

THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW, FALL 2016 TWO-YEAR JD PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete this application in English and email all documents to admissions@tjssl.edu, with a copy to Professor Aaron Schwabach at aarons@tjssl.edu. Answer all questions completely and honestly. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of your application and/or, if admitted, a rescission of your admission. Please keep in mind that the entire application process may take 4 to 8 weeks.

I. PROGRAM INFORMATION

Applicants with a first degree in law from outside the United States who are admitted to our program may transfer in up to 29 credits of coursework towards the 89 credits required for the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree. These applicants, if admitted, can graduate in two years while earning the same J.D. degree that students in the three-year and four-year programs receive. Two-year students are fully integrated into the J.D. program.

In addition to an undergraduate or graduate law degree, applicants to the two-year J.D. program must have excellent English language ability (as evidenced by TOEFL or IELTS scores) and a strong record of academic or professional accomplishment. Applicants are not required to take the LSAT exam.

II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Application form
2. Translation and evaluation of law degree transcript, along with certified copy of original transcript
3. TOEFL or IELTS score
4. Completion of an approved English for Lawyers course (may be waived for students with exceptional English ability)
5. Statement of Interest: A one page narrative describing yourself and your reasons for applying to the program
6. Resume / CV – detailed information about your academic and professional experience
7. Letter of Recommendation

III. PROGRAM START DATE

All incoming students are required to attend the mandatory Week One Orientation program. For the Fall 2016 entering class orientation begins on Monday, August 8, at 8:00 A.M.

IV. APPLICATION

Biographical Information

Prefix (Mr., Ms., Dr., etc.) _____ Family name (姓) _____ Given name (名字) _____
English name (if any) or other name by which you wish to be known _____
Date of birth _____ Place of birth (City, Province, Country) _____ Gender _____
Identity card (居民身份证) number _____ Passport number, if available _____

Contact Information

Current Address _____
Country _____ Province _____ City _____
Street address line 1 _____
Street address line 2 _____
Postal code _____ Current mailing address good until (date) _____
Day phone _____ Evening phone _____ Mobile phone _____
Thomas Jefferson School of Law can send text messages to my mobile phone (Yes/No) _____
Email address _____ Preferred method of contact _____

Permanent Address (if different from above)

Country _____ Province _____ City _____
Street address line 1 _____
Street address line 2 _____
Postal code _____

Next of Kin/Emergency Contact

Family name (姓) _____ Given name (名字) _____
Country _____ Province _____ City _____
Street address line 1 _____
Street address line 2 _____
Postal code _____
Day phone _____ Evening phone _____ Mobile phone _____
Email address _____

Education

List ALL educational institutions attended, and provide transcripts from each. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Institution type _____ High School _____ Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____
Institution name _____
Major _____ Country _____ Province _____
Start date _____ End date _____ City _____
Degree, if any _____ GPA _____ Date degree granted _____ Rank _____

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Have you ever left any school in less than good standing? Yes _____ No _____

If you answered "Yes," please explain the circumstances.

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

Standardized Testing

TOEFL _____ Test Date _____ Test Scores _____

IELTS _____ Test Date _____ Test Scores _____

Other standardized tests in English (SAT, GRE, LSAT, etc.) _____

Test Date _____ Test Scores _____

Character and Fitness

THIS QUESTION IS UNIQUE TO THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW. READ CAREFULLY.

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Failure to provide truthful and complete answers, or failure to notify the Admissions Office of any changes in your answers, may result in revocation of admission or disciplinary action by the law school or denial of permission to practice law in the state in which you seek admission. With the exception a juvenile record, if you are unsure as to whether to disclose an incident or not, it is our suggestion that you disclose.

Please note that the Board of Bar Overseers (BBO) requires each applicant to answer these and similar questions in order to be admitted to the Bar. The BBO will verify that the information presented in this application matches the information you include in your Bar application. Any discrepancies may delay or prevent admission to the Bar.

Due diligence may require you to contact a number of agencies to verify the information you provide. Please answer "yes" to this question if you have read and understand the above instructions.

Yes _____ No _____

Please read the following statements carefully. If you can answer “yes” to ANY question below, you MUST provide a detailed explanation in a separate addendum including dates and location. Please note that you must answer honestly even if advised by a lawyer not to do so.

Have you ever been convicted, found guilty or at fault, paid restitution, served time in jail or prison, or served probation for any criminal, civil or local ordinance violation? Whether you paid a fine or fee, had the charge reduced from the original indictment, if you can answer “yes” to the preceding statement, you MUST explain your affirmative response in a separate addendum.

Yes _____ No _____

Please read the following statements carefully. If you can answer “yes” to ANY question below, you MUST provide a detailed explanation in a separate addendum.

With respect to your time in college, graduate or professional school, have you ever been placed on academic probation, dismissed or disqualified from school?

With respect to your time in college, graduate or professional school, have you ever been or subjected to any disciplinary action?

Incidents referred to above may include (but are not limited to), failure to meet academic grade standards, honor code violations, noise violations in a dormitory, possession of alcohol or drugs, trespass, etc.

We encourage you to review all transcripts submitted to Thomas Jefferson School of Law to ensure that you answer this question completely and honestly.

Yes _____ No _____

Fellowships

Intellectual Property Fellowship

The Intellectual Property Fellowship Program provides superior access to intellectual property law in the classroom and in the field when compared to other IP-intensive programs of study. Fellows are exposed to IP issues from the first day at Thomas Jefferson School of Law through their legal writing classes. In the second and third years, they can work one-on-one with professors on intellectual property-related scholarly projects and have the opportunity to work for academic credit with companies, law firms, and public entities that deal with intellectual property issues.

Criminal Law Fellowship

The Criminal Law Fellowship Program is designed for law students with a strong interest in pursuing a career in criminal law. It offers intensive criminal law exposure from the first day of law school through legal writing classes focusing on criminal issues. CL Fellow can be certified to practice in criminal court at the beginning of their second year of law school and all CL Fellows spend two semesters working in a real criminal practice setting. They also receive preference to register for all advanced criminal law and procedure classes, including the highly sought after criminal law positions for third-year students in the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Veteran’s Legal Affairs Clinic.

Sports Law Fellowship

The Sports Law Fellowship program is available to students who have a strong interest in pursuing a career in the professional, amateur or international sports. SL Fellows will be able to participate in for-credit externships, where they gain valuable experience working in the sports industry. SL Fellows also work closely with the Director of the Center for

Sports Law and Policy and our Career Services Office in developing a strong resume reflecting educational opportunities that prepare them to deal with the kinds of problems that arise in sports law and in the sports industry. After completing their required first year courses at Thomas Jefferson, SL Fellows receive preference in registering for all sports law courses, selected from our rich array of classes offered in sports law area.

For more information on any of our Fellowship programs, please visit www.tjssl.edu/academics/jd-programs/law-fellowships. Would you like to be considered for any of the Fellowship Programs described above?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, which one? _____

If you answered yes, please submit a statement of interest (250-500 words) that details your interest in the subject matter of the Fellowship and describes any classroom or work related experience you may have in that field. The Committee will review your addendum for admission into the fellowship program.

Employment

Describe any employment not included on your resume.

Other activities

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.

How did you learn about Thomas Jefferson School of Law?

Electronic Certification

Please read the following carefully before signing: By signing this application and by submitting this application electronically, I certify that (i) to the best of my knowledge and belief the information provided in this application is accurate and complete and (ii) I agree to notify the School of Law of any substantive change in this information as presented. I understand and agree that any misrepresentation may be cause for denial or revocation of admission or subsequent dismissal from the School of Law.

Type your full name: _____ Date: _____

Sign your full name: _____