PREPARING FOR LAW SCHOOL: A TIMELINE

Research legal careers
Ask yourself why you want to go to law school

Begin looking into the application process

- **Register for the LSAT and with LSDAS**
- **Start making contacts for recommendations**
- **Plan your LSAT studying strategy**

Take the LSAT and wait for the results

- **Make a list of desired schools: split into three categories— reach schools, probably will get in schools, and safety schools**
- **Create your personal essay**
- **Look into financial resources for the application process *(fee waivers)* and school in general (*merit and need scholarships)***

Start filling out applications

- **See if you need anything else for the application *(dean's certification form, etc.)***
- **Complete and mail applications early! Preferably at the end of November— at the latest by year's end.**

Begin studying for the LSAT

- **Study alone**
  - **Buy study guides *(or check them out from the library)***
  - **Begin taking practice tests**
  - **Look for friends to study with**
- **Take a class**
  - **Look into scholarships for LSAT preparation**

Sign up for the LSAT!

- **Read up on the logistics of the test... become intimately familiar with it**
- **Create a schedule for studying *(ex: 30 practice tests in the month before the LSAT; 10 practice tests in the two weeks before the test.)***

Take the LSAT!

Not happy with your score?

- **Sign up for a later LSAT**
- **Reconsider your decision to go to law school**