

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL OF
LAW

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APPLYING TO ATTEND: FALL WEEKNIGHTS___WEEKEND___; SPRING
WEEKNIGHT___WEEKEND___; YEAR _____

Mr./Ms./Dr. _____
(Last) (First)
(Middle)

Current Mailing Address: Street & Number Home Phone Work Phone
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/ Mobile Phone E-Mail Address [PRINT] Birth Date
Social Security # _____ Birth ; State or Country
Place: City

1. Identify any family member who is an attorney or judge_____

2. LSAT scores, dates and percentiles:_____

(LSAT is not required but highly recommended if you are a recent college graduate with a GPA below 2.75)

3. Previous applications to BSL; state the date and action taken:_____

4. Applications to other law schools: schools, dates and action taken: _____

5. Have you ever been subject to any disciplinary action (e.g. academic probation, scholarship loss, violation yes or no *
of school conduct code, or any similar action) at any educational institution attended?

6. At any time have you ever been arrested, detained, or restrained, given a warning, taken into custody; yes or no *
accused or convicted, formally or informally, of the violation of a law or ordinance? (Excluding parking violations)

7. Have you ever been a party or otherwise involved in any legal proceedings, civil or criminal?
Yes or no * (e.g. divorce, bankruptcy, foreclosure, lawsuits)

***IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTIONS 5, 6 OR 7, THEN SUBMIT A COMPLETE EXPLANATION ON A SEPARATE PAGE.**

8. List all junior college, college, universities, law schools, professional schools, and/or trade schools attended

INSTITUTION	Dates	Major	Degree	Date Received
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(Attach Separate Page)

9. **EMPLOYMENT DATA:** Please attach a current resume or list of all past employers, addresses, dates & positions for the last 10 years.

10. **PERSONAL STATEMENT & RESUME:** Please submit a 2 page typed essay on why you would wish to become an attorney.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information I have provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I agree to communicate promptly in writing to the Dean any changes in any matters covered herein, even if changes occur after I have enrolled as a law student at BSOL.

Applicant Signature

Date

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Standards for Admission: To be considered for admission to the Birmingham School of Law, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant must have a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by an organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. An application for admission filed during the senior year of college, prior to receiving a degree, can be approved, subject to the applicant's receipt of the degree before registration with the law school. An official sealed transcript mailed from each college or university attended must be received by the law school. However, if the applicant is currently registered with LSDAS, the law school can request an official LSDAS report in lieu of the official transcripts. If an applicant chooses to submit a LSDAS report, the applicant must clearly indicate this on his/her application and allow two weeks for receipt in advance of the application deadline.
2. Each applicant must complete and file an application form along with a \$50.00 non-refundable application fee. The application is not complete unless all questions are answered, documents provided and the application instructions followed. [Application fee may be paid by check or credit card, do not send cash]
3. The LSAT is not required, but is highly recommended if the applicant is a recent college graduate with a GPA of below 2.75.
4. An applicant must subscribe to the Birmingham School of Law's Honor Code, a copy of which is in the student handbook on the school's website; www.bsol.com.

An Application Acknowledgement email will be sent upon receipt of the application form. If the applicant does not receive an acknowledgement email within 14 days, then send a request to verify receipt of application to Kerri Stone, kstone@bsol.com. The application complete email will be sent when the applicant's file is complete. [Note: Emails may not be sent if the application is received within 10 days of the application deadline.] The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all of the above credentials have been received by the law school. The applicant may wish to verify that all official transcripts requested, have been mailed.

All available information will be considered; however, the most significant admissions criterion is the applicant's undergraduate GPA and work history. Personal interviews and letters of recommendation are not required. Schedule an appointment to speak with the Dean and to tour the school.

Limited Admission: Admission to the law school is valid for only the semester for which the applicant is accepted. If the applicant is accepted and fails to register for classes or for any reason fails to complete the initial semester, he/she must re-apply to be considered for future admission to the law school.

Application Process: Application for admission to the law school should be made using the on-line application located at the BSOL website, www.bsol.com. (please follow the directions on the website). Applications are accepted for only the immediate next entering class. An applicant's file must be complete (including the \$50.00 application fee, all transcripts and additional attachments) on the deadline date. Incomplete files will not be considered for admission.

Foreign Undergraduate Degrees: Applicants who received their undergraduate baccalaureate degrees (or pre-legal equivalent education) from a college or university located outside the United States and not accredited by the U.S. Department of Education, must submit a LSAT score and use the LSDAS service to review and report their pre-legal education to BSL. These applicants should contact the Law School Admissions Council [LSAC], arrange to take the LSAT and have their score sent to BSL, whose LSAT code is 1053. Testing arrangements can be made through www.lasac.org or 215-968-1001. This requirement does not apply to students who have obtained an additional, qualifying undergraduate baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited by the U.S. Department of Education.

American Bar Association: The Birmingham School of Law is not accredited by the American Bar Association. Students attending BSL are not eligible to receive federally insured student loans nor are they eligible to have their existing federally insured student loans deferred while attending BSL. Graduates of BSL are eligible to take the Alabama bar exam and after

passing the bar, to practice law in the state of Alabama. Check the American Bar Association's website for other restrictions.

Academic Credits from Institutions Outside the United States and/or Canada:

Applicants who have academic credits from educational institutions outside the U.S. and/or Canada, that are to be submitted for admission to BSL must submit their foreign academic credits through the LSAC JD Credential Assembly Service [JD CAS]. You must also submit a LSAT score with your application to BSL. The exception to this rule is: if the foreign credits were obtained through a study abroad, consortium or exchange program sponsored by a U.S. or Canadian institution and the work is clearly indicated as such on the U.S. home campus transcripts. To register for JD CAS, sign up for an on-line account with the [LSAC \[www.lasac.org\]](http://www.lasac.org) and follow the instructions. Questions about the Credential Assembly Service should be directed to LSAC at (215) 968-1001 or LSACINFO@LSAC.org.

Deadlines for Receipt of all application submissions and undergraduate/graduate

transcripts: Fall Weeknight Program & Fall Weekend Program

June 1st

Spring Weeknight Program & Spring Weekend Program

November 1st

Application Checklist for First Year Applicants and Transfer Students:

1. Complete, signed and dated application form submitted with the application fee.
2. Separate page(s) providing complete and detailed explanations of any "yes" answers to questions 5,6 or 7
3. Current resume and/or list of employers (positions held and dates) for the previous 10 yrs.
4. Personal statement (*Why I wish to become an attorney*) limit to two pages, typed.
5. Official sealed academic transcript sent directly from each junior college, college, university or law school attended.
6. Applicants with foreign undergraduate/graduate degrees must submit a LSAT score and use the JD CAS.
7. LSAT scores for an applicant who is a recent undergraduate with GPA's below 2.75.
8. Letter of good standing from the law school currently attending.

Acceptance and Required Deposit

All applicants will be notified by mail of their acceptance or non-acceptance for admission within three weeks of the application deadline date. Each applicant who is admitted is required to submit a non-refundable deposit of \$700 to reserve their place in the class. New students must register in person on their assigned registration day unless alternative arrangements are made in advance with the Dean. There is a mandatory orientation scheduled on a Saturday for all new students unless alternative arrangements are made in advance with the Dean. Details are included in the admission letter. Follow these instructions.

Transfer Students

Transfer students from other law schools may be admitted at the discretion of the Dean. Transfer students must be in financial and ethical good standing with the law school from which they are transferring. Admitted transfer students may be given transfer credit based upon an official transcript for a course with a "C" or better grade and which is equivalent to any course in the student's curriculum at BSL. Such transfer credit will be granted for courses completed within two years of the student's admission to the Birmingham School of Law. Course work completed at another law school is not used to compute the student's grade point average at BSL. In order to graduate, a transfer student must complete a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours at BSL.

Special Status Students

Special Status students are students currently attending other law schools, who wish to enroll in a limited number of courses as the Birmingham School of Law. To apply for special status, a student must submit a completed admission application (see checklist) and a letter of good standing from the law school the student is currently attending which also agrees to accept transfer of BSL courses credits, prior to registering at BSL. Once the student is granted special status, the student may request to take any course, subject to availability due to current BSL students. Permission to take a course is granted at the discretion of the Dean. NOTE: Special status students must pay the total costs at the time of registration. BSL does not offer or process

any tuition assistance paperwork for special status students. [Senior Seminar courses at BSL are not available for Special Status Students.]

CURRICULUM

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The curriculum at the Birmingham School of Law is designed to provide a basis of legal knowledge and analytical skills, as well as an understanding of legal process and the role of law in our society. Specifically, the curriculum at BSL will focus on preparing students for the Alabama bar exam in compliance with Alabama Code (1975) § 34-3-2.1.

A total of 102 semester academic credit hours are required for graduation and award of the Juris Doctor (J.D.) based upon **3.0 academic credit hours per course**. Students are required to attend classes 42 weeks per year; three semesters per year with each semester **14 weeks in length**. Each class meets once per week for **150 clock minutes**. Breaks are scheduled between semesters.

The required and elective courses required:

Multi Semester Courses

1. Torts Law I & II
2. Contracts Law I & II
3. Civil Procedure Law I & II
4. Commercial Law I & II
5. Real Property Law I & II
6. Legal Research & Writing I & II
7. Constitutional Law I & II
8. Criminal Procedure I & II
9. Evidence I & II
10. Senior Seminars I, II, III & IV

Single Semester Courses

11. Criminal Law
12. Legal Ethics
13. Agency & Partnership
14. Corporation
15. Domestic Relations
16. Trusts
17. Wills
18. Readings & Practice
19. Legal Methods & Process
20. Conflicts of Law
21. Elective (1)
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Birmingham School of Law has over 30 elective courses that have been offered, most elective courses are offered during the Summer Semesters. Required Courses and Elective Course descriptions are found on BSL's website, www.bsol.com, under the Current Student's menu labeled Student Handbook.

Students are allowed to take combinations of classes on Weeknights and/or Weekends (Saturday).

Weeknight classes are scheduled to begin at 6:15 pm and end at 8:45 pm, Monday – Thursday nights. Classes are scheduled on the nights the specific course is offered.

Weekend classes (Saturday) are scheduled to begin as listed:

1st class 9-11:30 am, **2nd class** 12-2:30 pm, and **3rd class** 2:30-5:00 pm.

All students are scheduled to take three (3) classes for the first semester [Standard 3 class Graduation Plans]. If students stay on the Standard Graduation Plan, they may complete their course work and graduate from BSL in **11 semesters**, [if they start classes in the Fall Semester] or **12 semesters**, [if they start classes in the Spring Semester]. Students who earn a 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 grade scale their first semester may be allowed, with permission of the Dean, to accelerate their Graduation Plan so they may graduate earlier. **(Not available to Weekend program students unless they take additional classes during the Weeknights)**

Students must complete Legal Methods & Process and Legal Research & Writing I & II courses within the first year of study at BSL.

