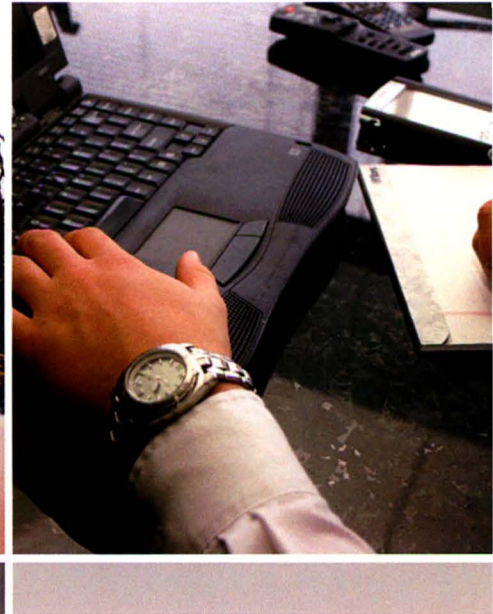
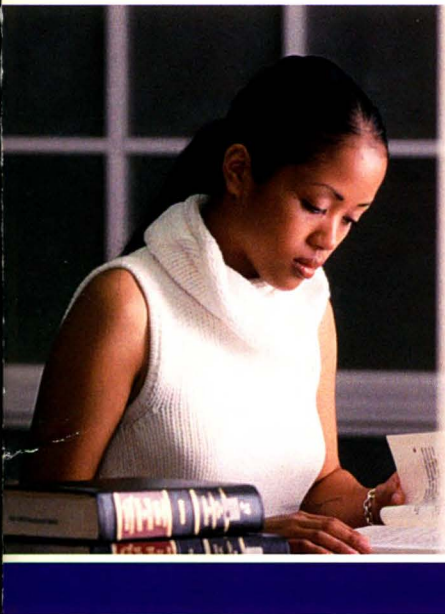


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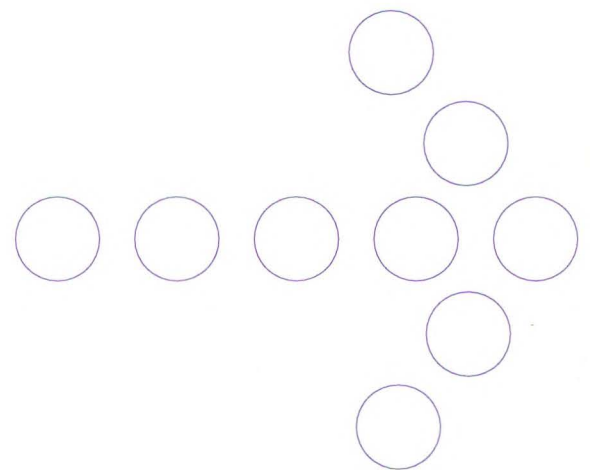
2009 Online Mental Disability Law Program

New York Law School

Online Mental Disability Law Program
Certificate in Advanced Mental Disability Law Studies



Application for Admission
Spring and Fall 2009



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Inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, relative to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, or any other aspect of the School's equal opportunity policy, may be directed to the Associate Dean for Finance and Administration and Title IX Coordinator, or to the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

CHANGE OF PROGRAM

This application was published in November 2008. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy. New York Law School reserves the right to make changes in this program as necessary.

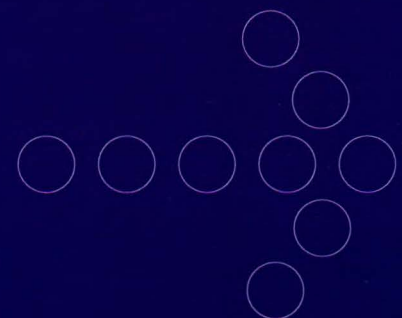
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ONLINE MENTAL DISABILITY LAW PROGRAM CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED MENTAL DISABILITY LAW STUDIES

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The Online Mental Disability Law Program at New York Law School Certificate in Advanced Mental Disability Law Studies

Few, if any, growth areas of the law have matched the astonishing growth of mental disability law as both a specialty of practice and a subject of new and important significance to members of the bar, practicing mental health professionals, and criminologists. New York Law School's Certificate in Advanced Mental Disability Law Studies program is the first advanced certificate program created specifically to give lawyers, mental health professionals, and criminologists advanced training in one of the most important, complex, and challenging areas of law and public policy.

The Certificate is designed to:

- Offer practicing attorneys specialized knowledge in an area of law that, each year, grows in importance.
- Enhance the knowledge-base and credibility of forensic psychologists and psychiatrists in report writing, evaluation, and testimony, and help in preparation for board certification examinations.
- Provide administrative and clinical psychologists and psychiatrists with valuable information about the legal system necessary to daily practice.
- Offer mental health professionals who do not have terminal degrees in their fields the opportunity to receive raises and promotions.
- Provide people working for advocacy agencies with valuable information about the legal system that they need to effectively represent and work with their clientele, and afford them additional credibility in their work.
- Offer public employees an additional credential that, in many instances, makes them eligible for raises and/or promotions.
- Provide criminologists and criminal justice students and scholars an opportunity to pursue advanced academic work in a subject matter that has become increasingly integral to their field.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

1. Candidates for the Certificate in Advanced Mental Disability Law Studies at New York Law School must earn at least 15 course credits of approved course work.
2. Candidates must successfully complete the Survey of Mental Disability Law course. International candidates and candidates without J.D. degrees must, in addition, successfully complete Introduction to the American Legal System, unless they have demonstrated proficiency in the study of American law or successfully completed equivalent course work.
3. In addition, candidates must successfully complete four elective courses.
4. Candidates who have successfully completed previous course work prior to spring 2009, either in the Online Mental Disability Law Program or in identical or analogous predecessor courses offered by New York Law School prior to the creation of the Online Mental Disability Law Program, may apply some or all of these credits towards the Certificate. If candidates have earned nine or more credits in previous course work, then they must also successfully complete two elective courses in order to receive the Certificate.
5. To receive the Certificate, a candidate must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
6. The requirements for the Certificate in Advanced Mental Disability Law Studies and all New York Law School and program policies are subject to change without notice. Candidates for the Certificate in Advanced Mental Disability Law Studies must satisfy any other requirements for the Certificate that are in force when it is awarded.

Please consult the Online Mental Disability Law Program's Web site at www.nyls.edu/mdl for more information about the program.

Application Information for Certificate in Advanced Mental Disability Law Studies Candidates

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Online Mental Disability Law Program at New York Law School welcomes your application. The application form and instructions for applying for admission are contained in this booklet. Please contact us if you have questions or need additional information to complete your application.

Additional program information and the schedule for on-campus information sessions for the Online Mental Disability Law Program may be found on our Web site, www.nyls.edu/mdl. You may also contact the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid with questions or to request additional information by calling 212.431.2888, or toll-free at 877.YES.NYLS, or e-mailing us at mdl@nyls.edu.

The Certificate in Advanced Mental Disability Law Studies application is also available in PDF format at our Web site, www.nyls.edu/mdl.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND DECISION TIMELINE

Priority consideration is given to applications received and completed by these dates:

For admission in Spring 2009: December 19, 2008

For admission in Fall 2009: May 15, 2009

Applications received or completed after these priority deadlines will be considered only if space is available. Decision notifications generally are made within one month of the receipt of the application.

The above deadlines and decision time frames also apply to transfer applications.

CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED MENTAL DISABILITY LAW STUDIES APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All candidates for the Certificate in Advanced Mental Disability Law Studies must have earned, at a minimum, an undergraduate degree from a qualifying institution prior to enrollment in the Online Mental Disability Law Program. Applicants generally must have the equivalent of a "B" average in their undergraduate career or in subsequent graduate work; however, applicants whose GPA average is less than a 3.0 will be considered on a case-by-case basis if their résumés or curricula vitae indicate a significant amount of professional experience in the field. Candidates who have completed any part of their education outside the United States may satisfy this degree requirement on the basis of an equivalent degree earned in a foreign jurisdiction. (International students should read carefully the section on p. 3 "**Additional Information for International Students**" for certification and evaluation requirements and other information.)

The following must be submitted to complete an application:

1. Completed and signed Certificate in Advanced Mental Disability Law Studies application form
2. All previous post-secondary education degree transcripts
3. Personal statement
4. Résumé or curriculum vitae
5. Two letters of recommendation
6. Non-refundable application fee of \$65 (U.S.)

While interviews are not a regular part of the admissions process, the Admissions Committee reserves the right to call any applicant for an interview during the evaluation process.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND DEGREE TRANSCRIPTS

Official final transcripts confirming the conferral of all undergraduate, graduate, and other professional degrees must be received from the issuing schools prior to matriculation. (For work completed at New York Law School, it is not necessary to submit a transcript.)

PERSONAL STATEMENT

A typed, double-spaced personal statement is required; this statement must be at least two pages, but should not be more than five pages. The statement must describe how the candidate developed an interest in the field of Mental Disability Law Studies, how this degree will assist in his or her career advancement, and any other information that the Admissions Office should have available in the decision-making process.

RÉSUMÉ/CURRICULUM VITAE

Please include your updated résumé/curriculum vitae with your application.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

All applicants must submit two academic or professional letters of recommendation in support of their application. Such letters should discuss the applicant's analytic and writing skills and other factors relevant to the applicant's ability to complete rigorous graduate level training. One letter should be an academic reference (if possible) written by a professor or academic dean. The second letter should be a professional reference; letters written by a practitioner in any aspect of mental disability practice or mental disability law are preferred. In the case of students applying for the Certificate program who have not yet had relevant "field experience" of any sort, two academic reference letters should be submitted. One additional letter of any type may be submitted; the Admissions Committee, however, will review a maximum of three letters of recommendation for each applicant. The most effective letters are those written by individuals who have known the applicant for a substantial period of time and can provide insightful comments on the character and abilities of the applicant. The letters should be sent directly by their authors to the Admissions Office at the address on the next page.

APPLICATION FEE

All applicants are required to submit a non-refundable application fee of \$65 (U.S.). Please make checks payable to New York Law School. This fee is not credited toward any charges in the event of your admission to the Certificate program.

DISCLOSURES

The application form requires disclosure of all instances in which the applicant has been charged with any offense or violation; pleaded nolo contendere to, pleaded guilty to, or been found guilty of any crime, offense, or violation (with the sole exception of a minor traffic offense); and of any such actions pending or expected against the applicant. Conviction of DUI (or any other alcohol or drug-related offense) is not a minor traffic offense. The application form also requires disclosure of all instances in which the applicant has been suspended from practice, reprimanded, censured, removed, or otherwise disciplined as a member of any profession or occupation, and all instances in which any complaints or charges, formal or informal, have been made or filed, or proceedings instituted against the applicant as a member of any profession or occupation. Failure to disclose such information on the application may result in dismissal from school or revocation of any degree awarded. Any failure to disclose this information will also be reported, if the applicant is a lawyer, to the Bar or any equivalent professional licensing organization.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

New York Law School complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. The Law School's Office of Student Life and Office of Academic Affairs formulate general policy on disability issues and make decisions on individual accommodation requests.

APPLICATION STATUS

Please contact the Admissions Office at 212.431.2888 to monitor the status of your application to the Certificate program.

MAILING ADDRESS

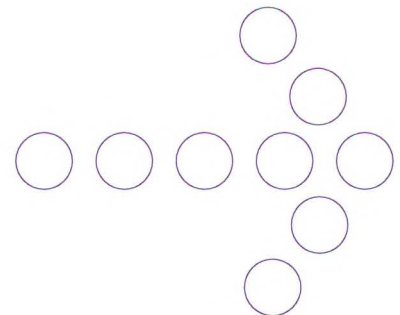
Completed applications and supporting material should be mailed to:
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Office of Admissions
New York Law School
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New York, NY 10013-2960

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Applicants who have completed their undergraduate, graduate, medical and/or legal education outside of the United States must have their transcripts forwarded to the World Education Services, Inc. (WES), Bowling Green Station, P.O. Box 5087, New York, NY 10274-5087; 212.966.6311; info@wes.org; www.wes.org; or another certified evaluation service for analysis. The evaluated transcript must be forwarded by WES directly to the Admissions Office. Completion of the requirements for the Certificate in Advanced Mental Disability Law Studies generally will not qualify a foreign-trained lawyer to take the New York Bar Examination. Additional course work is usually required to sit for the bar exam. Information concerning the Foreign Lawyer Program at New York Law School for attorneys admitted to practice in foreign jurisdictions who wish to qualify to take the New York Bar Examination can be found at www.nyls.edu. For a determination of eligibility to sit for the New York State Bar Examination, please contact: The State Board of Bar Examiners, 1 Executive Centre Drive, Albany, NY 12203-5148; 518.452.8700.

ENGLISH REQUIREMENT

Applicants for whom English is a second language and who have not studied law at an institution where English is the primary language of instruction are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Results of the TOEFL must be forwarded to the Admissions Office for review. The minimum score requirement is 600 on the old scale and 250 on the computer-based scale, or a 90 on the Internet-based TOEFL.





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Semester in Which You Seek Admission Fall 200..... Spring 200..... Summer 200.....

Biographical Information (please print or type):

1. Mr. Ms. Dr. Other (specify)

2.
First Name Middle Name Last/Family Name

.....
Other Name(s) on Academic Records Nickname, if Preferred

3. Social Security #: — —

NOTE: New York Law School considers this confidential information and will not disclose it to any third party.

4. Current Mailing Address

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Street/P.O. Box Apartment #

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City/State/Zip Code Country

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This address is valid from [mm/dd/yy] To [mm/dd/yy]

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Daytime Telephone Evening Telephone

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E-mail Address This e-mail account is valid until [mm/dd/yy]

5. Permanent Mailing Address (where you can be contacted until your first semester begins, if different from above)

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Street/P.O. Box Apartment #

.....
City/State/Zip Code Country

.....
This address is valid until [mm/dd/yy] Telephone Number

6. Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No If no, indicate country of citizenship

If not a U.S. citizen, are you a Permanent Resident of the U.S.? Yes No

Permanent Resident #:

If you are not a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident, and you are in the U.S., what is your current visa and status?

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7. Date of Birth: 8. Place of Birth:

- 9. Ethnicity/Race (optional): American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian American Black/African American White/Caucasian Chicano/Mexican American Puerto Rican Hispanic Other Describe Describe

Educational Background

Applicants whose academic training was not in English: TOEFL Date Score TWE Score

10. Please list all schools you have attended, whether as a matriculant or non-matriculant. Provide all information requested. You may append any additional pages needed labeled as Question 10.

A) College, University, Graduate School, Medical School, Professional School, or Technical School Attended

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Name of Institution City and State
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Dates of Attendance [mm/yy] Major and Degree [if any]
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Date Degree Awarded or Expected Approximate Rank in and Size of Class

B) College, University, Graduate School, Medical School, Professional School, or Technical School Attended

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Name of Institution City and State
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Dates of Attendance [mm/yy] Major and Degree [if any]
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Date Degree Awarded or Expected Approximate Rank in and Size of Class

A) Law School Attended

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Name of Institution City and State
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Dates of Attendance [mm/yy] Major and Degree [if any]
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Date Degree Awarded or Expected Approximate Rank in and Size of Class

B) Law School Attended

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Name of Institution City and State
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Dates of Attendance [mm/yy] Major and Degree [if any]
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Date Degree Awarded or Expected Approximate Rank in and Size of Class

11. Have you ever registered for or attended any graduate level, J.D. law, or other post-J.D. law programs?

Yes No If yes, please state where and the dates attended:

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12. Please list scholastic honors, including law review, or experience on scholarly journals at a medical or graduate institution. If more space is needed you may attach a supplementary statement labeled Question 12.

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16. Please list other graduate programs to which you are applying:

A)

B)

C)

D)

17. Have you applied previously to New York Law School?

Yes No

If yes, please indicate the degree program, year, and decision:

Degree Program LL.M. J.D. _____
Year Decision

18. A) Have you previously enrolled at New York Law School?

Yes No If yes, dates attended:

B) Did you or will you graduate from New York Law School?

Yes No If yes, date:

19. Has your college, university, graduate school, professional school, law school, or medical school course of study been interrupted for one or more terms for any reason?

Yes No If yes, please explain in a supplementary statement labeled Question 19.

20. Have you ever been placed on academic probation, warned, suspended, dropped, expelled, or been asked or advised or permitted to withdraw for academic reasons from any post-secondary school, college, university, graduate school, professional school, law school, or medical school?

Yes No If yes, please state the precise facts, including institutions and dates involved, on a separate sheet marked Question 20.

21. Have you ever been disciplined, reprimanded, placed on probation, expelled, or been asked or advised or permitted to withdraw for non-academic reasons from any post-secondary school, college, university, graduate school, professional school, law school, or medical school?

Yes No If yes, please state the precise facts, including institutions and dates involved, on a separate sheet marked Question 21.

22. Have you ever, either as an adult or a juvenile, been cited, arrested, taken into custody, charged with, indicted, convicted, or tried for, or pleaded guilty to, the commission of any felony or misdemeanor or the violation of any law, except for minor traffic violations, or been the subject of juvenile delinquency or youthful offender proceedings, or is any such action pending or expected to be brought against you?

NOTE: Although a conviction may have been sealed or expunged from the record by an order of the court, it nevertheless must be disclosed in answer to this question. If you are uncertain as to whether a matter ought to be disclosed in accordance with this question, we advise you to disclose the matter fully.

Yes No If yes, please attach a supplementary statement labeled Question 22 that states the charge or charges, the disposition thereof, and the underlying facts, as well as the dates and courts involved and the penalty imposed, if any. We seek your statement, not court documents or letters from counsel.

- 23.** Were you ever separated from any branch of the armed forces of the United States under conditions other than honorable?
 Yes No If yes, please attach a supplementary statement labeled Question 23 that explains the relevant facts of your discharge.
- 24.** Have you ever been suspended from practice, reprimanded, censured, removed, or otherwise disciplined as a member of any profession or occupation; or have any complaints or charges, formal or informal, ever been made or filed, or proceedings instituted against you in such capacity?
 Yes No If yes, please attach a supplementary statement labeled Question 24 that explains the relevant facts and disposition.
- 25.** Have you taken the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), or Graduate Record Examination (GRE)? (Not required for foreign students.)
 Yes No If yes, please indicate which test(s) and provide the date(s) and score(s).
- Test: Date:/...../..... Score:
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- 26.** If you are currently enrolled in law school, medical school, graduate school, or undergraduate school, please list the courses you are taking:
- | Course Number | Credits | Course Title |
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27. Résumé/Curriculum Vitae
 A résumé or curriculum vitae is required. Please submit your résumé or curriculum vitae with this application.

28. Personal Statement
 Please submit a personal statement of your own composition, of at least two pages but no more than five pages, describing how you developed an interest in the field of Mental Disability Law Studies, how this degree will assist you with your career advancement, and any other information that would be relevant to the admissions decision-making process. Please write your name on top of your personal statement. We request that you not submit videos, CDs, DVDs, publications, or writing samples.

- 29. Recommendations - Two Required**
 Please list the names of the people from whom you will be seeking a letter of recommendation. At least one academic reference and at least one professional reference are required. Please do not submit more than three such letters.
- A)
- B)
- C)

30. Other Factors (Optional)
 If there are economic, cultural, social, or personal factors that have been significant in your development and identity, or that have presented obstacles to you, and you wish the Graduate Admissions Committee to consider those factors in evaluating your application, please explain them in a supplementary statement labeled Optional Question 30.

31. Family Background

A)
Parent's Name Occupation
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Address
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Highest Levels of Education
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Institution Degree
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Institution Degree
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B)
Parent's Name Occupation
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Address
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Highest Levels of Education
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Institution Degree
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Institution Degree
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32. Has anyone in your family attended or graduated from New York Law School?

Yes No If yes, please provide the name, relationship to you, and year of graduation.

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Name
.....
Relationship Year of Graduation

33. How did you first learn about the Online Mental Disability Law Program at New York Law School?

- Alumnus/a (name).....
- Current Student (name).....
- Friend/Family Member (name).....
- Guidebook
- Internet
- Law Forum (where/name).....
- Mailing
- Other

34. Certification

If admitted to New York Law School, I assent to, agree to be bound by, and agree to comply with all the rules, regulations, and directions of the School (including those listed in the Admissions Bulletin, the Student Handbook, and the Academic Catalog) and any other relevant rules, regulations, and directions, insofar as they apply to me. I understand that the rules, regulations, and directions of New York Law School are subject to change. I understand that all credentials and other materials submitted during the application process become the property of New York Law School and will not be returned. I understand that any action taken on this application by the Graduate Admissions Committee is solely within its discretion and that **the decision is final.**

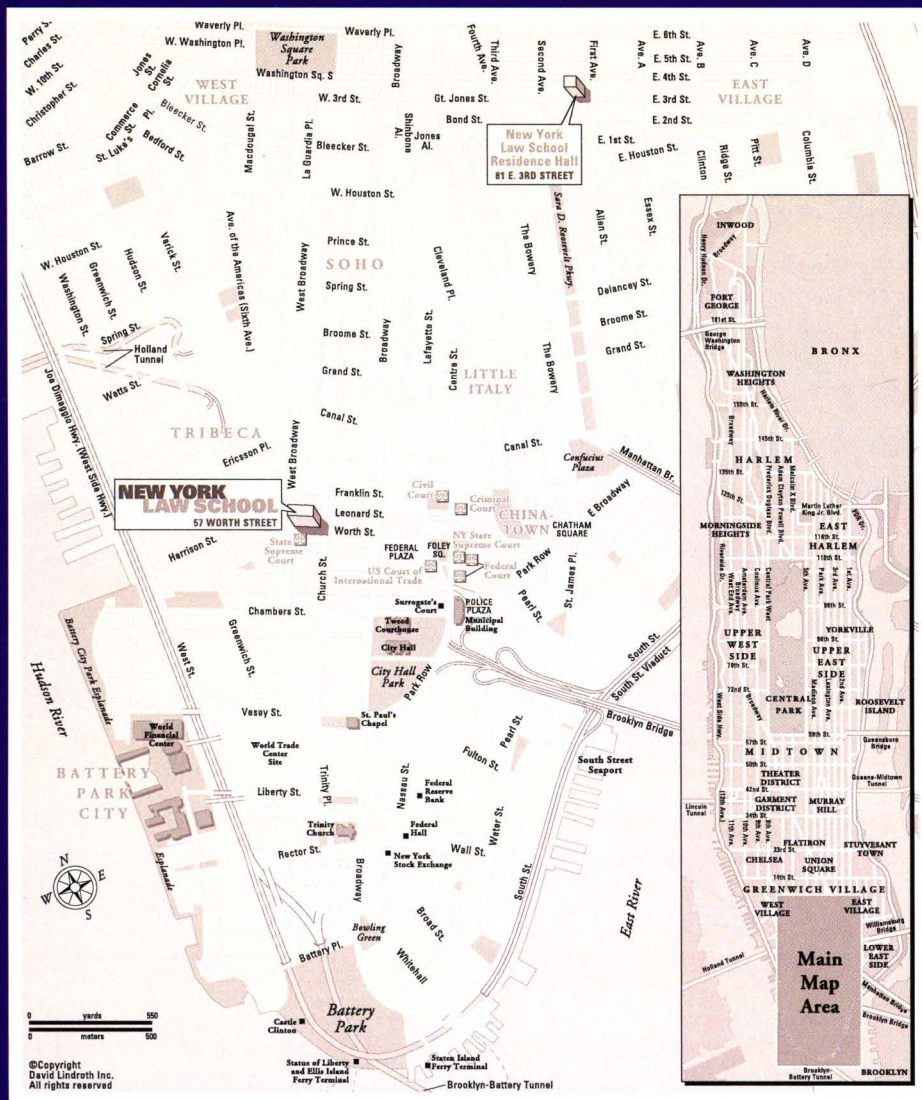
I understand that a copy of this application will be forwarded to the appropriate Committee on Character and Fitness at the time I apply for admission to the bar or any other professional license, and that any omission or misstatement on this application may result in denial of admission to the bar or professional licensing organization.

I certify that the answers to the questions on this application are complete and accurate. I understand that the failure to provide truthful answers to any of the application questions, or the failure to inform the Admissions Office of any changes in, or additions to, the information contained in my answers, may result in denial of admission, dismissal, or rescission of an awarded degree from New York Law School.

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Signature Date



Directions to New York Law School



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BY SUBWAY

7th Avenue Line

1 (local) to Franklin Street. Exit at Varick Street and West Broadway. Walk two blocks south on West Broadway to Worth Street.

2, 3 (express) to Chambers Street. Exit at West Broadway and walk four blocks north on West Broadway to Worth Street.

Lexington Avenue Line

4, 5 (express) and 6 (local) to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall. Exit at Foley Square. Walk north two blocks to Worth Street and west three blocks to Church Street.

8th Avenue Line

A (express) and C (local) to Chambers Street. Exit at Church Street. Walk four blocks north on Church Street to Worth Street.
 E (local) to Canal Street; change for the A or C to Chambers Street.

Avenue of Americas (Sixth Avenue) Line

B, D, Q (express) and F (local) to West 4th Street/Washington Square. Change at West 4th Street for the A or C to Chambers Street.

Broadway Line

W, R (local) to City Hall. Exit on Broadway and walk north on Broadway to Worth Street. Walk west on Worth Street one block to Church Street.

Nassau Street Line

J, Z (express) and M (local) to Chambers Street. Exit at Foley Square. Walk north two blocks to Worth Street and west three blocks to Church Street.

BY BUS

M1, M6 south to Broadway and Worth Street. Walk one block west on Worth Street to Church Street.

M20 south to West Broadway and Worth Street. Walk one block east on Worth Street to Church Street.

BY CAR

From the Harlem River Drive/FDR Drive

Take Exit 2 (Brooklyn Bridge/Civic Center). Bear right toward Civic Center and proceed down ramp. Make a right at the light onto St. James Place.

Go straight; at the third light (street ends), make a left onto Worth Street. Continue for approximately five blocks.

From the Henry Hudson Parkway/West Side Highway

Take the Chambers Street exit. Follow Chambers Street three blocks and make a left onto Church Street. Follow Church Street four blocks to Worth Street. Make a left onto Worth Street.

From the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel

At the exit of the tunnel, bear right onto Trinity Place. (Trinity Place becomes Church Street after the World Trade Center site.) Move to the far left lane. Continue on Church Street to Worth Street. (Worth Street is four blocks past Chambers Street.) Make a left onto Worth Street.

From the Holland Tunnel

Stay in the middle lane and take the "Downtown" exit. Make a right onto Varick Street. (Varick Street becomes West Broadway.) Continue on West Broadway three blocks to Worth Street. Make a left onto Worth Street.

From the Lincoln Tunnel

Take the West Side Highway south. (Refer to directions from West Side Highway above.)

Note for N.J. Visitors

The PATH Station at the World Trade Center site is open. Exit at Church Street and walk north approximately 10 blocks to New York Law School.

Parking

There are a number of parking garages in the neighborhood for fee-paid parking. On-street parking is extremely limited.

Accessibility

New York Law School is wheelchair accessible.

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