

## Application for Fall 2010 Admission to the Juris Doctor Program

### APPLICANT INFORMATION (Name should be *exactly* the same on application and LSDAS materials)

#### 1. Legal Name

2. Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

3. Date of Birth: Last First Middle Name you prefer to be called  
mm/dd/yyyy

4. LSAC Account Number: L

5. Current address (*where you wish admissions correspondence sent*):  
Good until (Please email any changes)

Street or Box—Line 1

Street or Box—Line 2

City State Zip Code

If other than U.S., give country

6. Permanent address (*where financial aid information is mailed and you can be reached at any time*): ☐ Check if same as current address

Street or Box—Line 1

Street or Box—Line 2

City State Zip Code

If other than U.S., give country

Please provide the following phone numbers:

Cell Phone:

Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

Primary Email Address:

Secondary Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 7. Do you intend to claim entitlement to Virginia in-state educational privileges?

☐ No ☐ Yes—Please complete, print, and mail the completed Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates form directly to the law school. Do not send it electronically. (To obtain the in-state tuition form, go to [www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/instate\\_form.pdf](http://www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/instate_form.pdf).)

#### 8. Citizenship Status. Please select one: ☐ U.S. ☐ Permanent Resident ☐ Non-U.S. Citizen, Non-permanent Resident

Do you have pending Permanent Resident status? ☐ Yes ☐ No Country of Citizenship

If yes, please indicate your previous visa status.

Current visa held: Visa Type

Date Issued

Expiration Date

Do you intend to apply/transfer to F-1 visa status? ☐ Yes ☐ No

#### 9. Race/Ethnicity. Please answer both a. and b. Please refer to "Important Notes on Race/Ethnicity" for expanded definitions.

a. **Ethnicity.** Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b. **Race.** Please check one or more as it applies to you:

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Black or African American

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

☐ Asian

☐ White

## Program Choice

#### 10. Application Status: I am applying as (select one)

☐ a first-year DAY (full-time) student ☐ a first-year EVENING (part-time) student ☐ a first-year student to EITHER program

☐ Check if applying under the Early Decision Program (Early Decision Agreement must accompany application.) **Deadline for Early Decision is December 15, 2009.** Last LSAT accepted is December 2009.

If you are reapplying, indicate the year in which you previously applied to George Mason University School of Law: \_\_\_\_\_  
Result?

## Supplemental Information

Fill out each section below accurately and completely. Where additional space is needed, please provide an attachment.

11. List all dates on which you have taken or plan to take the LSAT.

Please notify us if you do not take the LSAT on the date listed above. Your application will be held for review until we receive your test score.

12. List all universities, colleges, and professional schools, including other law schools, you have attended or currently are attending. *(Please list the school that awarded your undergraduate degree first.)*

Date Graduated or Expected

13. List all scholastic or academic honors you have received, including scholarships, fellowships, prizes, honor societies, etc.

14. List any extracurricular or community activities that have been important to you. Describe each activity and your contribution.

15. To what other law schools have you applied or do you intend to apply?

**Answer all questions.** If the answer to any of the questions 16-20 is yes, you must explain fully in an attachment. ***Failure to provide responses and/or required explanations to the questions below will result in a delay in the completion and review of your application for admission.***

16. Have you ever registered at any law school? ☐ Yes ☐ No If YES, at what school?

If YES, you must submit an official transcript reflecting

registration and a dean's certificate of good academic standing and eligibility to return or continue.

17. Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor charge, including a moving traffic violation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

18. Are there currently any criminal charges pending or expected to be brought against you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

19. Have you ever been dismissed from; placed on academic warning, academic probation, or conduct probation at; or subjected to any academic or conduct disciplinary action in any of the colleges, universities, or graduate or professional schools you have attended? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
(Please review copies of your transcripts to confirm the accuracy of your response to this question.)

20. Are there any academic or conduct disciplinary charges pending or expected to be brought against you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

21. Have you ever been known by any other legal names? ☐ Yes ☐ No If YES

22. Please submit a personal statement on a topic of your choice **not to exceed 500 words, double-spaced**. While review by others is acceptable, this statement should be written solely by you.

23. Please submit your resume.

24. Please provide two letters of recommendation. We strongly urge you to submit these letters through the LSDAS Letter of Recommendation Service (see directions). If you do not use the LSDAS Letter of Recommendation Service and are having your recommendations sent directly to us, you must use our recommendation form, which can be found at [www.law.gmu.edu/admission/onlineapp.html](http://www.law.gmu.edu/admission/onlineapp.html).

25. Please list any relatives who are attending or who have graduated from **George Mason University School of Law**.

Law School Graduation Date

## INTERESTS

If you have a strong interest in one or more areas of law or any of our student organizations, please indicate below.

### Course Concentrations:

- ☐ Corporate and Securities Law
- ☐ Criminal Law
- ☐ General Law
- ☐ Homeland and National Security Law
- ☐ Intellectual Property Law
- ☐ International Business Law

- ☐ Law, Economics and Policy
- ☐ Litigation Law
- ☐ Patent Law
- ☐ Personal Law
- ☐ Public Policy
- ☐ Regulatory Law

- ☐ Tax Law
- ☐ Technology and Critical Infrastructure Protection
- ☐ Technology Law

### Student Organizations (See <http://www.law.gmu.edu/students/orgs.php>):

- ☐ Alternate Dispute Resolution Society
- ☐ American Bar Association/Law School Division
- ☐ American Civil Liberties Union—GMU Chapter
- ☐ American Constitution Society
- ☐ American Immigration Lawyers Association
- ☐ American Inn of Court
- ☐ Arab Law Students Association
- ☐ Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- ☐ Association for Public Interest Law
- ☐ Black Law Students Association
- ☐ Business Law Society
- ☐ Christian Legal Society
- ☐ *Civil Rights Law Journal*
- ☐ *The Docket* (student newspaper)

- ☐ Environmental Law Society
- ☐ Federalist Society
- ☐ Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Law Association
- ☐ *George Mason Law Review*
- ☐ Hispanic Law Students Association
- ☐ Honor Committee
- ☐ Intellectual Property Law Society
- ☐ International Law Society
- ☐ J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- ☐ Jewish Law Students Association
- ☐ *Journal of International Commercial Law*
- ☐ *Journal of Law, Economics & Policy*
- ☐ Law Students for the Second Amendment
- ☐ Mason Law Democrats

- ☐ Mason Law Republicans
- ☐ Mason Law Sports and Entertainment Ass'n
- ☐ Moot Court Board
- ☐ Muslim Law Students Association
- ☐ National Security Law Society
- ☐ Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Int'l
- ☐ Phi Delta Phi (Lewis F. Powell Inn)
- ☐ Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- ☐ Student Bar Association
- ☐ Thomas More Society
- ☐ Trial Advocacy Association
- ☐ VBA—Pro Bono Society
- ☐ Women's Law Association

## CERTIFICATION

By signing this application or transmitting it electronically, I certify the information submitted in the application and in any supporting document is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any material misstatement on the application form or in any supporting document, or any form of dishonesty, including fraudulent practices relating to the LSAT, will result in my disqualification for admission, and if discovered after admission, may be grounds for withdrawal or dismissal (during the period between matriculation and graduation). I further acknowledge that the thoughts and words contained in my Personal Statement are uniquely my own and that no other(s) assisted in the creation of my statement beyond basic proofreading or a general critique of my work. I understand that this application and other documents supplied in connection herewith become the property of George Mason University School of Law and will not be returned. I understand that I have a continuing duty to inform the Admissions Office (during the period between the date of application submission and either my withdrawal of my candidacy, a final and adverse decision on my application, or matriculation) or the Assistant Dean for Academic Administration (during the period between matriculation and graduation) of any fact, event, or circumstance that would make any information provided no longer accurate or complete.

Signature of Applicant

Date

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Your application will be considered complete and will be evaluated when the following items have been received:

- ☐ Application and application fee
  - ☐ Signed (if applying through LSAC, submit Certification electronically)
  - ☐ \$35 application fee payable to George Mason University (WAIVED for electronic applications)
- ☐ LSAT/LSDas Report
  - ☐ Undergraduate transcripts
  - ☐ Graduate transcripts
- ☐ Personal Statement (500 words or less)
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation
- ☐ Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates (if eligible)
- ☐ Early Decision Agreement Form (if applicable—see page 6)

### DEADLINES

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|--------------------------|--|
| <b>December 2009</b>     | Last LSAT accepted for Early Decision  |
| <b>December 15, 2009</b> | Early Decision (binding application) must be received—see form on page 6         |
| <b>February 2010</b>     | Last LSAT Accepted   |
| <b>March 1, 2010</b>     | Application from international students seeking F-1 visa status must be received |
| <b>April 1, 2010</b>     | Standard First-Year Application must be received                                 |

### CHECKING ON THE STATUS OF APPLICATIONS

Applicants are responsible for monitoring the submission and completion of all application requirements. Requests for status checks on submitted applications should be made in writing, preferably by email, to the Admissions Office at [lawadmit@gmu.edu](mailto:lawadmit@gmu.edu).

Admission decisions will be communicated to the applicant in writing. This policy is for the protection and confidentiality entrusted to our Admissions Office by each applicant.

**Applicants for regular admission should submit their application as soon as possible after October 1, 2009.**

Applications are not evaluated until all required documents have been received. To be considered for admission to George Mason Law, applicants must provide the following five items on or before April 1, 2010:

### 1. Application and Application Fee

Applicants must provide a completed application form, accompanied by a \$35 non-refundable application fee in the form of a check or money order payable to George Mason University. Payment by check or money order must be paid with U.S. funds drawn on an American bank. Checks drawn on foreign banks, even if in U.S. dollars, are not acceptable. Applicants may transmit their application electronically through LSAC, or they may print a completed application and mail it to the law school.

The standard first-year application deadline is **April 1, 2010. For guaranteed consideration, all application materials (items 1 through 5) should be received by George Mason Law on or before April 1.** Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis.

### 2. LSAT/LSDAS Report

Applicants must register with the Law School Assembly Data Service (LSDAS) so that George Mason Law will receive a current Law School Report furnished by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). Most colleges, universities, and law schools make LSAT/LSDAS information and registration booklets available for pickup. Applicants also may contact LSAC/LSDAS directly at 215-968-1001 or through [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org).

**The George Mason University School of Law LSDAS Recipient Code is 5827.**

The Law School Report must reflect (a) all work done at undergraduate institutions, signifying that a baccalaureate degree has been or will be awarded before the start of the academic year for which admission is being sought and (b) the results of at least one Law School Admission Test (LSAT) taken within the period June 2005 through February 2010.

The applicant has sole responsibility for meeting all of LSAC's requirements. Failure to register properly, maintain registration throughout the admissions process, or provide transcripts and other related materials to LSAC can delay or prevent release of a report to a law school. *George Mason Law is not responsible for incomplete or missing reports and will not contact applicants about incomplete or missing reports.*

### 3. Personal Statement

The application requires submission of a personal statement **not to exceed 500 words, double-spaced.** The thoughts and words of the personal statement must be uniquely those of the applicant. With the exception of basic proofreading, no other(s) may assist in the creation of the personal statement.

### 4. Resume

The applicant must submit a resume. There is no page limit.

### 5. Two Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation. George Mason Law strongly prefers that applicants use the LSDAS Letter of Recommendation Service, following LSDAS procedures. Any applicant who does not use the LSDAS Letter of Recommendation Service must (a) have their recommendations sent directly to George Mason Law and (b) use George Mason Law's recommendation form, which can be found at:

[www.law.gmu.edu/admissions/onlineapp.html](http://www.law.gmu.edu/admissions/onlineapp.html).

Recommendations submitted directly to George Mason Law must be in a sealed envelope and bear the author's signature across the sealed envelope flap.

### Application for In-state Tuition (required only for applicants who believe they qualify for in-state tuition rates)

Applicants who believe they qualify for in-state tuition rates must complete and include the Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates with the application. See Section 23-7.4, *Code of Virginia*, and [registrar.gmu.edu/domicile](http://registrar.gmu.edu/domicile) regarding eligibility.

### IMPORTANT NOTES ON RACE/ETHNICITY

The U.S. Department of Education is requiring educational institutions to begin reporting data utilizing a two-part race and ethnicity question in response to increased diversity within the United States.

1. Ethnicity is based on the following categorization:

*Hispanic or Latino:* A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term "Spanish origin" can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino."

2. Race is based on the following five categorizations:

*American Indian or Alaska Native:* A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

*Asian:* A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

*Black or African American:* A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Terms such as "Haitian" or "Negro" can be used in addition to "Black or African American."

*Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:* A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

*White:* A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

This data will be used only for informational purposes and will not be used to discriminate against or penalize any applicant, or to determine immigration status.

## IMPORTANT NOTES FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

1. **George Mason Law requires that international transcripts be submitted through the LSAC JD Credential Assembly Service.** If an applicant has completed any post-secondary work outside the U.S. (including its territories) or Canada, the applicant must use the LSAC JD Credential Assembly Service (JD CAS) for the evaluation of international transcripts. This service is included in the LSDAS registration fee. A Foreign Credential Evaluation will be completed by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), which will be incorporated into your LSDAS report.

To use the JD CAS, log in to your online account and follow the instructions for registering for the service. Be sure to print out a Transcript Request Form for each institution and send it promptly to them. More time is usually required to receive international transcripts. Questions about the JD Credential Assembly Service can be directed to LSAC at 215-968-1001, or [LSACINFO@LSAC.org](mailto:LSACINFO@LSAC.org).

**Note to all applicants:** The one exception to required use of the JD CAS is completion of international work through a study abroad, consortium, or exchange program sponsored by a U.S. or Canadian institution, where the work is clearly indicated as such on the home campus transcript.

2. **If seeking F-1 immigration status, the international applicant must submit an International Student Certificate of Financial Responsibility** ([www.law.gmu.edu/admission/2009ForeignApp.pdf](http://www.law.gmu.edu/admission/2009ForeignApp.pdf)). Immigration document I-20 required for international students studying full time in the United States will not be issued until the student has completed the form (front and back) and returned it along with a copy of the identification page of the passport and supporting documents to:

George Mason University School of Law  
Office of Admissions  
3301 Fairfax Drive, MSN 1G3  
Arlington, VA 22201

*It is strongly recommended that international applicants submit an application no later than **March 1, 2010**, in order to ensure the timely processing of immigration documentation.*

## TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students who have completed two semesters of law study at an ABA-accredited law school may apply for transfer admission. The deadline for applying for transfer admission is **July 1, 2010**. More information and the application for transfer admission can be found at:

[www.law.gmu.edu/admission/onlineapp.html](http://www.law.gmu.edu/admission/onlineapp.html).

## VISITING STUDENTS

A student in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school is eligible to apply to George Mason Law for admission as a visiting student. The deadlines for applications are:

**Fall/July 1 • Spring/ November 1 • Summer/May 1**

More information and the application can be found at:

[www.law.gmu.edu/admission/onlineapp.html](http://www.law.gmu.edu/admission/onlineapp.html).

## DIRECTIONS TO ARLINGTON CAMPUS

### By Car:

**FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Cross over the Roosevelt Bridge; follow signs to the George Washington Parkway North. Once on the parkway, exit at *Spout Run (left exit)*. Cross over Route 29 (Lee Highway). Spout Run is now Kirkwood Road. Cross over Washington Boulevard. The Arlington Campus is on the right, at 3301 Fairfax Drive.

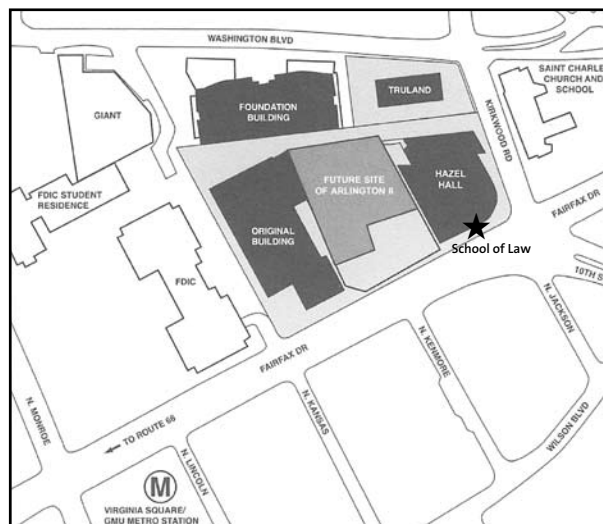
**FROM I-66 HEADING EAST**—Exit I-66 at *Glebe Road/Fairfax Drive (exit 71)*. The exit ramp becomes Fairfax Drive. After traveling one mile on Fairfax Drive, you will see the FDIC building on the left. The Arlington Campus is next door.

**FROM I-66 HEADING WEST**—Exit I-66 at *Glebe Road/Fairfax Drive (exit 71)*. Turn left onto Glebe Road and left again onto Washington Boulevard. Stay on Washington Boulevard until you pass the Giant Supermarket, then turn right onto Kirkwood Road. The Arlington Campus is on the right, at 3301 Fairfax Drive.

**FROM I-395**—Exit I-395 at *Glebe Road North*. Continue on Glebe Road, passing Ballston Common Mall on the right. Cross over Wilson Boulevard, then turn right onto Fairfax Drive. After traveling one mile, you will see the FDIC building on the left. The Arlington Campus is next door.

### By Metro:

Take the **Orange Line** to the Virginia Square/GMU station. Take the escalator to the street level. Fairfax Drive will be at your back as you exit the escalator. Turn to face Fairfax Drive. Across the street and to the right, you will see the FDIC building. The Arlington Campus is next door.



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## ACCEPTED APPLICANTS

Applicants who have been accepted into George Mason Law will receive a letter setting forth the conditions that must be met to reserve a seat in the entering class. Such conditions include making a non-refundable seat deposit in the total sum of \$750 by established deadlines, providing an Intent Form and Honor Code Certification, and ensuring that, before matriculation, the George Mason Law receives official transcripts from each institution at which course work was taken.

## EARLY DECISION PROGRAM

Applicants who are confident that George Mason Law is the law school for them may wish to apply through our Early Decision Program. In order to be considered for Early Decision:

**1. The applicant must complete the Standard First-Year Application Procedures detailed above (items 1 through 5) no later than December 15, 2009.** To meet this deadline, applicants must (a) take the LSAT no later than December 2009 and (b) if submitting letters of recommendation through LSAC, be sure that LSAC has received those letters, as well as all other materials, no later than mid-November 2009. **No exceptions will be made to the Early Decision deadline.**

**2. The application for Early Decision must be accompanied by a signed and dated Early Decision Agreement, which can be found inside this application package.** As part of the application for Early Decision, the applicant must agree that, if admitted to George Mason Law by Early Decision, the applicant is (a) committed to attend George Mason Law and will immediately withdraw applications pending at

all other law schools; and (b) not initiate applications at any additional law schools.

**3. The applicant has committed to attend George Mason Law by early Decision Agreement. The applicant also has agreed to submit an Intent Form and seat deposit.** George Mason Law will notify Early Decision applicants of a decision no later than January 31, 2010. If admitted, the applicant must submit their intent form within 7 days of receipt of the written offer of admission and make a non-refundable seat deposit in the amount of \$750. The seat deposit will be applied to fall 2010 semester tuition. Failure to make this commitment will result in withdrawal of the offer of admission.

**NOTE:** Some Early Decision applicants who are not admitted through the Early Decision Program will be considered for admission in the standard admissions process. Other Early Decision applicants may be informed that their application for admission has been denied and will not be evaluated again.

(Detach Early Decision Agreement, if applicable, along this line.)

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### George Mason University School of Law

#### Early Decision Agreement

Early Decision deadline for first-year applicants is **December 15, 2009**

This signed form **MUST** accompany your completed application to be considered for the Early Decision Program.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree that, if I am admitted to George Mason Law through the Early Decision process, I shall:

- (1) Commit to attend George Mason Law beginning in August 2010;
- (2) Immediately upon my admission to George Mason Law withdraw any pending applications at other law schools; and
- (3) Not initiate applications at any additional law schools.

Within 7 days of receipt of an offer of admission to George Mason Law, I shall forward to George Mason Law my written form of intent to attend George Mason Law, along with my seat deposit in the amount of \$750. I acknowledge that this is a binding agreement and the \$750 seat deposit is non-refundable and will be credited toward my fall 2010 semester tuition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
LSDAS #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Applicant