Application Instructions

Admission to the LLM program is highly competitive. To be admitted to the program, applicants must possess a JD from an ABA-accredited law school or an equivalent degree from a law school or other experience outside the United States (U.S.) that is deemed acceptable by the director of the LLM program. All applicants for admission must have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, high academic standing, and professional achievements or positions indicating the applicant's capacity for performing master's-level work.

George Mason's LLM is not designed to prepare or qualify students who are not graduates of U.S. law schools to engage in the practice of law in the U.S. or to qualify them to take a bar examination in the U.S.

Admission Requirements for All Applicants

Applications are not evaluated until all required supporting documents have been received. For guaranteed consideration, the applicant is responsible for ensuring that application materials are received by George Mason Law prior to the appropriate deadline.

The LLM application deadline for fall admission is May 1.

Items 1 through 6 are required from all LLM applicants:

1. Application and Application Fee
   All applicants apply electronically via LSAC. A completed application form will be sent to the law school electronically and on paper. Please do not send us a paper copy of your electronically submitted application. The application must be accompanied by a $75 nonrefundable application fee, which is payable through LSAC.

2. Official Undergraduate Transcript
   Applicants must submit all transcripts from college or university level work and degrees.*

3. Official Law School or Equivalent Transcripts
   In addition to transcripts from college or university level work and degrees, applicants must submit ONE of the following:
   (a) An official law school transcript showing completion of a JD degree in the U.S.; or
   (b) An official transcript (including grades) showing completion of a law degree in a country other than the U.S.†; or
   (c) Other official proof of status as a lawyer in a country other than the U.S.†
   *Applicants with international credentials must register with LSAC's LLM Credential Assembly Service. See Additional Requirements for Applicants with International Credentials.

4. 500-Word Statement
   The applicant is required to submit a 500-word statement of educational and professional goals, double-spaced, that will serve as both a statement of purpose and a writing sample. The thoughts and words of the 500-word statement must be uniquely those of the applicant. With the exception of basic proofreading, no other(s) may assist in the creation of this statement.

5. Résumé
The applicant must submit a resume. There is no page limit.

6. Letters of Recommendation

The applicant must submit two letters of recommendation addressing the applicant’s academic and professional potential. Letters of recommendation must identify you as an LLM applicant.

George Mason strongly prefers that applicants use the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service, following LSAC procedures. Any applicant who does not use the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service must (a) have their recommendation sent directly to George Mason Law and (b) use George Mason Law’s recommendation form, which can be found at: www.law.gmu.edu/admission/onlineapp.html

Recommendations submitted directly to George Mason Law must be in a sealed envelope and bear the author's signature across the sealed envelope flap.

Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates (required only for applicants who believe they qualify for in-state tuition rates)

Applicants who believe they qualify for in-state tuition rates must complete the Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates. To print, go to http://www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/Accessible_Instate_Form.pdf. This form must be printed and mailed separately; it does not transmit electronically. See Section 23-7.4, Code of Virginia, and http://registrar.gmu.edu/domicile/ for questions regarding eligibility.

Additional Requirements For Graduates of U.S. Law Schools

LSAT

For graduates of U.S. law schools, documentation of LSAT scores or an attached copy of the Credential Assembly Service Law School Report, which can be obtained from the registrar of the degree-granting institution, is required.

Additional Requirement for Applicants with International Credentials

In addition to the Admission Requirements for All Applicants, George Mason Law requires the following additional items from applicants who have graduated with international credentials:

1. Register with LSAC's LLM Credential Assembly Service (LLM CAS)

Applicants who graduated from non-U.S. schools are required to register with LSAC's LLM Credential Assembly Service (www.LLM.LSAC.org). If you are admitted and matriculate, you will be required to provide original transcripts to the school, too.

2. LSAT, GMAT, or GRE

International applicants who have not taken the LSAT may substitute other graduate admissions tests, such as the GMAT or the GRE. In exceptional cases, applicants who have not taken any equivalent standardized test may present substitute evidence of high intellectual promise, such as a record of academic success, publications in the field, or recommendations from persons highly regarded in the field.

3. English Proficiency

For applicants whose first language is not English, current TOEFL scores showing sufficient proficiency in the English language are required. George Mason Law requires a minimum score of 100 on the Internet-based (iBT) TOEFL. TOEFL information is available at www.toefl.org. The George Mason Law Institution code is 5827. Please arrange to have an official TOEFL score report sent to LSAC no later than March 1 for fall admission. Applicants must have taken the TOEFL within two years of submitting their application.
4. International Student Certificate of Financial Responsibility Form

If seeking F-1 immigration status, the international applicant must submit an International Student Certificate of Financial Responsibility Form (www.law.gmu.edu/admission/financial_responsibility.pdf). Immigration documents required for international students studying full time in the U.S. will not be issued until the student has completed the form and returned it along with the identification page of the passport and supporting documents to:

George Mason University School of Law
Admissions Office
3301 Fairfax Drive, MS 1G3
Arlington, VA 22201
www.law.gmu.edu
lawadmit@gmu.edu

Important Notes on Race/Ethnicity

The U.S. Department of Education is requiring educational institutions to begin reporting data utilizing a two-part race and ethnicity question in response to increased diversity within the U.S.

1. Ethnicity is based on the following categorization:

   Hispanic or Latino: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term "Spanish origin" can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino."

2. Race is based on the following five categorizations:

   American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

   Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

   Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Terms such as "Haitian" or "Negro" can be used in addition to "Black or African American."

   Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or an other Pacific Island.

   White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

This data will be used only for informational purposes and will not be used to discriminate against or penalize any applicant, or to determine immigration status.
Biographical
Prefix ____________________________ Date of birth ____________________________
First name ________________________ Place of birth: City __________________________
Middle name ______________________ Place of birth: Country ______________________
Last name _________________________ Place of birth: State/Province ________________
Suffix ______________________________ Gender _________________________________
Previous (other) name ______________
Preferred first name ________________ LSAC account number _____________________

Contact Information
Current Address
Country ____________________________ Current mailing address good until date __________
Street address--line 1 __________________ Day phone ______________________________
Street address--line 2 __________________ Evening phone __________________________
Street address--line 3 __________________
City ________________________________
State/province ______________________
Zip/postal code ______________________

Permanent Address
Country ____________________________ Permanent mailing address good until date __________
Street address--line 1 __________________ Day phone ______________________________
Street address--line 2 __________________ Evening phone __________________________
Street address--line 3 __________________
City ________________________________
State/province ______________________
Zip/postal code ______________________
Contact Information continued

Other Contact Information

Primary e-mail address __________________________

Secondary e-mail address __________________________

Mobile phone __________________________

George Mason University School of Law can send text messages to my mobile phone

____ Yes

____ No

Domicile

Do you consider yourself to be domiciled in Virginia?

If you answer yes to this question, and you have a Virginia driver’s license, please submit the completed Application for Virginia-in-State Tuition Rates to us at Admissions Office, George Mason University School of Law, 3301 Fairfax Drive, MS 1G3, Arlington, VA 22201. (To obtain the in-state tuition form, go to http://www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/Accessible_Instate_Form.pdf.)

____ Yes

____ No

Are you either (1) an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces or the dependent of a military parent, spouse, or legal guardian with military orders to Virginia who also resides in Virginia, or (2) a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces who resides in Virginia?

If you answer yes to either question, please submit the completed Application for Virginia-in-State Tuition Rates to us at Admissions Office, George Mason University School of Law, 3301 Fairfax Drive, MS 1G3, Arlington, VA 22201. (To obtain the in-state tuition form, go to http://www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/Accessible_Instate_Form.pdf.)

____ Yes

____ No
**Demographics**

**Citizenship**

Citizenship  
___ Non-Resident Alien  
___ US Citizen  
___ US Permanent Resident  

Country of citizenship  ____________________________  

Visa type  ____________________________  

Visa/SEVIS number  ____________________________  

Permanent resident number  ____________________________  

Permanent city  ____________________________  

Permanent state/province  ____________________________  

Permanent country  ____________________________  

Native language  ____________________________  

**Ethnicity**

Are you Hispanic or Latino  
___ Yes  
___ No  

What is your race? Select one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.  

**Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian**  
___ Aboriginal/Torres Strait Isl. Australian  

**American Indian or Alaska Native**  
___ American Indian/Alaskan Native  

**Asian**  
___ Asian  

**Black or African American**  
___ Black/African American  

**Canadian Aboriginal**  
___ Canadian Aboriginal  

**Caucasian/White**  
___ Caucasian/White  

**Hispanic/Latino**  
___ Hispanic/Latino  

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander**  
___ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
Demographics continued

Puerto Rican

_____ Puerto Rican

Consent

_____ Decline to respond

Program Choice

Are you applying for the LLM in Intellectual Property?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Are you interested in the Technology focus for the LLM in Intellectual Property?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Are you applying for the LLM in Law & Economics?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Are you interested in the Antitrust focus in the LLM in Law & Economics?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Are you interested in attending the LLM program full-time or part-time? (Note: Student visa holders must attend full-time due to government visa restrictions.)

_____ full-time

_____ part-time
### Education

List ALL educational institutions attended.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Institution type</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>Undergraduate</th>
<th>Graduate</th>
<th>Law</th>
<th>Other Post Graduate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

#### Institution name ____________________________

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Major ____________________________</th>
<th>Country ____________________________</th>
<th>Start date ____________________________</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>State/Province _____________________</td>
<td>End date ____________________________</td>
<td>----------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City ______________________________</td>
<td>Degree _____________________________</td>
<td>----------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GPA _______________________________</td>
<td>Date degree granted __________________</td>
<td>----------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rank ______________________________</td>
<td></td>
<td>----------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Institution name ____________________________

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Major ____________________________</th>
<th>Country ____________________________</th>
<th>Start date ____________________________</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>State/Province _____________________</td>
<td>End date ____________________________</td>
<td>----------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City ______________________________</td>
<td>Degree _____________________________</td>
<td>----------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GPA _______________________________</td>
<td>Date degree granted __________________</td>
<td>----------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rank ______________________________</td>
<td></td>
<td>----------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Institution name ____________________________

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Major ____________________________</th>
<th>Country ____________________________</th>
<th>Start date ____________________________</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>State/Province _____________________</td>
<td>End date ____________________________</td>
<td>----------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City ______________________________</td>
<td>Degree _____________________________</td>
<td>----------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GPA _______________________________</td>
<td>Date degree granted __________________</td>
<td>----------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rank ______________________________</td>
<td></td>
<td>----------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Education continued

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Institution type</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>Undergraduate</th>
<th>Graduate</th>
<th>Law</th>
<th>Other Post Graduate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Institution name</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Major</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Start date</th>
<th>State/Province</th>
<th>End date</th>
<th>City</th>
<th>Degree</th>
<th>Date degree granted</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Have you ever attended any law school?  
____ Yes  
____ No  

Did you leave the law school under less than good standing?  
____ Yes  
____ No  

List the academic honors, awards, or other recognitions you have received and explain the reason(s) upon which awards were made.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Honor/Award</th>
<th>Reason(s) upon which awards were made</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Practice Licenses

Identify all jurisdictions in which you are admitted to practice law, including the date of admission to each jurisdiction, your bar number, and your current status within that jurisdiction.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Jurisdiction</th>
<th>Date of admission</th>
<th>Bar number</th>
<th>Current status</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Are you currently a member in good standing in each jurisdiction in which you are admitted to practice law?  
____ Yes  
____ No  

Have you ever been the subject of a disciplinary action or complaint in connection with your membership in the bar of any jurisdiction?  
____ Yes  
____ No
Practice Licenses continued

If you answered "no" to questions (2) or "yes" to question (3) of the Practice Licenses questions, you must fully explain your answer(s) by attachment to the application. Failure to provide responses and/or required explanations to the Practice Licenses questions will result in a delay in the completion and review of your application for admission.

Do you plan to sit for a U.S. bar examination? (Note: If you are already admitted to a U.S. state bar, please include details in your answer to question 1.)

____ I'm already admitted to a U.S. state bar
____ No
____ Yes

Employment

List all employment including internships.

Employment type

____ Full-time  ____ Part-time  ____ Internship  ____ Unpaid Internship

Employer ____________________________
Position ____________________________  Country ____________________________
Hours per week ______________________  State/Province ______________________
Start date ____________________________  City ____________________________
End date ____________________________
Reason for leaving ____________________________

Employment type

____ Full-time  ____ Part-time  ____ Internship  ____ Unpaid Internship

Employer ____________________________
Position ____________________________  Country ____________________________
Hours per week ______________________  State/Province ______________________
Start date ____________________________  City ____________________________
End date ____________________________
Reason for leaving ____________________________
Employment continued

Employment type  ____ Full-time  ____ Part-time  ____ Internship  ____ Unpaid Internship

Employer

Position __________________________ Country __________________________

Hours per week ______________________ State/Province ______________________

Start date __________________________ City __________________________

End date __________________________

Reason for leaving __________________________

Employment type  ____ Full-time  ____ Part-time  ____ Internship  ____ Unpaid Internship

Employer

Position __________________________ Country __________________________

Hours per week ______________________ State/Province ______________________

Start date __________________________ City __________________________

End date __________________________

Reason for leaving __________________________

Total number of months full-time work experience.

List your extracurricular, community, or other activities in the order of their importance to you. Give a brief description of your involvement, including any special responsibilities or leadership positions held.
Character and Fitness

Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to a felony, misdemeanor charge, or a moving traffic violation?

____ Yes  ____ No

Are there currently any criminal charges pending or expected to be brought against you?

____ Yes  ____ No

Have you ever been dismissed from, placed on academic warning, academic probation, or conduct probation or subject to any academic or conduct disciplinary action in any of the colleges, universities, or graduate or professional schools you have attended? (Please review copies of your transcripts to confirm the accuracy of your response to this question.)

____ Yes  ____ No

Have you ever been known by any other name or names?

____ Yes  ____ No

If you answer "yes" to any of the Character and Fitness questions, you must fully explain your answer(s) on an attachment to the application. Failure to provide responses and/or required explanations to the Character and Fitness questions will result in delay in the completion and review of your application for admission.

Family

Next of Kin/Emergency Contact

Salutation ______________________________ Country _______________________________

First (given) name ______________________ Street address--line 1 ______________________

Middle name/initial _____________________ Street address--line 2 ______________________

Last (family) name ______________________ Street address--line 3 ______________________

Relationship to applicant __________________ City ______________________________

Telephone (include area code) ____________ State/province ______________________

Zip/postal code __________________________
Family continued

If you have any close relatives who have been students at this university, please provide the following information.

Relative 1

____ Law school   ____ University
First (given) name __________________________
Middle name/initial __________________________
Last (family) name __________________________
Relationship to applicant ______________________
School attended _____________________________
Start date (month/year) _______________________
End date (month/year) ________________________
Degree awarded ______________________________

Parent/Guardian - 1

_____ Choose not to answer
_____ Deceased
First (given) name __________________________
Middle name/initial __________________________
Last (family) name __________________________
Occupation _________________________________
Highest level of education ____________________

Parent/Guardian - 2

_____ Choose not to answer
_____ Deceased
First (given) name __________________________
Middle name/initial __________________________
Last (family) name __________________________
Occupation _________________________________
Highest level of education ____________________

Country _________________________________
Street address--line 1 _______________________
Street address--line 2 _______________________
Street address--line 3 _______________________
City _________________________________
State/province _____________________________
Zip/postal code ____________________________
Military

Have you served or are you now serving on full-time, active US military duty?

____ Yes
____ No

Date of entrance (month/year) __________________________

Date of discharge (month/year) __________________________

Rank __________________________

Expected military reserve or National Guard status during law school

_____________________________________________________

Branch __________________________

Discharge type __________________________

Have you ever been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions?

____ Yes
____ No

If you have been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions, explain the circumstances.

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Certification

By submitting this application to George Mason Law and checking the box below, I certify the information submitted in the application and in any supporting document is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any material misstatement on the application form or in any supporting document, or any form of dishonesty, including fraudulent practices relating to the LSAT, GMAT, GRE, or TOEFL, will result in my disqualification for admission, and if discovered after admission, may be grounds for withdrawal or dismissal (during the period between matriculation and graduation).

I further acknowledge that the thoughts and words contained in my 500-word statement are uniquely my own and that no other(s) assisted in the creation of my statement beyond basic proofreading or a general critique of my work.

I understand that this application and other documents supplied in connection herewith become the property of George Mason University School of Law and will not be returned.

I understand that I have a continuing duty to inform the Admissions Office (during the period between the date of application submission and either my withdrawal of my candidacy, a final and adverse decision on my application, or matriculation) or the Assistant Dean for Academic Administration (during the period between matriculation and graduation) of any fact, event, or circumstance that would make any information provided no longer accurate or complete.

____ I acknowledge the above statement