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 16-20] in the 2013 Edition of the ABA-LSAC Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools, and on the LSAC.org website.)

The data on LSAT and GPA medians used in the Locator is drawn from the 2013ABA-LSAC Official Guide to ABA- Approved Law Schools and is based on admissions to full-time programs for Fall 2011. 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.
A) GPA: 3.8+  LSAT: 170+
Chicago (U of)
Harvard Law School
Pennsylvania (U of) Law School
Stanford Law School
Virginia (U of) School of Law
Yale Law School

B) GPA: 3.60-3.79  LSAT: 170+
Tulane Law School
Utah (U of) Law
Villanova U. Law
Wake Forest U. Law

C) GPA: 3.8+  LSAT: 165-169
Alabama (U of) Sch. of Law
George Washington U. Law
Minnesota (U of) Law

D) GPA: 3.60-3.79  LSAT:165-169
Boston College Law School
Boston University Law
California Berkeley (U of)
California Los Angeles (U of)

E) GPA: 3.40-3.59  LSAT: 160-164
Arizona State U. Law

F) GPA: 3.60-3.79  LSAT: 160-164
Arizona (U of) College of Law
Chicago Kent (U of) Law
Cincinnati (U of) Law
Florida State University College of Law

G) GPA: 3.40-3.59  LSAT: 160-164
American U. Law
Arizona (U of) College of Law
Chicago Kent (U of) Law
Cincinnati (U of) Law
Florida State College of Law
Georgia State U. Law School

H) GPA: 3.20-3.39  LSAT: 160-164
Brooklyn Law School
Loyola U. (Chicago) Law
Santa Clara U. Law
Temple U. School of Law

I) GPA: 3.60-3.79  LSAT: 155-159
Florida International U Clg of Law

J) GPA: 3.40-3.59  LSAT: 155-159
Arkansas (U of) - Fayetteville Law

K) GPA: 3.20-3.39  LSAT: 150-154
Appalachian School of Law
Barry U. School of Law
Charlotte Sch of Law
Dayton U. Law

L) GPA: 3.40-3.59  LSAT: 150-154
Pace U. School of Law
West Virginia U. School of Law

M) GPA: 3.20-3.39  LSAT: 150-154
Akron (U of) School of Law
Albany Law School
Arkansas (U of) - Little Rock Law
California Western Sch.of Law
Capital U. Law School
Cleveland State-Marshall U. Law
Duquesne U. Law
Elon Univ Sch of Law
Hamline U. School of Law
Idaho (U of) College of Law
John Marshall Law School
Liberty University Sch of Law
Loyola U. (New Orleans) Law
New Hampshire (U of) Sch of law
New York Law School
North Dakota (U of)
Northern Illinois U. Law
Northern Kentucky U. Sch. of Law
Nova U. Law Center
Ohio Northern Law School
Regent U. School of Law
Roger Williams Sch. of Law
Saint Louis U. School of Law
South Dakota (U of) Law
South Texas Col of Law-Texas A&M
Southern Illinois U. Sch. of Law
Southwestern University Sch. of Law
Suffolk U. School of Law
Texas Wesleyan
Toledo (U of) Law School
Vermont Law School
Wyoming (U of) Law

N) GPA: <3.20  LSAT: <150

O) GPA: 3.20-3.39  LSAT: <150

P) GPA: <3.20  LSAT: <150

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