

## Academic and Intellectual Experiences

1. In your experience at your law school during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?

*Response options: Very often, Often, Sometimes, Never*

- a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions
- b. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in
- c. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources
- d. Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, sexual orientations, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments
- e. Come to class without completing readings or assignments
- f. Worked with other students on projects during class
- g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments
- h. Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions
- i. Participated in a clinical or pro bono project as part of a course or for academic credit
- j. Used e-mail to communicate with a faculty member
- k. Discussed assignments with a faculty member
- l. Talked about career plans or job search activities with a faculty member or advisor
- m. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class
- n. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from faculty on your academic performance
- o. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet faculty members' standards or expectations
- p. Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)
- q. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, coworkers, etc.)
- r. Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own
- s. Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values

## Examinations

2. Select the circle that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work.

*Response options: 1 Very little – 7 Very much*

## Mental Activities

3. During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following mental activities?

*Response options: Very much, Quite a bit, Some, Very little*

- a. **Memorizing** facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them pretty much in the same form
- b. **Analyzing** the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory, such as examining a particular case or situation in depth, and considering its components
- c. **Synthesizing** and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships
- d. **Making judgments** about the value of information, arguments, or methods, such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions
- e. **Applying** theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations

## Writing

4. During the current school year, about how much writing will you do?

*Response options: 0, 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10 or more*

- a. Number of written papers of 20 pages or more
- b. Number of written papers between 5 and 19 pages
- c. Number of written papers of fewer than 5 pages

## Enriching Educational Experiences

5. Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do at your law school before you graduate? (Select only one response for each item.)

*Response options: Done, Plan to do, Do not plan to do, Undecided*

- a. Field placements or law clinics
- b. Pro bono work or public service
- c. Student-faculty committee
- d. Work on a legal research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements
- e. Study abroad
- f. Law journal member
- g. Moot court team
- h. Law student organization member
- i. Law student organization leader

## Student Satisfaction

6. In your experience at your law school, how satisfied are you with each of these areas?

*Response options: Very satisfied, Satisfied, Unsatisfied, Very unsatisfied, Not used*

- a. Academic advising and planning
- b. Career counseling
- c. Personal counseling
- d. Job search help
- e. Financial aid advising
- f. Library assistance
- g. Computing technology

## Time Usage

7. During the current school year, about how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?

*Response options: 0 Hours per week, 1-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20, 21-25, 26-30, 31-35, More than 35*

- a. Reading assigned textbooks, online class reading, and other course materials
- b. Preparing for class and clinical courses other than reading (studying, writing, doing homework, trial preparation, and other academic activities)
- c. Reading on your own (not assigned) for personal or academic enrichment
- d. Legal pro bono work not required for a class or clinical course
- e. Working for pay in a law-related job
- f. Working for pay in a nonlegal job
- g. Participating in law school-sponsored activities (organizations, journal, moot court, student bar association, etc.)
- h. Exercising or participating in fitness activities
- i. Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.)
- j. Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)
- k. Commuting to class (driving, walking, etc.)
- l. Participating in community organizations (politics, religious groups, etc.)

## Law School Environment

8. To what extent does your law school emphasize each of the following?

*Response options: Very much, Quite a bit, Some, Very little*

- a. Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work
- b. Encouraging the ethical practice of the law
- c. Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically
- d. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, sexual orientation, and racial or ethnic backgrounds
- e. Providing the support you need to succeed in your employment search
- f. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)
- g. Providing the support you need to thrive socially
- h. Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural events, symposia, etc.)
- i. Providing the financial counseling you need to afford your education
- j. Using computers in academic work

## Quality of Relationships

9a. Select the circle that best represents the quality of your relationships with *other students* at your law school.

*Response options: 1 Unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation - 7 Friendly, supportive, sense of belonging*

9b. Select the circle that best represents the quality of your relationships with *faculty members* at your law school.

*Response options: 1 Unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic - 7 Available, helpful, sympathetic*

9c. Select the circle that best represents the quality of your relationships with *administrative staff* and offices at your law school.

*Response options: 1 Unhelpful, inconsiderate, rigid - 7 Helpful, considerate, flexible*

## Educational and Personal Growth

10. To what extent has your experience at your law school contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?

*Response options: Very much, Quite a bit, Some, Very little*

- a. Acquiring a broad legal education
- b. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills
- c. Writing clearly and effectively
- d. Speaking clearly and effectively
- e. Thinking critically and analytically
- f. Using computing and information technology
- g. Developing legal research skills
- h. Working effectively with others
- i. Learning effectively on your own
- j. Understanding yourself
- k. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds
- l. Solving complex real-world problems
- m. Developing clearer career goals
- n. Developing a personal code of values and ethics
- o. Contributing to the welfare of your community
- p. Developing a deepened sense of spirituality

## Overall Satisfaction

11. How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at your law school?

*Response options: Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor*

12. Was the law school you are attending your first-choice law school as an applicant?

*Response options: Yes, No*

13. If you could start over again, would you attend the same law school you are now attending?

*Response options: Definitely yes, Probably yes, Probably no, Definitely no*

14. If you could start over again, would you choose to pursue a law degree?

*Response options: Yes, No, Unsure*

**Demographics**

15a. What is the highest level of education completed by either of your parents (or the people who raised you)?

*Response options: Did not finish high school, High school diploma or GED, Attended college but did not complete undergraduate degree, Associate's degree (AA, AS, etc.), Bachelor's degree (BA, BS, etc.), Master's degree (MA, MS, MBA, etc.), Doctoral or professional degree (PhD, JD, MD, DDS, etc.)*

15b. Was the Doctoral or professional degree a Juris Doctor (JD)?

*Response options: Yes, No*

16. Enter your year of birth (e.g., 1989):

*Write-in*

17. What is your gender identity?

*Response options: Man, Woman, Another gender identity, I prefer not to respond*

18. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

*Response options: Heterosexual, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Another sexual orientation, please specify, Questioning or unsure, I prefer not to respond*

19. Are you an international student or foreign national?

*Response options: Yes, No*

20. What is your racial or ethnic identification? (Select all that apply.)

a. American Indian or Alaska Native

b. Asian or Asian American

i. Chinese

ii. Japanese

iii. Korean

iv. Asian Indian

v. Taiwanese

vi. Thai

vii. Vietnamese

viii. Other Asian or Asian American, please specify:

c. Black or African American

d. Hispanic or Latino

i. Mexican

ii. Puerto Rican

iii. Cuban

iv. Central American

v. South American

vi. Spaniard

vii. Other Hispanic or Latino, please specify:

e. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

f. White

g. Other, please specify:

h. I prefer not to respond

**Enrollment Information**

Thinking about the current academic term, how would you characterize your enrollment?

21. Are you enrolled full-time or less than full-time?

*Response options: Full-time, Less than full-time*

**22. Are you enrolled in the day division or evening division?**

*Response options: Day division, Evening division*

**23a. Are you participating in a joint degree program?**

*Response options: Yes, No*

**23b. In which joint-degree program are you participating?**

*Response options: JD/LLM, JD/MA, JD/MBA, JD/MPA, JD/MPP, JD/MS, JD/PhD, Other, specify:*

**24. What is your current classification in your JD program?**

*Response options: 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L, Other, specify:*

**25. Did you begin law school at your current institution or elsewhere?**

*Response options: Started here, Started elsewhere*

**26. How many years elapsed between earning your undergraduate degree and enrolling in law school?**

*Response options: 0, 1-2, 3-5, 6-10, More than 10*

### Grades

**27. What have most of your grades been up to now at this law school?**

*Response options: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C- or lower*

### Expected Debt

**28. How much educational debt from attending law school do you expect to have upon your graduation?**

*Response options: \$0, \$1-\$20,000, \$20,001-\$40,000, \$40,001-\$60,000, \$60,001-\$80,000, \$80,001-\$100,000, \$100,001-\$120,000, \$120,001-\$140,000, \$140,001-\$160,000, \$160,001-\$180,000, \$180,001-\$200,00, More than \$200,000*

### Scholarships

**29. During the current school year were you awarded need- or merit-based scholarships or grant funding? If so, what kind of funding did you receive? (Select all that apply.)**

*Response options: Selected, Not selected*

- a. Need-based scholarship(s)
- b. Merit-based scholarship(s)
- c. Other, please specify:
- d. None

### Primary/Secondary Area of Legal Specialization

**30. Which fields best describe your primary and secondary areas of legal specialization or expected areas of specialization?**

*Response options: Check table – Primary column, Secondary column*

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| a. Alternative dispute resolution      | m. Health                            |
| b. Bankruptcy                          | n. Immigration                       |
| c. Civil rights                        | o. International                     |
| d. Constitutional                      | p. Litigation and trial              |
| e. Corporate and securities            | q. Military                          |
| f. Criminal                            | r. Nonlegal                          |
| g. Education                           | s. Patent and intellectual property  |
| h. Employment and labor                | t. Public interest                   |
| i. Entertainment                       | u. Real estate                       |
| j. Environmental and natural resources | v. Sports                            |
| k. Family and juvenile                 | w. Tax                               |
| l. General practice                    | x. Trusts and estates                |
|  | y. Undecided                         |
|  | z. Primary/Secondary other, specify: |

## Preferred/Expected Work Setting

**31. Which settings best describe your preferred and expected work environments once you graduate from law school?**

*Response options: Check table –Preferred column, Expected column*

- a. Academic (professor, education agency)
- b. Accounting firm
- c. Business and industry (corporate counsel)
- d. Government agency (federal, state)
- e. Judicial clerkship
- f. Legislative office
- g. Military
- h. Nonlegal organization
- i. Private firm - small (fewer than 10 attorneys)
- j. Private firm - medium (10-50 attorneys)
- k. Private firm - large (more than 50 attorneys)
- l. Prosecutor's office
- m. Public defender's office
- n. Public interest group
- o. Solo practice
- p. Other, specify:
- q. Other, specify:

## LSAT Scores

**32. What was your LSAT score?**

*Response options: 120-145, 146-150, 151-155, 156-160, 161-165, 166-170, 171-180*

## Undergraduate GPA

**33. What was your undergraduate grade point average?**

*Response options: 0-1.99, 2.0-2.49, 2.50-2.99, 3.00-3.49, 3.50 and above*