FIRST YEAR JD APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete as much of the data requested as possible. Items/fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required and must be completed or you will not be able to submit your application. While other items are optional, the data you provide will assist us in our admission process.

2. If an optional item or a field is not applicable to you do not enter any of the following in the space provided: N/A, None, Same, Same as above.

3. You must designate which Division you wish to be considered for. If you would like to be considered for both the Day/Full-Time and the Evening/Part-Time Division you must mark the Division which is your first choice, and then attach an addendum in the form of a brief statement indicating your interest in being considered for both Divisions.

4. All applicants are required to attach a double-spaced, typewritten statement, which generally should not exceed two pages. Keeping in mind that your LSAT score and undergraduate GPA are only a part of what the Admissions Committee will consider, you should take this opportunity to explain to the Committee why you should be selected for admission to the Sturm College of Law. Topics that the Committee considers helpful in evaluating your qualifications include:

   • Significant personal experiences beyond what may be reflected in your transcripts and on your resume, especially experiences associated with the law.
   • Characteristics and experiences that you will bring to the Sturm College of Law and the legal profession that distinguish you from other applicants.
   • Long-range career plans and goals that you intend to pursue with your law degree.
   • The intellectual contribution you will make to the classroom.
   • If you believe there is something about your background, such as a bad semester of grades or a citation for a D.U.I., that would appear to create a problem for your admission, you should address it forthrightly. Explain what happened and how you have dealt with it.

4. You must attach a resume. Your resume should include the following:

   • All educational institutions attended since high school with attendance dates, degree(s) received, and major(s)
   • Employment with dates, responsibilities, accomplishments
   • Extracurricular, political, public interest, and community activities
   • Honors and awards received

5. We require that you submit two letters of recommendation through the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (LSDAS). We prefer that these letters be from college professors who can attest to your ability to enter a competitive program in the law. If you have been out of school for some time, letters from a work situation can be helpful.
6. All applicants whose native language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Scores should be sent to us directly by the Educational Testing Service and should not be more than two years old.

7. We do not have an application deadline; however, we strongly recommend that your application be submitted by March 1st of the year you wish to be considered for.

8. We require a non-refundable application fee of $60.00 to be paid when you submit your application. All materials submitted as part of the application process become the property of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and cannot be returned.

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