

## **Application Instructions**

San Joaquin College of Law offers a three, four or five year program leading to the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree through day and evening classes. First-year students begin their studies in the Fall Semester; there is no mid-year entry program. The Early Application deadline is March 31. The Final Application deadline is June 30; however, it is to your advantage to apply early. The Law School operates on a "rolling" admissions process, accepting qualified individuals as applications are completed. Because there are a limited number of spaces, the class could fill prior to the deadline. You may start your application file by submitting your Application and Personal Statement online. All other supporting documents such as LSAT score, CAS report, Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation may follow.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must furnish the following to the Admissions Office:

- 1. Application: The application can be accessed on our website at www.sjcl.edu.
- **2. Application Fee:** A non-refundable application fee of \$100.
- 3. Personal Statement: A Personal Statement is required and submitted with the application. Your personal statement should be 600-900 words. Your statement is your opportunity to introduce yourself and to call attention to personal characteristics, experiences, accomplishments, academic interests, employment, career goals and what motivates you to study law. It is your opportunity to provide information that you think should be considered in your admissions decision. It also serves as an example of your writing ability to express yourself clearly and concisely. Include your name on each page.
- **4. LSAT/CAS Registration:** Applicants are required to register for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and Credential Assembly Service (CAS). The LSAT test is only offered 4 times a year. You can obtain registration and information online at www.lsac.org. LSAT scores must be from tests taken within 3 years prior to the year of enrollment. Once we receive your application we will contact CAS to request your report. Your report will be released to SJCL within 8 10 business days once all fees and documents are received by CAS.
- 5. Transcripts: Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be submitted for CAS report using a specific routing form received from LSAC. If you are taking the June LSAT in the same year that you are applying a copy of transcripts must also be sent to SJCL.
- 6. Letters of Recommendation (LOR): Three letters are required and can be submitted either directly to San Joaquin College of Law or sent to CAS. It is ideal to request that a professor who can provide meaningful insight to your academic ability write at least one letter. If you are taking the June LSAT in the same year that you are applying a copy of LOR's must be sent to SJCL in addition to CAS to expedite your file for review.



☐ First-year applicant☐ Transfer applicant☐ Special Student

## Juris Doctorate Application

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Address for correspondence regarding this application											
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The following information will not be used for the purpose of determining admission to the law school.  SJCL is required to provide reports to various federal and state agencies on the ethnic composition of the applicant population. Therefore we ask that you answer the following questions about your ethnic identity. SJCL maintains the confidentiality of such information and uses it for statistical purposes only. You may check more than one box.											
□ White, Non-Hispanic □ Asian □ Native American or Alaska Native □ Other □ White, Hispanic or LatiNo □ Black or African American □ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander											
Name, address, and telephone number of spouse, parent, or nearest relative:											
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Colleges/Universities Attended Name of College		Attende From	d Until	Major		G.P.	.A. I	Degree	Degree Date (MM/YY)	Total Units Completed	
Will you have a bachelors degree prior to enrollment at the law school ☐ Yes ☐ No											
Legal Education (List all previously enrolled schools) Name of School From Until Reason for Discontinuing											
List all other law schools to which you are applying:											
On what date(s) did you or will you take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT)?											
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On what date(s) did you or will you take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)?											
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Moral Character: An application for Determination of Moral Character must be filed and a determination completed prior to admittance to the California State Bar. All states have some form of moral character determination. In making its determination whether an applicant presently possesses the good moral character necessary for admission to practice law in California, the Committee considers evidence of candor and honesty, respect for the law and the rights of others, fiscal responsibility, and records of fidelity and trustworthiness in other professions for which he or she is licensed. Each case is considered individually. Further information and application materials are available on the State Bar website at www.calbar.ca.gov.

Applicants should be aware that the Bar Examiners in California and most states request the Dean to certify the good moral character and fitness of each Law School graduate who seeks admission to the Bar. Included in the school's Certification will be information given by the applicant on their admission application. Lack of candor in and of itself as it relates to moral character problems, past, and present, may be enough to deny certification on moral character grounds. Failure to reveal information on the application may have a negative impact on the moral character determination.

Have you ever been cited or arrested for a violation of any law, whether as a minor or as an adult, other than minor traffic violations, regardless of

disposition?	
☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, please explain
Have you ever been discip	olined, suspended or expelled from a school, college, or university, over the age of 18, based upon a violation of the institution's code, regardless of disposition?
☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, please explain
Have you ever been the su disposition?	abject of disciplinary or revocation proceedings based upon being credentialed or licensed in a profession, regardless of
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The Committee of Bar Ex Francisco.	taminers urges individuals who have specific questions regarding moral character to write to the office of Admissions in San
☐ I have read and unde	erstand the statements regarding moral character.

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If any member(s) of your family attende	ed or are currently attending SJCL, please list the	ir name(s) and relationships to y	ou.
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How did you first hear of SJCL?			
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Personal Statement			
Please provide more information about y	ourself in a personal statement and attach it to thour statement is your opportunity to introduce y	nis application. Your personal sta	tement should be limited to 600-900
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Policy of Non-Discrimination

Signature \_\_\_\_

San Joaquin College of Law provides equality of opportunity in legal education for all persons, including faculty, employees, applicants for admission, enrolled students and alumni, without discrimination on the basis of race/color, religious creed, national origin/ancestry, age, gender, mental or physical disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, pregnancy or any other basis protected by federal, state or local law or ordinance or regulation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_