, LSATs, CAS  
- First-Time Applicant and Reapplicant Analysis  
- First-Time and Repeat Test Takers by Region of Administration  
- Law School Forum Data  
- LLM—Current Volume Summary  
- LSAT Repeater Data  
- LSAT Score Distribution  
- LSAT Test Takers’ Application Behavior  
- LSATs Administered in Canada  
- National Applicant Trends  
- Permanent Residence of Applicants by Region  
- Permanent Residence of Applicants by State  
- Permanent Residence of Canadian Applicants by Province  
- Populations Profile  
- Test Takers by Country of Administration  
- Test Takers by Race/Ethnicity and Sex/Gender  
- Test Takers by Permanent Residence—Canada  
- Test Takers by Permanent Residence—US  
- Three-Year Applicant Volume Graphs  
- Top 240 ABA Feeder Schools
• Total LSATsAdministered—Counts and Percent Increases by Admin & Year
• Trends in PT and FT ABA Law School Programs
• Additional reports as data become available

**Interpretive Guide to Undergraduate Grading Systems (IGUGS)**

**National Applicant Profile**

**US National Decision Profile**

**National Statistical Reports**

**Regional Statistical Reports**

**Reports on LSAC Research**

**Social Media**

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