

NAPLA LAW SCHOOL LOCATOR 2010-2011

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The **NAPLA Law School Locator** is an extension of the Rochester Locator developed by Professor Arthur S. Goldberg. Its purpose is to help applicants quickly assess the LSAT and GPA expectations of different law schools and identify schools from across the country that they may wish to research further as they choose the schools to which they will apply.

While LSAT and GPA are only two of the many criteria that law schools consider in admitting students, they are perhaps the most basic. The Locator matrix groups schools according to the median LSAT and GPA of their entering classes. If you locate the cell in which your own GPA and LSAT scores fall, you can identify those schools at which you are "*competitive*" (a fifty-fifty chance or better) for admission based on numbers alone. It is at this set of schools that your personal statement, letters of reference, and other qualitative credentials play the greatest role in determining whether you will be admitted and the schools in this cell and the immediately adjoining cells should make up the bulk of your applications. If you find schools here about which you know little you may want to discuss them with your pre-law advisor and do more research on them in the schools' catalog or web page, in the *ABA-LSAC Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools*, on the official LSAC.org website, or at the Law School Forum nearest you. It is important to note that the Locator is meant to help you find new schools for consideration and not to exclude any schools from your list.

In addition to several competitive schools, each applicant should apply to one or more "*safe*" schools where your quantitative credentials make it very likely that you would be admitted. The cells containing such "*safe*" schools are located to the left and below your "*competitive*" cell.

A good application strategy will also include some "*reach*" schools where numbers alone suggest that you will not be admitted. Such schools are located above and to the right of your "*competitive*" cell. All law schools admit a few applicants with unusual experience or characteristics even if they do not meet the usual LSAT and GPA expectations. In choosing "*reach*" schools for application therefore you should consider the kinds of experience or achievements you have that match the interests, goals or special programs at a particular law school. In your application, personal statement, and letters of reference you should emphasize why you think these make you especially qualified for admission to that school. In this way, you will give yourself the best chance for admission to a school that typically looks for higher numbers.

A reasonable application strategy therefore will include schools from at least three and probably more different cells. It is important to note that LSAT and GPA expectations are not in any way indicative of the educational experience at a law school or the suitability of that school for any individual. The Locator cannot rank the quality of law schools, nor can it tell you which is the best school for you. It simply provides a rough indicator of the competitiveness for admission at different schools, only one of many criteria you should consider in selecting the schools to which you apply. (A good discussion of the variety of criteria to be considered is included in the section on "Choosing A Law School" [Chapter 5, pages 17-21] in the *2011 ABA-LSAC Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools*, and on the LSAC.org website.)

LOCATOR MATRIX

				C	A
3.8				D	B
3.6		I	F		
3.4	L	J	G	E	
3.2	O	M	K	H	
	P	N			
	150	155	160	165	170

LSAT SCORE

The data on LSAT and GPA medians used in the Locator is drawn from the *2011 ABA-LSAC Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools* and is based on admissions to full-time programs for Fall 2009. An interactive on-line version of the Locator based on 25th percentile LSAT and GPA scores is available on the Boston College Career Center website at the URL address: <http://www.bc.edu/offices/careers/gradschool/law/lawlocator.html>.

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A) GPA: 3.8+ LSAT: 170+

Harvard Law School
 Pennsylvania (U of) Law School
 Stanford Law School
 Virginia (U of) School of Law
 Yale Law School

B) GPA: 3.6-3.79 LSAT: 170+

Chicago (U of)
 Columbia Univ. Law
 New York University Sch. of Law
 Northwestern U. Law

C) GPA: 3.8+ LSAT: 165-169

California Berkeley (U of)
 Illinois (U of) College of Law

D) GPA: 3.60-3.79 LSAT: 165-169

Boston University Law
 California Los Angeles (U of)
 Cornell U. Law School
 Duke Univ. Law
 George Washington U. Law
 Georgetown Law School
 Michigan (U of) Law School
 Minnesota (U of) Law
 Notre Dame Law School
 Southern California (U of) Law
 Texas (U of) School of Law
 Vanderbilt U. School of Law
 Washington U. (St. Louis) Sch. of
 William and Mary School of Law

E) GPA: 3.40-3.59 LSAT: 165-169

Boston College Law School
 Emory U. School of Law
 Fordham U. Sch. of Law
 Washington & Lee U. Law

F) GPA: 3.60-3.79 LSAT: 160-164

Alabama (U of) Sch. of Law
 Arizona State U. Law
 Baylor Law School
 Brigham Young U. Law School
 Cincinnati (U. of) Law
 Colorado (U of) School of Law
 Florida (U of) Levin Clg of Law
 George Mason U. Law
 Georgia (U of) Law
 Georgia State U. Law School
 Indiana U. Bloomington Law
 Iowa (U of) School of Law
 Ohio State U. College of Law
 Pepperdine U. School of Law
 Southern Methodist U. Dedman Law
 Tulane Law School
 Utah (U of) Quinney Clg of Law
 Wake Forest U. Law
 Washington (U of) Law
 Wisconsin (U of) Law

G) GPA: 3.40-3.59 LSAT: 160-164

Arizona (U of) College of Law
 Brooklyn Law School
 California Davis (U of) Law
 California Hastings (U of) Law School
 Cardozo School of Law
 Chicago Kent -IIT
 Earle Mack-Drexel Sch of Law
 Florida State College of Law
 Lewis and Clark Law School
 Loyola Law School - Los Angeles
 Loyola U. Chicago Law
 Maryland (U. of) Law
 North Carolina (U of) Law
 Northeastern School of Law
 Richmond (U of) School of law

Rutgers Law - Camden
 Saint John's Univ. School of Law
 San Diego (U of) Sch. of Law
 Temple U. School of Law
 Tennessee (U of) College of Law
 Villanova U. Law

H) GPA: 3.20-3.39 LSAT: 160-164

American U. Law
 Connecticut (U of) School of Law
 Houston (U. of) Law

I) GPA: 3.60-3.79 LSAT: 155-159

Kentucky (U of) Law

J) GPA: 3.40-3.59 LSAT: 155-159

Arkansas (U of) Law - Fayetteville
 Buffalo (U at) (SUNY) Law School
 Case Western Reserve Law
 Chapman U Sch of Law
 Cleveland State-Marshall U. Law
 Denver (U of) Law School
 Drake U. Law School
 Hawaii (U of) School of Law
 Hofstra U. Sch. of Law
 Indiana U. Sch. of Law Indianapolis
 Kansas U. Sch. of Law
 Louisiana State U Law Center
 Louisville (U of) Law
 Memphis (U of). Law
 Mercer U. George S. of Law
 Miami U. Sch. of Law
 Missouri (U. of) Columbia Law
 Nebraska (U of) Law
 Nevada Las Vegas (U of) Law
 New Mexico (U of) Law
 Oklahoma (U of) Law
 Penn State-Dickinson Sch. of Law
 Pittsburgh (U of) Law
 San Francisco (U of) Law
 Seton Hall Law School
 South Carolina (U. of) Law
 Stetson College of Law
 Texas Tech U. Law
 Wayne State U. Law School
 William Mitchell School of Law

K) GPA: 3.20-3.39 LSAT: 155-159

Albany Law School
 Baltimore (U of) School of Law
 Campbell U. law
 Catholic U. of America
 DePaul U. College of Law
 Gonzaga Law School
 Idaho (U of) College of Law
 Marquette U. Sch. of Law
 Michigan St U Clg of Law
 Oregon (U. of)
 Pacific (U of) McGeorge Law
 Quinnipiac College School of Law
 Rutgers Law School - Newark
 Saint Louis U. School of Law
 Saint Thomas U. (MN) Schl of Law
 Samford U Cumberland Law
 Santa Clara U. Law
 Seattle (U of) Law
 Suffolk U. Law School
 Syracuse U. Law
 Tulsa (U of) Law
 Vermont Law School

L) GPA: 3.40-3.59 LSAT: 150-154

Creighton U. Law School
 Duquesne U. Law
 Florida International U Clg of Law
 Hamline U. School of Law
 Mississippi (U of) Law

Montana (U. of) Sch. of Law
 Ohio Northern Law School
 South Dakota (U of) Law
 West Virginia U. Clg of Law
 Wyoming (U of) Law

M) GPA: 3.2-3.39 LSAT: 150-154

Akron (U of) School of Law
 Arkansas (U of) - Little Rock Law
 Ave Maria School of Law
 California Western Sch. of Law
 Capital U. Law School
 City Univ-Queens
 Elon U sch of Law
 Florida Coastal Schl of Law
 Franklin Pierce-UNH School of Law
 Howard U. Sch. of Law
 John Marshall Law School
 Loyola U. New Orleans Law
 Maine (U of)
 Mississippi College of Law
 Missouri (U of) Kansas City Law
 New England Sch. of Law
 New York Law School
 North Dakota (U. of)
 Northern Illinois U. Law
 Northern Kentucky U. Sch. of Law
 Oklahoma City U. Law
 Pace U. School of Law
 Regent U. School of Law
 Roger Williams Sch. of Law
 South Texas Col of Law-Texas A&M
 Southern Illinois U. Sch. of Law
 Southwestern University Sch. of Law
 Toledo (U of) Law School
 Valparaiso U. School of Law
 Washburn U. School of Law
 Western New England Clg of Law
 Widener U. Sch. Of Law (PA)
 Williamette Univ. Sch. of Law

N) GPA: <3.20 LSAT: 150-154

Atlanta's John Marshall Law
 Barry Univ Andreas Schl of Law
 Charleston school of Law
 Charlotte Sch of Law
 Dayton U. Law
 Detroit, Univ. of -Mercy
 District of Columbia Law School
 Golden Gate U. Law
 La Verne (U of) Clg of Law
 Liberty Univ Schl of Law
 Phoenix School of law
 Saint Mary's U. San Antonio
 Saint Thomas U (FL) Schl of Law
 Texas Wesleyan
 Thomas Jefferson Schl of Law
 Touro College Law Center
 Western State U Clg of Law
 Whittier College of Law
 Widener U. Sch. of Law (DE)

O) GPA: 3.20-3.39 LSAT: <150

Inter American U. of Puerto Rico
 North Carolina Central U. Law
 Nova Southeastern U. Law Center
 Pontifical Catholic U. of Puerto Rico
 Puerto Rico (U of) School of Law

P) GPA: <3.2 LSAT: <150

Appalachian School of Law
 Faulkner U Jones Schl of Law
 Florida A&M Clg of Law
 Southern University School of Law
 Texas Southern U. School of Law
 Thomas M. Cooley Law School