Law School Applicant and Admissions Data

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Objectives & Methodology

- The Law School Applicant & Admission data reported below were sourced from the Law School Admission Council (LSAC).
- Working with Loyola’s Pre-Law Advisor, ESRR gathered information on Loyola graduates who applied and were admitted to law school for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 academic years.
- Loyola University Chicago summary data were pulled from both the Pre-Law Summary and Law School Summary Reports for each term and analyzed in aggregate.

Important Data Note

- Law School Applicant & Admission data are available only for those Loyola graduates who authorized the release of their academic and application records by the LSAC when applying to law school. As a result, LSAC data should be interpreted with caution due to the partial nature of the information available through its reporting services.
  - “Pre-Law Advisor Action Reports contain information on LSAT and Credential Assembly Service (CAS) registrants who have authorized release of their information to pre-law advisors.”
- These results are not representative of all Loyola graduates who applied and were admitted to law school.

Profile of Loyola’s Graduating Senior Law School Applicants by Term

- **83 Senior Applicants** authorized the release of their academic / application data by the LSAC from 2012-13 (45) to 2013-14 (38). Of this total, LSAC records indicate **77** were admitted into one or more law schools, resulting in an overall Acceptance Rate of **92.8%**.
- The Acceptance Rate for Loyola Seniors was consistently high during the two-year period:
  - Senior Applicants for 2012-13: 40 / 45 (Acceptance Rate of **88.9%**)
  - Senior Applicants for 2013-14: 37 / 38 (Acceptance Rate of **97.4%**)
- **National Comparison:** The Acceptance Rate of Loyola Seniors into law school remained well above the national average for each of the academic terms covered throughout this analysis: **2012:** 74.5% **2013:** 76.9%, and **2014:** 78.1% (End-of-Year Summary Report, LSAC).
- The Pre-Law Summary reports present data on all **Senior Applicants’ “Average of their Highest LSAT Scores.”** Statistics for both groups are reported below:
  - **2012-13:** Average of the Group’s Highest LSAT Score: **154.1.**
  - **2013-14:** Average of the Group’s Highest LSAT Score: **153.7.**
- **LSAT Performance:** Loyola Seniors consistently scored above the national LSAT average: **2012-13:** 150.3; **2013-14:** 150.3 (LSAC LSAT Technical Report 14-02, p.9).
- From 2012 to 2014, the average Loyola Senior Applicant applied to approximately 7-9 law schools and was admitted to 4-5.
- The Avg. GPA of all Loyola Senior Applicants was **3.48** in 2012-13 and **3.37** in 2013-14.
Top Law Schools into Which All Loyola Applicants were Admitted

- In addition to the 77 graduating Seniors admitted into law school from 2012 to 2014, 137 Loyola Alumni also gained admission to many of the top law schools throughout the nation.

- **Combined Senior and Alumni Total:** 214 Loyola Applicants, or an average of 107 Loyola graduates (Seniors and Alumni) per year, were admitted into one or more law schools from 2012 to 2014.

- In aggregate, Loyola applicants were admitted into **156** different law schools over the two-year period.

- Comparing LSAC records to *U.S. News and World Report 2015* rankings reveals that Loyola graduates secured admission into many of the “Best Law Schools,” including **23 of the Top 25** institutions.

- **Acceptance into Top National Programs (in order of Rank, includes Regional / Chicago Area schools):**
  - Harvard Law School, Stanford University Law School, Columbia University School of Law, University of Chicago Law School, New York University School of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Duke University School of Law, University of California-Berkeley School of Law, University of Virginia School of Law, University of Michigan Law School, Northwestern University School of Law, Cornell Law School, Georgetown University Law Center, University of Texas School of Law, University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, Vanderbilt University Law School, Washington University School of Law, Emory University School of Law, University of Minnesota Law School, University of Southern California Law School, George Washington University Law School, University of Iowa College of Law, and Notre Dame Law School.

- **Acceptance into Top Regional Programs (USNWR Top 26 to 125):**
  - University of Wisconsin School of Law, Indiana University School of Law, Ohio State University, University of Illinois College of Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, University of Missouri School of Law, University of Kentucky College of Law, University of Cincinnati College of Law, Saint Louis University School of Law, Michigan State University College of Law, University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, Marquette University Law School, Wayne State University Law School, Creighton University School of Law, and Drake University.

- **Acceptance into Top Programs Throughout the Greater Chicago Area (USNWR Top 26 to 125):**
  - Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent College of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and DePaul University College of Law.