

St. Mary's University School of Law
Application for Admission San Antonio, Texas

This application is for *Fall 2009*

in the (Check one): Full Time Day Program
or Part Time Evening Program

This application is as a (Check one): First-Year Entering Student
or Transfer Student

General Information: Please answer *all required* questions and attach additional 8 ½ " x 11" pages as necessary.

1. _____
Social Security Number

2. _____
Full Name (Last, First, Middle)

Name Under Which Formerly Known (If applicable)

3. _____ _____
Date of Birth (Optional) Citizenship (Optional)
MM/DD/YY

City, County and State of Birth (Optional)

4. Gender (Optional) Male Female

5. Current Mailing Address (Valid through: / /)
MM/DD/YY

Street

City

State and Zip Code

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Day Phone Evening Phone Cell Phone

E-mail Address: _____

6. Permanent Mailing Address (Use Effective: / /)

_____ Street

_____ City

_____ / _____
 State and Zip Code County of Permanent Residence (Scholarship Purposes)

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 Day Evening

Permanent Address Telephone Number

Note: Failure to advise our office of address changes may delay or prevent delivery of notices from the Law School.

ALL MATERIALS SUBMITTED BY AND ON BEHALF OF AN APPLICANT BECOME THE PROPERTY OF ST.MARY’S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW AND CANNOT BE RETURNED.

Academic Information:

7. List in chronological order all community/junior colleges, colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools attended (Please do not abbreviate).

Institution	Location	Dates of Attendance		Major	Degrees Received or Anticipated/Date
		From	To		

8. Have you taken the LSAT? Yes No

If yes, list below the dates taken and scores (If available). **If no,** list below the date you will be taking the LSAT.

LSAT Date _____ Score _____ LSAT Date _____
 MM/YYYY MM/YYYY

LSAT Date _____ Score _____ LSDAS Registration Date _____
 MM/YYYY

9. Have you ever applied to St. Mary’s University School of Law? Yes No
If yes, in what year(s)? _____
10. Have you ever been, or are you currently registered, at any law school? Yes No
If yes, identify the law school and the dates attended below and give reasons for leaving *on a separate sheet of paper*.
 Name of Law School

 Dates of Attendance

11. List *on a separate sheet of paper* all scholastic or academic honors achieved.
12. Have you ever been dropped, suspended, warned, placed on academic or disciplinary probation, disciplined, expelled or advised to resign from any post-secondary school, college, university, graduate, professional or law school? Yes No
If yes, list and explain in detail each instance *on a separate sheet of paper*.

Employment Information:

13. Were you employed during the academic year while attending college? Yes No
If yes, describe the nature of your employment and the hours worked per week *on a separate sheet of paper*.
14. If you are not currently enrolled in school, list employment held since graduation, including the dates of employment *on a separate sheet of paper*. (*A resume providing this information may be submitted with the application.*)

Character, Fitness and the Bar Examination:

High ethical standards govern both lawyers and those seeking to be admitted into the practice of law in all states. Good moral character and fitness are required, in Texas by the Rules Governing Admission to the State Bar of Texas, adopted by the Supreme Court of Texas. These State Bar requirements seek to exclude from practice dishonest or untrustworthy persons, as well as persons whose character traits are likely to injure clients, obstruct justice or violate the rules of professional conduct. *Every person intending to apply for admission to the Texas State Bar must file with the Board of Law Examiners a “Declaration of Intent To Study Law” during the first year of law school.* The Board will conduct a proper investigation of the moral character and fitness of the applicant. Failure to disclose an act or event described in the following questions may lead to more serious consequences than the act or event itself, and failure to provide full and truthful answers may result in the withdrawal of admission, exclusion after matriculation, revocation of degree or other disciplinary action of the Law School, as well as denial of permission to practice law by the state in which you seek admission.

15. If your answers to any of the following questions (15a,b,c,d) is “yes”, provide full and complete explanations clearly answering the question *on separate sheets of paper*.

(a)

Yes No

- Have you ever, either as an adult or a juvenile, been **arrested, cited, ticketed for or charged with any violation of the law?**(You may exclude minor traffic violations. However, you must report any offenses involving alcohol, drugs or a controlled substance and any offenses in which there was an attempt, successful or not, to suspend or revoke your driver’s license.) You must disclose each instance even though charges may not have been brought against you and even if charges were dismissed or you were acquitted. You must also disclose each instance even if such charges resulted in deferred adjudication or a conviction was reversed, set aside, or vacated, as well as fully disclosing even if you were granted any type of pretrial diversion. (An applicant will not need to disclose information about a juvenile record that has been sealed or expunged.)

Disclosure is required even if you have been told by any source that you do not have to disclose any such instance.

(b)

Yes No

- Have you ever been a party to a civil proceeding in which you were alleged to have committed fraud or any type of misrepresentation, a proceeding in which you were alleged to have engaged in grossly negligent or reckless conduct or a bankruptcy proceeding that reasonably bears on your fitness to practice law?

(c)

Yes No

- Have you ever been disciplined or reprimanded by any trade, business or professional organization or had revoked a publicly granted license to practice a trade, business or profession?

(d)

Yes No

- If you have ever served in the Armed Forces (federal or state), were any administrative or disciplinary proceedings commenced against you, or did you receive a less than honorable discharge? (*If you have never served in the Armed Forces, you may leave this question blank.*)

16. Do you intend to apply for admission to the State Bar of Texas? Yes No
(Please be aware that failure to maintain legal immigration status within the U.S. may be a reason for a state to deny admission to the bar.)

17. **Personal Statement** – Please submit a statement, *on a separate sheet of paper or Written Statement Option*, telling the Admissions Committee about yourself and your motivation to pursue legal education. Our goal is to create an intellectually stimulating

student body comprised of persons who have diverse backgrounds and who share a desire for academic excellence and accomplishment in the practice of law. In addition to outstanding academic ability, which is a prerequisite, we seek evidence of qualities such as leadership ability, maturity, organizational skills, knowledge of other languages and cultures, a history of meeting challenges or overcoming disadvantage, extraordinary accomplishment or success in a previous career. If you possess any of the above qualities, or other qualities you wish the Committee to consider, include information to that effect in your statement.

Optional Information

*Providing the following information is optional. If you choose to provide it, you may include it in your personal statement or attach it **on a separate sheet of paper or Written Statement Option.***

18. If you wish to have your ethnicity or cultural background considered for diversity purposes, please describe your ethnic and/or cultural background.

19. Describe any volunteer public-interest or social-service work in which you are or have been involved, in what capacity you served and the time devoted to it.

20. If there is any other information you wish the Committee to consider, including other extracurricular activities, accomplishments or personal history not included elsewhere in this application, please provide it.

Certification Statement (Required)

I certify that the information provided in this application for admission, and in any attachments hereto, is true and complete. I understand that St. Mary’s University School of Law will rely on the information I have provided in reaching an admissions decision. I further understand that if I am admitted and the information provided in this application is found to be false or incomplete, I may be dismissed from St. Mary’s University School of Law and/or any degree I earn may be revoked.

Note: *If you elect to submit this application electronically, rather than printing and mailing it, you must sign the Certification Letter, and send the letter directly to the Law School **with the application fee of \$55.00.***

Signature

Date City, State

**Send completed form to:
St. Mary’s University School of Law, Office of Admissions,
One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228-8601**

Applicant's Checklist

1. I have taken or will take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). [*Scores are valid for five years.*] I have subscribed to the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) for the current admission year. [*The LSDAS Report must reflect at least 90 semester hours of academic credit.*]
2. I have included my Personal Statement.
3. I have arranged for recommendations to be sent on my behalf.
4. I have completed, dated and signed the St. Mary's University School of Law application form or Certification Letter.
5. I have enclosed a non-refundable application fee of \$55.
6. **I have retained a copy of my completed application form and attachments for my personal records.** (*Every person intending to apply for admission to the State Bar of Texas must file a Declaration of Intention to Study Law. Such persons will be required to submit a copy of their application form with their Declaration of Intention to Study Law form.*)