

California Western School of Law values the diversity of our student body. If you wish to voluntarily identify yourself to the law school as a member of a particular racial and/or ethnic group, please answer questions 11-13 below. If no category describes you accurately, please select the closest category listed or you may select "other" and provide a description. The information you provide will not be used in any discriminatory manner. If you choose to provide this information, **please respond to all three questions.**

11. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino? (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race) Yes No

12. Yes, please select one of the categories below:

- Central American Cuban South American
 Chicano/Mexican Puerto Rican Other Hispanic/Latino _____

13. In addition, please select one or more of the racial categories to describe yourself:

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

- Alaska Native American Indian

Asian (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of East Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent)

- Cambodian Japanese Thai
 Chinese Korean Vietnamese
 Filipino Malaysian Other Asian _____
 Indian Pakistani

Black or African American (A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa)

- Black or African American Other Black or African American _____

Caucasian/White (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa)

- European North African Other Caucasian/White _____
 Middle Eastern

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands)

- Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Other _____

14. Have you previously applied to California Western? Yes No If yes, in what year? _____
 Decision: Accept Deny Waitlist If accepted, did you enroll? Yes No

15a. Have you ever attended another law school (including any conditional admission program)? Yes No
 If yes, please list school attended and dates enrolled:

 SCHOOL MM/YY TO MM/YY

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15b. Explain reason for leaving on a supplemental sheet of paper or use an electronic attachment. Official documentation of enrollment, withdrawal, good standing (if applicable), and transcript (if available) must be received if you have attended another law school.

Applicants for admission are required to answer these questions truthfully and fully. You have a continuing duty prior to and after matriculation to inform California Western of any and all changes to your answers to these questions. Failure to make such a disclosure may result in revocation of admission or disciplinary action by California Western, or denial of permission to practice law by the state in which you may seek admission. IF YOU CHECK YES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (16, 17, 18, 19, and 20), attach a full explanation with applicable dates on a supplementary sheet of paper or use an electronic attachment. If you answer yes to questions 16 or 17, please also include information about sentencing, if any, be it incarceration, probation, community service, community control, restitution, fine, revocation or suspension of driving privileges, or suspension of sentence altogether. In addition, you should consult the rules and regulations of the Committee of Bar Examiners of the state in which you intend to practice to determine whether or not there is anything that might affect your eligibility for admission to the Bar, including matters related to your character and fitness to practice law.

16. Have you ever been found guilty of an Honor Code violation (or its equivalent) at any institution of higher learning? Yes No

17. Have you ever, either as an adult or a juvenile, been apprehended, cited, arrested, taken into custody for, charged with, indicted, or tried for, or pleaded guilty or no contest (nolo contendere) to the commission of any felony or misdemeanor or the violation of any law, except for minor traffic violations unrelated to the use of intoxicants, or been the subject of juvenile delinquency or youthful offender proceedings, or is any such action pending or expected to be brought against you? Yes No

18. Have you ever been a plaintiff or defendant in a civil lawsuit? Yes No

19. Have you ever received an order of expungement, "Release from Penalty and Disabilities," or similar order for a criminal conviction?
 Yes No

20. Has any educational institution, governmental, or administrative agency (including any branch of the Armed Forces), or employer ever taken disciplinary action (including academic probation or suspension) against you? Yes No
21. Please submit at least two letters of recommendation. These letters are an extremely important component of your application. LSDAS will process up to four letters of recommendation. Letters may also be sent directly to California Western. Please note that the Admissions Committee is looking for assistance in evaluating your potential to succeed in law school. Your recommenders should know you well and specifically address their evaluation of your credentials for law school. Academic recommendations are preferred if your academic experience is recent and your recommender knows you well. Letters from employers/supervisors may also be helpful. Letters from friends and family are usually not helpful.

Letters of Reference will be submitted by:

1. _____ 2. _____
NAME NAME
3. _____ 4. _____
NAME NAME

- Letters will be included with the Credential Assembly Service Law School Report.
- Letters will be sent by my undergraduate school in an appraisal packet.
- Letters will be sent by the recommender directly to California Western.

22. Who or what prompted you to apply to law school? Briefly explain (in one page or less, or an electronic attachment) why or how the different factors listed below influenced you. *(Check as many as you like)*

- Intellectual challenge Family encouragement Role model encouragement Financial opportunity
- Best professional option Status of legal profession Opportunity to help others Best use of my skills and abilities
- Community involvement Personal growth

23. Who or what prompted you to apply specifically to California Western?

(If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper or electronic attachment. Names are helpful so we can thank those individuals for their support.)

24. Which of these sources did you utilize in learning about California Western? *(Check all that apply)*

- Telephone inquiry Prelaw advisor CWSL website Current or former CWSL student
- Written inquiry Internet inquiry ABA-LSAC Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools
- LSAC Forum (City) _____
- LSAC Forum College or University Law Fair (School Name) _____
- Did you meet a California Western representative? If so, who _____
- Other: _____

25. Permission is given, not given, to furnish your name and/or phone numbers to California Western student or alumni representatives who may contact you offering information and assistance.

26. Please attach a brief (1 to 2 pages—double spaced) personal statement or use an electronic attachment. Please consider one of the questions listed below to help guide your personal statement topic:

- a. Write a personal statement about your expectations for what law school ought to be (e.g., focusing on issues such as what do you expect from law school, how do you know law school is right for you, what your life as a lawyer will be, or discuss a lawyer's role as a creative problem solver).
- b. What is the most difficult thing you have ever had to do and why?
- c. If you could relive any one day of your life, what day would it be and why?
- d. At California Western, we make an effort to understand what you value, in order to provide support and guidance specific to your personal goals. Please attach a brief statement in which you discuss the personal values most important to you.
- e. Write a statement on a topic of your choice.

27. You may also wish to include a diversity statement. California Western School of Law recognizes that a diverse student body enhances the educational process for all students. To ensure the benefits of diversity when reviewing applications, we consider, in addition to academic credentials, a variety of factors such as background, experience and personal characteristics. Examples of factors which may be considered for diversity purposes include but are not limited to the following: ethnic minority applicants; bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgendered applicants; second career applicants; applicants from geographically diverse areas; applicants who have overcome economic, religious or cultural disadvantage, personal adversity or other social hardships; applicants who have lived in a foreign country or who spoke a language other than English at home; applicants with unusual career goals, employment history, volunteer or community services, military or law enforcement experience.

An applicant who believes that his or her background or experience can contribute to the law school's goal of diversity and educational enrichment - and who wishes to have this considered in the admissions process - should provide written detailed information about his or her background or experience as part of the personal statement or in a separate diversity statement.

28. Please provide a separate statement explaining any perceived weaknesses in your application that you feel may need to be brought to the attention of the admissions committee.
29. Please submit a résumé or employment vitae outlining your employment history, organizational memberships, volunteer experiences and other pertinent information related to your work or volunteer history.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING: CALIFORNIA WESTERN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW AN OFFER OF ADMISSION IF THE FINAL RECORDS FAIL TO SHOW COMPLETION OF COURSES AND/OR DEGREES REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION, OR IF THE ADMISSION DECISION WAS BASED ON INCOMPLETE OR INACCURATE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTING IT, OR PRINTING, SIGNING, AND MAILING THE CERTIFICATION LETTER, I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ME IN THIS APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. I SHALL PROMPTLY ADVISE THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS PRESENTED IN THIS APPLICATION PRIOR TO MATRICULATION AND I SHALL PROMPTLY ADVISE THE ASSOCIATE DEAN'S OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE IN ANY OF THE FACTS PRESENTED IN THIS APPLICATION AFTER MATRICULATION. I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT OMISSION, MISREPRESENTATION, OR CONCEALMENT OF ANY FACTS OR INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION MAY BE CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT REASON FOR REFUSAL OF ADMISSION, EXPULSION, DISMISSAL AFTER ADMISSION, OR REVOCATION OF A DEGREE, AND MAY RESULT IN AN HONOR CODE HEARING AND NOTIFICATION TO THE COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS.

SIGNATURE

DATE

MAIL TO:

Admissions Office
CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW
225 Cedar Street
San Diego, CA 92101-3046

APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

Before sending your application, please check to make sure that you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Answered all questions. Failure to do so will delay the processing of your application | <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed non-refundable \$55 application fee or sent it with Certification Letter (<i>include name and LSAC Account Number on check</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Did not staple application packet | <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed (or attached) résumé or employment vitae |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signed the application | <input type="checkbox"/> Arranged for reference letters to be sent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Answered all questions fully and accurately | <input type="checkbox"/> Registered for the Credential Assembly Service (LSDAS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed (or electronically attached) statement on factors for applying to law school | <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed (or attached) diversity statement (<i>optional</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed (or electronically attached) personal statement | <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed (or attached) statement of additional information to Admissions committee (<i>optional</i>) |