

## **Law School Timetable**

### ***Junior Year (or 2 years prior to law school entry)***

#### **September – December**

- ✓ Register for the Reed Pre-law email list by sending your name to [johnsonm@reed.edu](mailto:johnsonm@reed.edu). This is your main source for all pre-law related information about internships, alumni events, related seminars, and talks.
- ✓ Attend law related sessions throughout the year as possible.
- ✓ Begin to establish ties with faculty members who may later write you letters of recommendation.

#### **Winter Break**

- ✓ Get an LSAT prep book. Familiarize yourself with it. Start working on practice tests! LSAT scores are critical, and preparation is crucial.

#### **March**

- ✓ Register to take the LSAT in June. Test info and registration details: <http://www.lsac.org/jd/lSAT/about-the-lsat>

#### **June**

- ✓ Take the LSAT early in June.
- ✓ Begin to draft your personal statement.
- ✓ Construct a resume to include with your applications.
- ✓ Research law schools. Search by keyword, location, name or scores: [https://officialguide.lsac.org/release/OfficialGuide\\_Default.aspx](https://officialguide.lsac.org/release/OfficialGuide_Default.aspx)

#### **August**

- ✓ Register with the Law School Credential Assembly Service (LSCAS).
- ✓ Send transcripts from every institution of higher education you have attended to CAS.
- ✓ Register for the October LSAT if you did not take it in June, or if you hope to improve on your June score.

## ***Senior Year (or 1 year prior to law school entry)***

### **September**

- ✓ Research law schools and application deadlines:  
[https://officialguide.lsac.org/release/OfficialGuide\\_Default.aspx](https://officialguide.lsac.org/release/OfficialGuide_Default.aspx)
- ✓ Finalize your personal statement and have it reviewed by a writing tutor, the pre-law advisor, and several other readers.
- ✓ Ask two professors for letters of recommendation. Consider asking a third person for an additional reference. (Another professor or a professional reference such as an internship supervisor or employer, is ideal).

### **October**

- ✓ Take the fall LSAT (if you are repeating it or did not take it in June).

### **November**

- ✓ Submit law school applications. Filing by November 15 gives you the advantage of early application.
- ✓ Apply for financial support, as relevant.

### **December**

- ✓ Check with the law schools to be sure that your files are complete.
- ✓ Obtain and file an application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ✓ LSAT is offered again for late applicants.

### **January**

- ✓ Send an updated transcript to CAS.

### **February - April**

- ✓ Evaluate offers of acceptance and financial aid. Visit programs in-person if possible.
- ✓ Decline any offers you do not plan to accept.